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**WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT**



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## AROUND THE CITY:

### **BREAKING NEWS: Steeles/Milliken GO Station Site Work**

The Steeles Avenue East section, between Kennedy and Midland, is undergoing an Environment Assessment study for a grade separation of road from the GO train tracks. Our office just received notice that soil testing (site work) on this stretch will occur between mid-December and late-January. Please see email-attached notices. One is in traditional Chinese.

### **Rehabilitating sewers on Copperwood Sq – the week of Dec 14<sup>th</sup>**

A City of Toronto contractor will be rehabilitating the sewers on Copperwood Square starting the week of December 14<sup>th</sup>. Re-lining of the sewer segment(s) requires special materials and equipment such as blowers, air compressors, and/or power generators. During this time we ask that you please limit the usage of your water services (e.g.,

sinks, showers and toilet flushing). For each segment of sewer, the work should take between 2 to 6 hours depending on the length and condition of the sewer pipe being addressed.

Dates for sewer works may change slightly contingent on weather and other conditions. The City will make efforts to reduce the impacts of the sewer relining.

## **METROLINX – December 8th meeting updates regarding the GO Agincourt-Stouffville corridor**

On Tuesday evening December 8th, Metrolinx held their follow up public information session at the Agincourt Community Centre to present updates regarding the developments along the Agincourt/Stouffville GO Corridor. The event was well attended including Councillor Lee and MPP Soo Wong. Although emotions were high, many questions/concerns were presented in a town hall setting. Here are some highlights:

1. Metrolinx had their funded expansion plan for all day bi-direction service.
2. SmartTrack is a City of Toronto project, and not currently included in these plans.
3. Metrolinx is aware of the impact that SmartTrack can have on their plans, and proceeding with the parts which are not expected to be impacted.
4. There will be publicized quarterly update meetings from the Metrolinx team.
5. A local Community Services office will open in mid-2016, providing better access.
6. Metrolinx is building electrified two way transit service vs. present one way diesel.
7. Railway crossings and grade separation options were presented with a request by attending residents for a further and more detailed study
8. Work Schedules are as follows:
  - I. Weekend work February – December 2016
  - II. Noise wall construction Winter/Spring 2016
  - III. Night work throughout project duration

Residents vocalized their preference for format in future meetings as well as identified their expectations in level of communication. For more information please visit <http://www.metrolinx.com/en/regionalplanning/rer/scarboroughmarkham.aspx>.

## **Good News - New traffic lights installed: Lamont & Sheppard**

The Metrolinx grade-separation (Sheppard underpass) at Agincourt GO Station created a safety issue (sightline) for drivers exiting Lamont Ave. onto Sheppard Ave. E. Motorists trying to turn onto Sheppard from Lamont could not see oncoming traffic due to sidewalk and safety barrier height.

My office brought residents' concerns to the attention of City Staff. Although a traffic study regarding traffic light installation was conducted and determined to be unwarranted, I pushed the agenda before City Council where it was approved. We are pleased to inform that the lights are in operation, and road safety and traffic flow have improved considerably. Please note that residents using Agincourt Drive remain able to execute both right and left turns onto Sheppard Avenue as confirmed by Transportation Services.

Similar to Goodland Gate, cars turning left from Agincourt Drive has to stop at the red light facing them on Sheppard Ave E. Defensive driving practices is the rule.

## Put your best suit on for this Job Fair

The YWCA Toronto Employment Centre is hosting a job fair on December 14, 2015 at 10 a.m. at 3730 Kingston Rd. Interested candidates are asked to dress in business attire and to bring photo ID. Please call (416) 264-5788 to register and for more information.

## Best Festive house decorations – it could be your home!

In my last e-News I asked you to send me your photos for the best Christmas decorations in Ward 41. We have received some incredible submissions but there could only be one winner. Please take a look at the attached PowerPoint slide show for select pictures of Christmas decorations from the winning household. Congratulations to David and Sheila Churchmuch for their hard work and artistry in creating such a creative and festive display. Their reward is an Energy Metre - **and thank you for using LED lights.**

## HOUSEKEEPING:

### Year-end Newsletter

My year-end newsletter is at the printers and will be delivered to Canada Post for delivery to your letter boxes via their ad-mail service. There will be the odd streets where manual delivery will be done. If you have not received my newsletter by this Christmas, please call my office, and we will make sure one is delivered to you. The format has changed, and we will appreciate your comments and feedback on issues, format and contents.

## OMB appeal of Committee of Adjustment refusal – 2680 Midland Ave

The applicant for a severance of this property, at 2680 Midland Ave, has appealed to the OMB, and I was successful in getting City Council to approve our City Solicitor attending the OMB hearing to support the Committee of Adjustment refusal of this

incompatible severance. The motion can be found at <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.MM11.38>

## ECO Challenge – Win a PRIZE

Being green and saving money can go hand-in-hand. In a prior issue of my newsletter, I had challenged households in my ward to do better than my residence in reducing our environmental footprint. So here is the challenge: If you do better than my scores at **either one** of 2 web-based measurements, then your name is eligible for a draw to **WIN a PowerCost Monitor or Energy Meter or other prizes**, and I have multiple of these prizes.

The first measurement is at <http://www.torontohydro.com/>; sign in to your account and Launch Energy Calculator. When I enter all my household variables into the Calculator, my annual usage (\$1096) is better than the “similar best in class” home (\$1184) which is better than the average similar home (\$1506). So if you do better than your “similar best in class”, then your name will be entered in the draw.

The second measurement is at <http://www.projectneutral.org>, which uses the metrics from year 2014. You have to sign-up to take the survey, which takes you to “Active and Green Community Calculator”. Enter your information into the Survey, in the following applicable categories: 1. Household Info; 2. Electricity; 3. Natural Gas; 4. Transportation (for cars and transit only, leave out air travel); 5. Water; 6. Food; 7. Waste; 7. Carbon Positive; and 8. Next Steps, then click “Calculate my Results”. Please use “Toronto – Other Neighbourhood” when selecting which neighbourhood.

My score on the **Project Neutral survey** is 14.30, so if your score is better than 14.30, then you are eligible for the draw for a prize.

There is a final criteria – your information and results are subject to verification before the prize is awarded.

So save money by becoming eco-friendly. The deadline for submitting your entry is March 4, 2016 and the draw date is March 7, 2016. There will be early bird draws at each of my February 2016 town hall meetings.

## EVENT LISTING:

### **YWCA Toronto Employment Centre Job Fair**

December 14, 2015

10 a.m.

3730 Kingston Road

Call (416) 264-5788 to register. Dress to impress.

### **Toronto Christmas Market**

November 20 – December 20, 2015

The Distillery District (55 Mill St.)

For more information, go to <http://torontochristmasmarket.com/>

**New Year's Eve, Toronto 2016**

December 31, 2016, beginning at dusk

Nathan Philips Square

200 Queen Street West

**Celebrate Scarborough, Welcome 2016!**

Saturday, January 9, 2016

12:00p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

[Including Mayor Tory's New Year Skate Party from 2 – 3:30 PM](#)

Scarborough Civic Centre/Albert Campbell Square

150 Borough Drive