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## **June 2015**

Dear Neighbour,

My 2015 spring newsletter was printed and delivered to your mailboxes in the first half of May. If you did not receive a copy, please view or download a copy from my website at <https://chinlee41.files.wordpress.com/2015/05/2015-spring-newsletter1.pdf>. I had been away for part of May due to the passing of my father, in the Far East. From this experience, I believe that we should be very grateful that we live in a country with a great public socialize health care system, and that is why I am advocating for support of our Scarborough's Hospitals.

There will be many events happening in June and over the course of the summer, and please keep yourself abreast of what is going on, including the changes to traffic lanes around Para/ Pan-Am sites and in between. Visit: <http://www.ontario.ca/travel-and-recreation/pan-ampan-am-games-transit-driving-and-traffic-routes>

I get asked often what my typical day is like. I will have to answer that every day is different. An example is the last few days:

On the May 27<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Tory came to Ward 41 for a 3-hour ward tour. This tour was arranged by my office (with remote input from me) while I was away. We toured four local organizations which provide programs to some of our vulnerable people, namely:

- ✓ Agincourt Community Services Association (ACSA),
- ✓ Centre for Information and Community Services (CICS),
- ✓ CareFirst Seniors (Satellite Adult Day Program Centre) on Glen Watford Drive
- ✓ Hong Fook Mental Health Association.

In addition, we also visited the CP McCowan Road Rail Yards because of the economic importance of this facility, and then met with business leaders of the Sheppard East Village Business Improvement Area. The Mayor also visited the CTV studios in Ward 41.

The rest of that day was spent catching up with paperwork, answering e-mails, returning calls and visiting constituents off-site. In the evening, I attended a meeting of stakeholders to discuss the Steeles/Redlea Industrial Area Revitalization Study (1 of 7 events I was invited to). This event is the most important of the 7 events as the impact on the area includes the employment area in Ward 41. After returning home, I completed reading of the agenda for the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee (PWIC) meeting on Thursday.

Next morning (Thursday), PWIC meeting was first order of day which lasted past 3 PM. Returned to Scarborough office to discuss issues and provide guidance to staff. Started reading draft copies of this e-News, and returning calls, emails to constituents and others who called me. In the evening, continue to read resumes (over 130) and select applicants for interview to be appointed to the Toronto Zoo Board.

On Friday morning, went downtown to attend Civic Appointment Committee meeting, followed with checking out a new event, 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Toronto Newcomer Day at City Hall. Returned to Scarborough to continue constituency work and meet with city staff on issues, and site visits with constituents. Attended closing ceremony of 388<sup>th</sup> Scout Troup, and a Sino-Canada Educational and Cultural Exchange function in the evening. And on this past weekend, it was less busy than usual.

As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office at [\(416\) 392-1375](tel:4163921375) or [councillor\\_lee@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_lee@toronto.ca).

Sincerely,

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## **Public Meetings – Update on Public Transit**

Metrolinx, the City of Toronto and TTC will be hosting information sessions in June to engage the public on key transit planning initiatives. These coordinated sessions will focus on the following four projects and studies:

- GO Regional Express Rail
- SmartTrack, including the Eglinton West Corridor Feasibility Study
- Scarborough Subway Extension
- Relief Line

The same material for each project and study will be available at every session and posted online.

The attached PDF provides details for each of the **eight (8) sessions** and will be published in upcoming Metro, 24Hours and community newspapers. 2 of those sessions are in the Events: listing below: June 22 and 24.

## **Have your say on what to do with the Gardiner**

The Gardiner Expressway has served us well for many decades. However, this aging but critical piece of infrastructure is at a crossroads. It is reaching the end of its operational life and will need extensive and expensive repairs to keep the structure safe and reliable.

The Public Works and Infrastructure Committee has left it up to Full Council to decide on the two options presented to it by City staff: 1. Hybrid and 2. Remove.

The hybrid option calls for removing the existing on/off ramps east of the Don River at Logan Ave. and replacing them with new ramps west of Jarvis St. This would provide a connection between the elevated expressway and the proposed six-lane Lakeshore Blvd. E. extension east of the Don River.

The remove option would see the removal of the Gardiner east of Jarvis St. to the Don Valley Parkway. The Gardiner Expressway would be replaced by an 8-lane boulevard west of the DVP and a 6-lane boulevard east of the DVP.

City Council will make a decision on the fate of the Gardiner Expressway at its next Council meeting (June 10-12). What are your thoughts on this issue? What do you think we should do with the Gardiner?

The study is at: <http://www.gardinereast.ca/>

## **Study Completion of McNicoll Bus Garage**

The Environmental Project Report (EPR) was finalized on May 21, 2015 and made available on the project web site at [http://www.ttc.ca/About\\_the\\_TTC/Projects/McNicoll\\_Bus\\_Garage/index.jsp](http://www.ttc.ca/About_the_TTC/Projects/McNicoll_Bus_Garage/index.jsp).

The EPR will also be available at a number of other locations including public libraries in the area (exact locations are listed in the Notice)

Public comments will be received for 30 days and followed by a 35 day review period by the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change.

## **Save money, buy tickets at T.O. Tix**

Theatre, dance and opera aficionados can purchase discounted tickets – up to 50% off – when they shop at the T.O. Tix booth at Yonge-Dundas Square. You can also buy tickets to sporting events, film festivals, concerts and special events from T.O. Tix. Unable to find time in your busy schedule to make it down to Yonge-Dundas Square? Why not purchase your tickets online at [www.totix.ca](http://www.totix.ca). To see what's happening on stage, visit <http://www.seetorontonow.com/arts-theatre-culture/theatre-guide/>.

The Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts runs a number of ticket programs in addition to T.O. Tix. CitySPECIAL provides free tickets to clients of Toronto's social services agencies while hipTIX makes live performing arts accessible to students between the ages of 14-29 by charging \$5 per ticket.

## **Beautifying our communities through the Backyard Tree Planting Program**

LEAF – Local Enhancement and Appreciation of Forests – works with residents to beautify the city by planting backyard trees. The full service program affords you a 30 minute consultation with an arborist, 1 tree, full planting service, mulch and a planted care guide. The cost ranges from \$150 to \$220. Alternatively, you can plant native shrubs for just \$25.

Going green with edible garden kits will cost you some green in the \$75 to \$125 range while native garden kits are priced at \$125 to \$235. For more information, go to [www.yourleaf.org](http://www.yourleaf.org) or call (416) 413-9244.

## **Help us greet visitors who are here for the Games**

In the lead up to the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games, the City of Toronto has launched an online version of the 'We've Been Expecting You (WBEY)' training.

This useful and concise training will help prepare businesses and residents for the Games and to welcome visitors from near and far.

WBEY online is made up of three 15-minute modules that can be completed all together or separately. Each module covers a particular subject and will benefit user groups differently.

- **Customer Service:** introduces the principles of being proud, prepared, proactive, and positive.
- **About Toronto:** useful information and resources for any business or individual working with visitors.
- **About the Games:** key information and resources to help you understand the what, where, when and how of the Games as well as where to go for more information.
- Each module has a downloadable toolkit with more information for future reference.

[www.wbeytoronto.ca](http://www.wbeytoronto.ca)

## **Bringing the Pan Am Path to life**

Toronto invested \$1.9 million to connect multi-use trails across the city to create the 84 km Pan Am Path. This recreation and transportation trail stretches across Toronto, connecting the city from east to west. As part of the Pan Am Games, the City of Toronto is looking to bring the Pan Am Path to life. Here's what's in store.

The [Pan Am Path Art Relay](#) is a series of art and music events that will travel and take place along the Pan Am Path from May 16 to August 15. It will feature public art installations, music, performances and family-friendly activities. Get a better picture of what is planned by watching the trailer at <https://vimeo.com/125591408>.

To learn more about the ride-along event, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/panampath>. Visit <http://panampath.org> for complete event listings.

## **Road resurfacing on Placentia Blvd.**

Placentia Blvd. will be resurfaced from Kenhatch Blvd. to Sandhurst Circle. Please read the attached construction notice for important information about this project.

The City of Toronto will be planting new grass in front of homes and businesses along the construction area. Please water the grass and do not cut it for 4 to 6 weeks to ensure it survives.

## **TSH expands obstetrical and gynecology services, welcomes three new physicians**

Our hospital – The Scarborough Hospital – is expanding its Maternal Newborn and Child Care program and Division of Gynecology with the recent hiring of three new obstetrician-gynaecologists. Two of the three physicians will be based out of the nearby Birchmount campus while the third physician has strong ties to Scarborough. She grew up in the community and is now giving back to its diverse residents by providing excellent health care service. For more information about the Maternal Newborn and Child Care program and Division of Gynecology, visit [www.tsh.to](http://www.tsh.to).

## **Warm weather water tips**

Toronto Water has a number of useful tips for residents regarding water use for gardening and washing your car. The Division also provides a lot of useful information on how to prevent basement flooding. To learn more please see the attached pdf.

## **Powering Toronto for the next 25 years**

The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is working on the Central Toronto Area Integrated Regional Resource Plan (IRRP). The IESO is working with Toronto Hydro and Hydro One to develop an electricity plan that will plan for population growth and ensure a reliable supply of power over the next 25 years. Public consultation is important in helping to develop an energy plan that will allow our electricity generators, operators and distributors to supply homes and businesses with reliable power. For more information, visit <http://www.ieso.ca/MetroToronto>.

## **Get ready for summer swim and skate program registration**

Registration for summer City of Toronto community recreation programs including summer swim and skate programs begins at 7 a.m. on June 6.

Residents should be aware of the registration date, how to register and payment options before registering for spring and summer recreation programs. Those who wish to register for

programs will require a family number and a client number for each member of their family. Before registration day, call 416-338-4386 or speak with staff at a City community centre to get these numbers.

To explore recreation program options, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/torontofun> or pick up a FUN Guide at City Hall, civic centres, community centres and libraries.

The City of Toronto is committed to increasing access to recreational activities by offering yearly credits, free programs and older adult discounts.

### **Yearly credit (Welcome Policy)**

The City of Toronto offers a yearly credit, called the Welcome Policy, for residents with low incomes that can be used to register for City recreation programs. Those receiving social assistance (Ontario Works) and living in Toronto are pre-approved to receive this credit, and should speak to their caseworker. More information about the yearly credit is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/wp>.

### **Free programs**

Many community centres offer free recreation programs including leisure swimming and skating, and drop-in programs for children, youth and older adults. More information about free and low-cost programming options is available at <http://bit.ly/1At00bg>.

### **Discounts**

Older adults (60+ years) who register for adult programs receive a 50 per cent discount.

## **The dirt on garbage - Consultation**

The City of Toronto is currently working on a long-term waste management strategy because landfills have limited capacities and are harmful to the environment. Waste diversion practices (e.g. recycling and composting) are preferred because they extend landfill life and are environmentally friendly. Toronto's policy towards waste management is reduce, reuse, recycle, recover and residual disposal. What does this mean? Reduce: avoid creating waste to protect our resources. Reuse: reuse things for their original or new purposes. Recycle: turn waste into a new substance or product (includes composting). Recover: recover energy from waste, which includes green bin processing. Residual disposal: safe disposal of residual waste.

City staff submitted a progress report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on May 28, 2015. The City is currently working on identifying gaps and challenges in the current waste strategy and how to address them especially when it comes to our environmental programs and facilities. The progress report proposes draft guiding principles going forward and will consult stakeholders while seeking feedback. Public consultation will occur in June. Scarborough's date is [Wednesday June 24 - Scarborough Civic Centre, Committee Room 1/2. 6:30-9pm](#)

Throughout the process, city staff will consult and engage the public on this issue through public meetings, community outreach at events, project updates, online surveys and electronic communications. For more information, visit [www.toronto.ca/wastestrategy](http://www.toronto.ca/wastestrategy).

## **Toronto Review of Public Tennis Court Operations**

The City of Toronto is currently reviewing public tennis court operations and its policy related to outdoor tennis clubs and will be hosting a series of public meetings to get input from users, non-users and members:



North York District - Thursday, June 4, 7-9 p.m.  
[Edithvale Community Centre](#) – Banquet Hall (131 Finch Ave. W.)

Scarborough District - Wednesday, June 10, 7-9 p.m.  
[Malvern Recreation Centre](#) - Community Room (30 Sewells Rd.)

Etobicoke York District - Monday, June 15, 7-9 p.m.  
[Ken Cox Community Centre](#) - Gym (28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Dr.)

Toronto & East York District - Tuesday, June 16, 7-9 p.m.  
[East York Community Centre](#) – Gym (1081 1/2 Pape Ave.)

## Events

### Travel Planning Workshops for Businesses

June 1, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Metro Hall, Room 308/309 (55 John Street)

June 15, 2015

8:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Metro Hall, Room 304 (55 John Street)

*Toronto is expecting 250,000 visitors for the Pan Am Games, which will lead to greater traffic congestion. Do you have a travel plan for your staff? Live Green Toronto, Smart Commute and the City of Toronto are hosting free travel planning workshops for businesses. RSVP to [scommute@toronto.ca](mailto:scommute@toronto.ca) or call (416) 338-2856 for more information.*

### Scarborough Worldwide Film Festival

June 2 to 7, 2015

Various locations in Scarborough

*The Scarborough Film Festival is part of the Scarborough Renewal Initiative originally spearheaded by the Rotary Clubs of Scarborough. Films will be screened at different locations throughout the former municipality to showcase our diversity and what our community has to offer. For more information, go to <http://scarboroughfilmfestival.com/>. To view the festival schedule, visit <http://scarboroughfilmfestival.com/schedule/>.*

### Tennis Court Operations Policy Review

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Malvern Recreation Centre – Community Room  
30 Sewells Rd.

### Scarborough Hospital Fundraiser – Taste of Scarborough (by the Women Philanthropic Council)

June 12, 2015

For more information, go to [www.tasteofscarborough.ca](http://www.tasteofscarborough.ca).

### Councillor Lee's Movie Night

Friday, June 19, 2015

8 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.  
St. Marguerite Bourgeoys Catholic School  
75 Alexmuir Blvd.

### **North Scarborough Summerfest**

June 21, 2015  
11 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
L'Amoreaux Sports Complex  
3079 Birchmount Rd.

### **Transit Planning in Toronto Public Consultation**

Monday, June 22, 2015  
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Winston Churchill Collegiate Institute  
2239 Lawrence Ave. E.

Wednesday, June 24, 2015  
6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.  
Scarborough Civic Centre  
150 Borough Dr.

### **Scarborough Museum Summer Camps**

June 29 to September 4, 2015 (weekly)– Scarborough Museum (Thomson Park) – Registration and information: [www.toronto.ca/torontofun](http://www.toronto.ca/torontofun)

### **Taste of Lawrence**

July 3 to 5, 2015  
[www.tasteoflawrence.com](http://www.tasteoflawrence.com)

### **Pan Am Games**

July 10 to 26, 2015

### **ParaPan Am Games**

August 7 to 15, 2015  
[www.toronto2015.org](http://www.toronto2015.org)

### **TO JAZZ Festival**

Sunday, July 18 - 29, 2015  
<http://torontojazz.com/>

### **TO Food Fest**

Sunday, July 12, 2015  
1 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Chinese Cultural Centre  
5183 Sheppard Ave. E.

### **Junior Carnival**

Saturday, July 18, 2015  
10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Neilson Park  
1555 Neilson Rd.

### **Calypso Extravaganza Show**

July 25, 2015



Chinese Cultural Centre  
5183 Sheppard Ave. E.