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**January 2016**

*Happy New Year!*

*For those who celebrate the Orthodox Christmas, Merry Christmas!*

**My Personal Invitation:** I hope you have enjoyed the holiday season. To start 2016 off, I would like to extend my warmest invitation to you and your family to **"Celebrate Scarborough – Welcome 2016!"** this Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, from noon to 4pm at Scarborough Civic Centre (150 Borough Drive). We are celebrating the New Year through cultural performances and the Mayor is hosting his annual skating party at Scarborough Civic Centre Ice Rink. Please grace us with your presence, enjoy the company of others and take in an afternoon of entertainment!

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***Celebrate Scarborough – Welcome 2016!***

The much anticipated inaugural **"Celebrate Scarborough – Welcome 2016!"** event at the Scarborough Civic Centre (150 Borough Drive) is almost here! Come one and all to join us this Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from noon to 4pm as we welcome the New Year together and celebrate Scarborough in its rich diversity through cultural

performances. Mayor Tory is also hosting his **annual skating party** at Albert Campbell Square Ice Rink, right outside of the Scarborough Civic Centre from 2pm to 3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you this Saturday!

For more information, please see the attached flyer.

## Be a part of the City Budget Process

The City of Toronto released staff-recommended budget mid-December of last year and this draft budget will go through a two month review process before final decisions are made by City Council in February. To learn more about the 2016 budget, please visit <http://www.toronto.ca/budget2016>. For a brief overview, please see [http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Strategic%20Communications/City%20Budget/2016/PDFs/Budget%20Basics/Web%20Final%20A1508170\\_Budget\\_Basics\\_Understanding-final.pdf](http://www1.toronto.ca/City%20Of%20Toronto/Strategic%20Communications/City%20Budget/2016/PDFs/Budget%20Basics/Web%20Final%20A1508170_Budget_Basics_Understanding-final.pdf).

**Social Planning Toronto** is hosting a Budget Forum on Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Scarborough Village Recreation Centre, Action for Neighbourhood Change Office, 3600 Kingston Road, where the Chair of the Budget Committee will be speaking. You can either register through <http://torontocitybudget.eventbrite.ca> or call Mary at (416) 351-0095 x251. Please visit <http://www.socialplanningtoronto.org/news/spt-city-of-toronto-budget-forums-coming-up-in-january-2016> for more information on this event.

A budget subcommittee for Scarborough and East York hears public depositions on Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> starting from 9:30am at City Hall (Committee Room 1) and at 6pm in the evening if necessary. The subcommittee will then come to the Scarborough Civic Centre (Council Chamber) the following day on January 13<sup>th</sup> starting at 3pm and if needed, from 6pm onwards. You can become part of the Budget process by attending these meetings. To register to speak, email [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca).

I will be holding Town Hall meetings in February, where you can also provide budget input to me. Please stay tuned for the announcement through <https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/events/> and my E-news.

## Rate application for Toronto Hydro approved by OEB

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) has released its decision for Toronto Hydro's 2015-2019 electricity distribution rates application ([http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/511251/view/dec\\_order\\_THESL\\_CustomIR\\_20151229.PDF](http://www.rds.ontarioenergyboard.ca/webdrawer/webdrawer.dll/webdrawer/rec/511251/view/dec_order_THESL_CustomIR_20151229.PDF)). The approval came after a lengthy review which included a public process.

What happens next? Toronto Hydro will review the decision and determine the impact that it has on its long-term plan for infrastructure and distribution rates for customers. The OEB will then issue a final rate order that establishes the final distribution rate impacts and effective rate dates. This will occur within the first quarter of 2016. Once

known, Toronto Hydro will communicate any distribution rate impacts directly to its customers.

## **City of Toronto Lapel Pins available from Protocol Services**

The City provides up to 100 pins to organizations participating in exchanges, national or international events, tournaments or representing the City of Toronto. Organizations can submit the request in writing to Protocol Services ([protocol@toronto.ca](mailto:protocol@toronto.ca)). This is limited to one request per organization.

## **Ontario Electricity Support Program for Low-income electricity customers**

The Ontario Electricity Support Program (OESP) is an Ontario Energy Board (OEB) program that provide assistance to eligible low-income electricity customers which provides a monthly credit based on household income and size.

To see your eligibility and how to apply, visit <https://ontarioelectricitysupport.ca/>.

## **The Scarborough Hospital endorses expert panel report**

Last year, an expert panel appointed by the Ontario government set out to review and report back on how to improve health care services in Scarborough. I attended the public meeting that was held at St. Paul's L'Amoureux Centre last year and witnessed a phenomenal turnout with highly engaged community members and partners. The report was recently released:

([http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/bulletin/2015/docs/scarborough\\_west\\_durham\\_panel\\_20151218.pdf](http://www.health.gov.on.ca/en/news/bulletin/2015/docs/scarborough_west_durham_panel_20151218.pdf)).

The Scarborough Hospital endorses the recommendations – see <http://www.tsh.to/the-scarborough-hospital-endorses-recommendations-of-the-scarborough-west-durham-expert-panel/>.

## **Scarborough Business Association Breakfast – meet Domenic Primucci, President of Pizza Nova: January 13, 2016**

Now here is a business meeting you can really sink your teeth into: In association with the Scarborough Business Association (SBA) I am encouraging all local business owners and potential entrepreneurs to consider attending the Breakfast meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> at the JC's Grill House, 1686 Ellesmere Road (Just East of McCowan Road), with guest speaker, Domenic Primucci, President of Pizza Nova, a long standing Scarborough Italian family business.

Join us in hearing his family's marvellous immigrant story that has established a household name, developed a well-loved tasty treat, and provided many jobs over the years to thousands of new Canadians and summer students. For more information about this

event and ordering tickets, please see the attached flyer or visit <http://www.scarboroughbusinessassociation.com/>. **Buon Appetito!**

## Rotary's Scarborough Community Renewal Organization Kick-off Meeting – February 23, 2016

The Scarborough Community Renewal Campaign Team would like to invite you to the Kick-Off Meeting for the Scarborough Community Renewal Organization on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 7pm at the Scarborough Golf Club, 321 Scarborough Golf Club Rd. This organization will lead and advocate for community-driven initiatives that will advance Scarborough's growth in a positive way. Attend this meeting and join this organization to help build Scarborough's future. We hope to see you there! For more information, visit <http://renewscarborough.ca>.

### EVENT LISTING:

#### **Budget forum in Scarborough**

Thursday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

6:00pm to 8:00pm

Scarborough Village Recreation Centre, Action for Neighbourhood Change Office, 3600 Kingston Road, Scarborough

To register: <http://torontocitybudget.eventbrite.ca> or call Mary (416) 351-0095 x251

#### **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

#### **Budget Subcommittee hears public deputation**

Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Starting at 9:30am and again at 6pm if necessary

Committee Room 1, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West

#### **SBA Breakfast with Domenic Primucci, President of Pizza Nova**

Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

JC's Grill House, 7:15am – 9:00am

1686 Ellesmere Road

#### **Budget Subcommittee comes to Scarborough**

Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Starting at 3pm and again at 6pm if necessary

Council Chamber, Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive

#### **Scarborough/North York Park Forum**

Saturday, January 23, 2016

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Fairview Public Library, Room 3, Fairview Mall Drive  
Registry link: <http://scarboroughparks.eventbrite.com>

**SCRO Kick-off Meeting**

Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Scarboro Golf Club, 7pm

321 Scarborough Golf Club Road