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*Happy Lunar New Year!
Gong Xi Fa Cai! Gong Hei Fat Choy!
Happy Black History Month!*

Dear Neighbour:

On January 9th, 2016, we celebrated and welcomed the New Year in Scarborough at our Civic Centre, along with the Mayor's skating party. In this inaugural event, we saw how wonderful our public space can be used by and for Scarborites, and how the communities can come together as one to celebrate our diverse Scarborough.

My staff and I invite everyone to the Lunar New Year's event on February 7th. Refer to the attached poster for the event details.

I'll be holding my townhall meetings on February 22nd and February 25th that focus on the newly proposed Scarborough Transit plan. Hope to see you at my townhalls.

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Celebrate the Year of the **Monkey**

Join us this Sunday, February 7th to celebrate the Lunar New Year at Scarborough Civic Centre (150 Borough Drive), as we welcome the Year of the Monkey with kid's activities, performances and the God of Fortune. Red pockets will be distributed! The celebration starts at **12 noon** followed by performances starting at **2 pm**. Come and Enjoy!

On the Chinese Zodiac, the Monkey occupies the 9th position and is thought to possess the trait of curiosity, cleverness and playfulness. If you were born in 1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992 and 2004, the Monkey would be your Chinese Zodiac sign. To read more, Google "the year of the Monkey".

Coordinated Transit Planning Update for Scarborough

City planning staff, after studying ridership and planning objectives, have proposed a coordinated Scarborough Transit Plan. This plan, using the same funding envelope, includes a subway extension of the Danforth Line 2 to the Scarborough Centre and the extension of the Crosstown RT east to the University of Toronto Scarborough Campus. This proposal also includes SmartTrack stations. SmartTrack is a souped-up RER (the provincial Regional Express Rail), with additional stations and more frequent service.

This proposal (if Council votes to proceed) is the start of the build-out of the transit network, and Scarborough gets 3 additional higher-order North-South transit lines which includes 5 new SmartTrack stations, 1 new subway station and 18 Crosstown stations. The newest plan is outlined in the report prepared by the City Planning Division and is available at <http://tinyurl.com/qjaz98r> with an accompanying presentation at <http://tinyurl.com/jjs2d3y>.

Join me at my Town hall meetings

I will be holding two town hall meetings on Feb 22nd and Feb 25th. The discussion will be centred on the new transit plan for Scarborough. Should you have any questions that you wish to discuss at these meetings, I would appreciate knowing them in advance (e-mail: councillor_lee@toronto.ca), so that we can get the correct information for you. For details of the locations and times, please refer to the Event Listings below.

Six (my count) New TTC Express Bus Routes

Although I count **6**, TTC recently announced that five new express bus routes will be rolling out this March:

- 185 Don Mills Rocket
- 199B Finch Rocket – York U to Scarborough Centre
- 199C Finch Rocket – Finch Station to Morningside Heights
- 188 Kipling South Rocket
- 24E Victoria Park Express
- 186 Wilson Rocket

The full report can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/zqr8mqm> and the media release is attached in this E-news.

Mayor's Task Force Report on Toronto Community Housing

The Mayor's Task Force on Toronto Community Housing released its final report with 29 recommendations a year after the appointment of the six-member task force. This report focuses on improving the living conditions of TCHC residents while restructuring the organization to make it financially sustainable and increasing the amount of affordable housing in Toronto.

More information is available at www.toronto.ca/tch-taskforce and the Executive Summary of the report can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/zswr9t6>.

Call for youth participation! Mayor's Black History Month Creative Writing Contest

To help celebrate the Black History Month and recognize the contribution that African Canadians have made and continue to make, the Mayor is calling upon youth between the ages of 11 to 17 to participate in the Black History Month Creative Writing contest. Two winners will be chosen from two age categories (11 to 13, and 14 to 17) and will be invited to attend the Mayor's Black History Month reception on February 23rd at Toronto City Hall. For details and contest rules, please refer to the flyer attached or visit www.toronto.ca/blackhistory.

Listing of city events for Black History Month is at <http://ow.ly/XBRpx>.

The new Arts at the Market program at St. Lawrence Market accepting applications

This new program aims to exhibit unique talents of local artisans who offer high-quality handmade goods for sale at the St. Lawrence Market and also a campaign to animate the market with fresh, new creative energies. The deadline for submitting an application in order to be considered is February 29th, 2016. Program details are available at <http://tinyurl.com/jmen78o>.

New Rules at Pedestrian Crossing

On January 1st, 2016, new rules about pedestrian crossing come into effect. Drivers and cyclists must stop and yield the whole road way at pedestrian crossovers and school crossings. For more information, please visit <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/pedestrian-safety.shtml>.

Please note: ".. the new rules do not apply to pedestrian crosswalks at intersections with stop signs or traffic signals, unless a school crossing guard is present."

Recent changes to the minimum age requirement for March Break camps

The Child Care and Early Years Act issued by the Province of Ontario, replacing the Day Nurseries Act came into effect on August 31, 2015 which outlines the new regulations pertaining to licensed child care and camp programs for children. This legislation change affect the March Break 2016 programming and children must be 4 years (48 months) of age on the first day of camp.

For more information on the recent changes, please visit <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/>.

Ontario Student Summer Employment Opportunities

The Government of Ontario offers over 80 student job types in a variety of career fields and working environment. For eligible students who are interested, please visit <https://www.gojobs.gov.on.ca/Pages/SEP.aspx> for job postings and deadlines, and <http://tinyurl.com/jrvmev5> for the application guide.

EVENT LISTING:

Black History Month city events: <http://ow.ly/XBRpx>

Winterlicious

January 29 – February 11, 2016

For more info, visit www.winterlicious.ca

Adopt-a-park-tree and young urban forest leaders gathering/information session

Saturday, February 6, 2016

10am-12noon

For more information and to register, visit <http://tinyurl.com/j4v2hft>.

Scarborough Town Centre Lunar New Year Kick-off Ceremony

Friday, February 5th, 2016

7pm

Scarborough Town Centre

300 Borough Drive, Scarborough

Year of the Monkey Community Celebration

Saturday, February 6th, 2016

12noon-2pm

Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto

5183 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough

Celebrate the Year of the Monkey – Lunar New Year Celebration & Sunday Concert Series

Sunday, February 7th, 2016

Noon-4pm

Rotunda, Scarborough Civic Centre
150 Borough Drive, Scarborough

Chinese New Year's Eve Count Down Show

Sunday, February 7th, 2016
9:30pm-12midnight
Spendid China Mall
4675 Steeles Avenue East, Scarborough

Civic Awareness Project (CAP) workshop

Thursday, February 11th, 2016
[Register by February 9th](#) by contacting Anna Kim (Civic Projects Coordinator, Agincourt Community Services Association) at 416-321-6912 x 409 or kanna@agincourtcommunityservices.com
1pm-3pm
Toronto Public Library's Scarborough Civic Centre Branch
156 Borough Drive, Scarborough
For more info, please visit www.civicawarenessproject.com

42 Division CCLC Mall Walk

Saturday, February 13th, 2016
10am
Woodside Square Mall
1571 Sandhurst Circle, Scarborough

Oriental Centre Lunar New Year Celebration

Sunday, February 14th, 2016
1:30pm-5pm
Oriental Centre
4438 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough

Celebrate the Heart Month with the Central East Regional Cardiac Care Program

Heart to Heart Community Clinics

Saturday, February 20th, 2016
11am-2pm
Malvern Town Centre
31 Tapscott Road, Scarborough

Heart Healthy Eating Education Sessions

Monday, February 22nd, 2016
6:30pm-8pm
Toronto Pan Am Sports Centre
875 Morningside Avenue, Scarborough

Scarborough Community Renewal Org - Kick-off Meeting

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2016
7pm-9pm
Scarboro Golf Club, 7pm

321 Scarborough Golf Club Road

Councillor Lee's Town hall Meetings

Monday, February 22nd, 2016

7pm-9pm

St. Timothy's Anglican Church

4125 Sheppard Avenue East, Scarborough

Thursday, February 25th, 2016

7pm-9pm

Milliken Park Recreation Centre

4325 McCowan Road, Scarborough

SCEA Mini Job Fair – Poster attached

Wednesday, February 24th, 2016

11am-2pm

Scarborough Centre for Employment Accessibility

3478 Lawrence Avenue East, Unit C006, Scarborough

Pre-register online at www.tdsb.on.ca/survey/SceaEvent