

Toronto City Councillor

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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Around the Ward

New Sidewalk on Moran Rd

Construction recently commenced on the west side of Moran Rd to install a new sidewalk. This area was devoid of pedestrian sidewalks and requests from residents led to this installation. This new sidewalk will ensure that pedestrians, especially the school children, will have a safer walking environment.

Sidewalk Reconstruction on Middlefield Rd

City crews are replacing the sidewalks on portions of Middlefield Rd. This work will give this area a fresh look and a safe walking environment for pedestrians.

4181 Sheppard Ave OMB Appeal

The proponents for 4181 Sheppard has submitted an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board for permission to develop this land into residential townhouses, live/work units and a twin high-rise mixed use building. The OMB Case & File Number is PL150001.

Mandatory Downspout Disconnection

Ward 41 is part of the Phase 3 of City's Mandatory Downspout Disconnection with the deadline of December 3, 2016. Disconnecting the downspout reduces the amount of rainwater that enters the sewer system, which can help reduce the risk of basement flooding, allow the natural process of rainwater filtering through the earth. This will further help reducing the need to water our gardens and lawn and decrease the release of polluted rainwater runoff into local waterways. For more information, please visit www.toronto.ca/downspout or call 311.

Road Closure on Markham Rd last weekend of August,

The annual TamilFest (<http://www.tamilfest.ca/>) have applied to use Markham Road, between McNicoll Ave and Passmore Ave, from August 26 morning to August 28 night. The City's Transportation Dept is mitigating any issues which have been identified. This festival is similar in nature to closing of Kennedy Road for Taste of Asia, or closing of Lawrence Ave for Taste of Lawrence, or closing of Danforth Ave for Taste of Danforth.

Community News

Scarborough Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad Premier

For young entrepreneurs looking for a networking opportunity, there is a meetup happening on Friday, August 12 (refer to the attached poster & Event Listing) that will offer such platform. This is a youth-led initiative that is connecting community groups to entrepreneurs and mentors from four difference incubators under the Ontario Network of Entrepreneurs. To learn more and to register, please visit <http://www.meetup.com/Scarborough-Entrepreneur-Leadership-Launchpad/events/232479144/>.

Nominate someone for the Canada Cares Caregiver Awards 2016

The Canadian Abilities Foundation in association with Canada Cares is looking to acknowledge outstanding caregivers. If you know an exceptional caregiver (professional or family) or an organization that works hard to accommodate the needs of caregivers, you can nominate them for this award, www.canadacares.org/awards.

July Council Meeting Highlights

Toronto's 15-year Transit Plan Council adopted recommendations for moving ahead with key projects that will form Toronto's transit network by 2031 – including approval of additional technical and planning analysis of a SmartTrack concept with up to six new stations, a one-stop Scarborough Subway Extension, an Eglinton East LRT, an Eglinton West LRT extension and a Downtown Relief Line.

Plan to improve road Safety was endorsed by Council unanimously for a 5-year Road Safety Plan with the goal of reducing the number of road fatalities and serious injuries, especially for vulnerable road users.

Improving Community Safety was approved by Council to take steps to enable new initiatives that support community safety to proceed, including the use of provincial and federal funding, in response to incidences of violence this summer.

Long-term Strategy of Managing Waste was adopted by Council which includes the goal of working toward a circular economy and a zero-waste future that is measured by a "per capita" waste generation rate. Council endorsed a 70% target for residential waste diversion by 2026 among other actions and targets for waste management.

Formal documentation of City Council decisions can be viewed at www.toronto.ca/council.

EVENT LISTING:

Enterprise Toronto Seminars and Events:
http://tinyurl.com/p8utmaa
Scarborough Centre for Employment Accessibility (SCEA):
http://tinyurl.com/pd5vm77
Scarborough Sunday Concert Series:
http://tinyurl.com/ljx9mdm
Cultural Hotspot (May - October):
http://tinyurl.com/o6paxun

Summer Events in Nathan Phillips Square (100 Queen Street West)

Fresh Wednesdays , July 6 – August 24, 2016 http://tinyurl.com/mndxnggh
Tasty Thursdays , July 7 – August 25, 2016 http://tinyurl.com/pbg7rhh
Live from City Hall , Thursdays at 12:30pm http://tinyurl.com/go593j7

GTA Square 8th Annual Summer Festival

August 13 – 14, 2016

5215 Finch Ave E, Scarborough

Scarborough Entrepreneur Leadership Launchpad Premier

August 12, 2016 | 6pm

Centennial College Progress Campus, ACCEL Room, 941 Progress Ave, Scarb

Sign up at [http://www.meetup.com/Scarborough-Entrepreneur-Leadership-](http://www.meetup.com/Scarborough-Entrepreneur-Leadership-Launchpad/events/232479144/)

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Please also see the attached poster

Canadian National Exhibition

August 19 – September 5, 2016

210 Princes' Blvd, Toronto

<http://theex.com/>

Tamil Festival

August 26 – 28, 2016

Markham Rd, between Passmore Ave and McNicoll Ave, Scarb

<http://www.tamilfest.ca/>

Councillor Lee Movie Night in the Park (tentative Wed, August 31)

August 31, 2016 | 8pm – 10:30pm

Milliken Park Community Centre (4325 McCowan Rd, Scarb)