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Dear Neighbour,

*On behalf of my staff, we'd like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and happy New Year!*



My winter newsletter was recently published and delivered via Canada Post to all residential and business addresses. If you have not received one, an electronic copy is available on my website or you can arrange with my office to pick up a physical copy at my Scarborough constituency office.

As 2016 winds down and we give our thanks for the good things we enjoy living in Toronto and Canada, it is important to be mindful of the less fortunate, especially in harsh weather condition. Watch out for extreme cold alerts and lend a hand to friends and neighbours.

My office will be organizing major events in the upcoming year. We will kick off the New Year with a Skating party on **January 8<sup>th</sup>** at Albert Campbell Square, from 2pm to 4pm. The month of New Year's celebration will conclude with a Lunar New Year celebration with Mayor Tory on Sunday, **January 29<sup>th</sup>** at Scarborough Civic Centre from 12noon to 4pm. You can find the details in this eNews. On **January 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>**, I will be hosting my annual town halls with an emphasis on the budget and other city issues. Please join me and my staff from 7pm to 9pm at Agincourt Recreation Centre.

Sincerely,  
Chin Lee

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## Around the Ward

### **Get Ready for Winter – Winter Maintenance**

During the winter season from November to April, City of Toronto, Transportation Services patrols and checks road conditions on an ongoing basis, as well as monitoring weather forecasts in order to take appropriate and timely response and action. Here is the gist on City of Toronto's winter maintenance.

As keeping streets clear of snow is a major challenge, safety of the pedestrians, cyclists and motorists is the main priority. During or after a snow storm, the operation crew will follow the following service levels:

- **Prior to a snow storm**, salt brine will be applied to hills and bridges to enable easier removal of the snow **after the snow storm**;
- Local roads and laneways are salted when snowfall begins;
- Snow plough follows the service levels outlined below:
  - 2cm of snow on expressways, sidewalks with high pedestrian volume and some bus routes where it is mechanically possible;
  - 5cm of snow on main roads
  - 8cm of snow on local roads, sidewalks with low pedestrian volume;
  - Driveway windrows will be opened between 1 and 2 hours of the road being ploughed where feasible (with no street parking near the driveway where the windrow-opening machine would operate), after 8cm of snow has fallen. A width of about 3m will be opened, which is sufficient space for one car. Windrow snow clearing is not provided on narrow streets with no boulevards or where on-street parking is permitted.

Snow clearing can take up to 14 – 16 hours on side streets and/or 24 – 48 hours on difficult areas after the snow stops. If snow was not cleared within the indicated timeframes, you can report the situation to 311 or my office.

In addition to City's service, here's how you can assist:

- Ensure that you clear the snow/ice from sidewalks adjacent to your property within 12 hours of a snow fall and apply salt where necessary.
- Avoid pushing snow from your private property back onto the public road when clearing snow as it is unsafe for your neighbours and drivers, and obstructs the operator's work when ploughing snow. It is illegal and a \$10,000 fine is levied against offenders.
- Avoid parking on the streets and sidewalks to enable prompt clearing of snow.
- Ensure that the fire hydrant is visible and not covered by snow in front of your property.

- Ensure that your curbside collection bins are placed properly on the boulevard next to your driveway instead of the road.
- Use public transit to avoid heavy traffic on the roads and to enable easier snow ploughing.
- Help a neighbour who's senior or disabled during the winter period to clear snow on their private property if necessary.

### **Your Feedback on City's Winter Maintenance**

I'd like to hear your feedback on City's winter maintenance and operation thus far. Please submit your comments by emailing my office at [councillor\\_lee@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_lee@toronto.ca).

### **Steeles Avenue East Milliken Underpass Town Hall Meeting Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

With the initial stages of the Metrolinx dual tracking project underway along the Stouffville Rail Corridor, there has been considerable work being conducted by the City of Toronto to evaluate options for a grade separation between Steeles Avenue East and the Stouffville GO Transit Rail Corridor (east of Kennedy Road). A second public meeting has been set for Wednesday January 4<sup>th</sup> at the L'Amoreaux Community Centre, 2000 McNicoll Avenue (just west of Kennedy Road) from 6pm to 8:30pm. For more information on this initiative please refer to the attached poster or visit their website at [www.toronto.ca/steelesbridge](http://www.toronto.ca/steelesbridge).

We look forward to seeing you at this meeting as we endeavour to keep you informed and engaged in this process.

### **Councillor Chin Lee's Town Hall meetings – January 10 & 17: Agincourt Recreation Centre**

With the New Year fast approaching, Councillor Lee would like to hear from you with respect to recent City Council decisions, with a particular focus on proposed revenue tools. Please mark your calendars to attend one of the two upcoming town hall dates, **January 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>** at the Agincourt Recreation Community Centre, 81 Glen Watford Drive, **7 – 9pm**. We are hoping to have Mayor John Tory attend one of these sessions. Please come out and share your opinions. Light refreshments will be served. If successful, we will e-blast the event to you to let you know.

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## Community Bulletin

### **New Year's Skating Party at Albert Campbell Square, Scarborough Civic Centre**

Bring your skates and join us at the Scarborough Civic Centre for our New Year's Skating Party on **Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 4pm**. Come with your family and friends to this fun outdoor event where you will skate to top 40 tunes, be entertained by a clown, enjoy hot chocolate and coffee compliments of McDonalds and goodies donated by Rotary Scarborough, and take part in some participation skate dances, that will be fun for all ages.

There will also be 2 draws for \$100.00 gift cards, thanks to our friends at Scarborough Town Centre, and much more. We also want our 1<sup>st</sup> ever "**Scarborough Mannequin Challenge on ice**" to go viral, so come and help make that happen. This skating party will be the launch of many exciting events at the Civic Centre and Square as we embark on our Canada150 Scarborough Experience. Come and learn more about the events that are being planned for our sesquicentennial year here in your neighbourhood.

Albert Campbell Square is located at 150 Borough Drive, next to Scarborough Town Centre, with free parking on the top level of the Civic Centre parking deck. Please refer to the enclosed poster for more information. Dress warmly and see you all!

### **Lunar New Year Celebration with Councillor Chin Lee and Mayor John Tory**

We're excited to once again bring the signature event that celebrates the Lunar New Year to Scarborough Civic Centre on **Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from noon to 4pm** where Mayor Tory will be joining the community in welcoming the Year of the Rooster.

### **Frozen Pipe Prevention**

The pipe in your home can freeze in cold weather and can lead to no water or cause the pipes to burst. Toronto Water encourages you to take steps to protect your pipes from freezing and learn what to do if the pipes freeze. If your pipes are prone to freezing, you may wish to contact a plumber for advice. Here are some other tips to protect your home:

- Know your Pipes: Ensure you know where the main water shut-off valve is in your home and how it operates (in case your pipes burst).
- Insulate Pipes: Wrap foam pipe insulation around pipes most at risk, especially near outside walls and in crawl spaces, the attic and garage.
- Eliminate Drafts: Seal air leaks in your home and garage to stop cold air from getting in. Check around windows and doors, electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes.
- Drain and shut the outdoor water supply: Outdoor faucets are the first to freeze. Unscrew any hoses, turn off the outdoor water supply and let the taps drain.

When the weather drops well below zero, keep you pipes warm (keep areas that contain indoor pipes above 8C, especially near the water metre) and turn on the tap.

For more frozen pipe prevention tips, visit [www.toronto.ca/frozenpipes](http://www.toronto.ca/frozenpipes). Attached is a one-page handout for frozen pipe prevention.

## EVENT LISTING

### **#WinterWeek Celebrations at Albert Campbell Square**

Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

Albert Campbell Square

150 Borough Drive, Scarborough

12noon – 5pm

### **Steeles Avenue East Milliken Underpass Town Hall Meeting**

Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017

L'Amoreaux Community Centre

2000 McNicoll Avenue, Scarborough

6pm – 8:30pm

[www.toronto.ca/steelesbridge](http://www.toronto.ca/steelesbridge)

See attached poster for more details.

### **New Year's Skating Party**

Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Albert Campbell Square

150 Borough Drive, Scarborough

2pm – 4pm

See attached poster for more details.

### **Councillor Lee's Annual Town Hall Meetings:**

Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 & Tuesday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Agincourt Recreation Centre

31 Glen Watford Drive, Scarborough

7pm – 9pm

Open discussion with Councillor Lee and his staff on any city issue. Light refreshment will be served.

### **Lunar New Year Celebration with Councillor Lee and Mayor Tory**

Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Scarborough Civic Centre, Rotunda

150 Borough Drive, Scarborough

12noon – 4pm

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### **Ongoing Events:**

**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>

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

***Live from City Hall***, Thursdays <http://tinyurl.com/go593j7>

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