

Toronto City Councillor

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**WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT**



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**Dear Neighbour & Friend:**

I hope you are enjoying the summer so far. Earlier this month, I joined the Nature Walk at Rouge Park and saw the incredible transformation as a result of the revitalization effort championed by the City of Toronto, Friends of the Rouge Watershed, and many volunteers which turned a former landfill into a beautiful public park. Currently it is still being revitalized, and not yet open to the public. When it opens, I encourage you to explore this urban park that spans the Rouge River and crosses municipalities. It is definitely a gem in Scarborough. I am sharing some of the photos that I took during the tour at <https://flic.kr/s/aHsm6kfLvX>.

On **August 26 and 27**, come meet my office staff and learn about City services at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tamil Festival on Markham, between Passmore and McNicoll. We have arranged four different City divisions to join us at the festival. Please come by and say Hi! More details in this E-news.

**City Planning** will be having a public information session at my booth during Tamil Fest on Sunday, **August 27, 2017 from 12noon to 4pm**. Drop by and learn more about the updated conceptual plan for **SmartTrack**.

I would like to draw your attention to our upcoming **Free Movie Night** on **Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, from 7:00pm to 10:30pm** where we will celebrate the end of Summer Hawaiian style and enjoy the award-winning film, Moana under the stars. I invite you to join us for a fun luau!

Fall is a busy season filled with community-led events. CICS will be running its **Garden Fair** for the third year (more information under **Events**) where you can shop locally grown fruits and vegetables in support of their community garden led by volunteers. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, all of the community associations in Ward 41 are hosting a **free community BBQ** at Woodside Square Mall (more details in this E-news), providing a platform for Ward 41 residents to learn about their respective community associations, City services and enjoy great food.

Follow my **website** - <https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/> and other social media outlets **Twitter** and **Facebook** to stay in touch.

Yours truly,

**Chin Lee**  
Your Ward Councillor

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## Around the Ward and Beyond

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### SAVE THE DATE - SEPTEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> - LET'S GO HAWAIIAN!

**Friday, September 1st** beginning at **7pm**, at the grassy area beside the Milliken Recreation Centre (4325 McCowan Rd., Scarb.), I am hosting my annual Movie Night, featuring the award-winning animated phenomenon Moana, along with a Hawaiian themed party. Mark your calendar & join us for a fun evening to celebrate the end of summer.

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### JOIN THE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS IN WARD 41 ON SEPTEMBER 16 - FREE BBQ

On **Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>** from **noon to 2pm**, at Woodside Square Mall (1571 Sandhurst Cr., Scarborough), the Inaugural Ward 41 Community Associations' BBQ will celebrate the collaboration and success of Ward 41's diverse neighbourhoods through the perseverance and support by our community associations and dedicated residents. It is an afternoon to mix and mingle, grab a hot dog, learn about the services our city has to offer, and further discover the neighbourhoods we live, play, and work in. It is also a chance for Ward 41 to come together and celebrate Canada 150 with entertainment and activities for all ages to enjoy.

A community mural will also be completed on that day where everyone is invited to participate and champion your community spirit through paint brushes! The finished mural will be displayed inside Woodside Square Mall.

This free event is hosted by the five community associations in Ward 41 – Agincourt Village Community Association, Brimley Forest Community Association, CD Farquharson Community Association, Richmond Park Community Association and Rosewood Taxpayers' Association. I encourage you to support your community associations by attending this free event and learn more about what they do in the community.

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### LEARN ABOUT CITY SERVICES AT THE ANNUAL TAMIL FEST ON AUGUST 26 & 27

On August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, my office will be organizing a booth at the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Tamil Fest where I have invited various City divisions to join me and provide information on City services to residents in Scarborough. Please see the schedule below,

<u>Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017</u>	<u>Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017</u>
<b>12pm – 2pm:</b> Solid Waste Management <b>4pm – 8pm:</b> 311 Toronto	<b>12pm – 4pm:</b> City Planning – learn more about SmartTrack (more details in the article below) <b>4pm – 8pm:</b> Ombudsman Toronto

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### PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ON SMARTTRACK – AUGUST 27

The City, Metrolinx and TTC have been working to develop options for SmartTrack in partnership since January 2015, when City Council approved a joint work program. SmartTrack will increase transit options for people moving around Toronto in the short term by making better use of existing transit infrastructure while we plan longer term investments in additional capacity.

SmartTrack is an enhancement on the Metrolinx RER program in the City of Toronto that includes up to six new station in Toronto on the Kitchener, Lakeshore East and Stouffville Go Corridors, and 2 new Regional Express Rail (GO RER) stations on the Barrie Go Corridor.

Come learn more about SmartTrack on August 27<sup>th</sup> between 12:00p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tamil Fest.

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### **TORONTO HYDRO RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT: PROJECT SHEPPARD - MARKHAM**

My office was recently notified of Toronto Hydro's Reliability Improvement on Sheppard. Please refer to the details below,

#### **Project Sheppard – Markham**

- **Timeline:** July 2017 – December 2017
- **Activity:** Underground Civil & Electrical
- **Details:** rebuilding the aging underground electrical system in the community to help improve service reliability; this rebuild includes the replacement of the existing electrical cables and splice vaults within the City of Toronto's public property allowance and on private property
- **Project area:** along Sheppard Ave E between Markham Rd (East) and McCowan Rd (West); Key Map is attached in the E-news
- **Contact:** for more information, please call 416-542-3366

The attached General Letter are delivered to the properties impacted by the project.

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### **TORONTO HYDRO RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT: PROJECT SHEPPARD - SHORTING**

My office was recently notified of the following Toronto Hydro's Reliability Improvement on Sheppard with the following details,

#### **Project Sheppard – Shorting**

- **Timeline:** August 2017 – October 2017
- **Activity:** Underground & Overhead Civil & Electrical
- **Details:** rebuilding the aging underground electrical system to help improve service reliability; this rebuild includes the replacement of the existing electrical cables, switches, and hydro poles within the Toronto's public property allowance in front of or adjacent to your lot
- **Project area:** includes sections of Nugget Ave., Shorting Rd., and Sheppard Ave. E, or refer to the attached Key Map
- **Contact:** for more information, please call 416-542-3366

The attached General Letter are delivered to the properties impacted by the project.

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### **ROAD CLOSURE ON MARKHAM – AUGUST 26 AND AUGUST 27**

Please be advised of the road closure on Markham Rd., between Passmore Ave. and McNicoll Ave. for the annual Tamil Fest on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>.

## City of Toronto and Beyond

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### JOIN THE "BUZZ" ON CITY OF TORONTO'S POLLINATOR STRATEGY

Residents are invited to share their views on a draft strategy to protect Toronto's bees and other pollinators. The purpose of the strategy is to identify actions that can be taken by the City and the community to protect, enhance and create habitat for Toronto's pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. Fun fact – Toronto is home to more than 360 species of bees, and more than 100 species of butterflies and other pollinators.

However, some species are facing the danger of habitat loss and other stressors that could cause them to decline. To learn more, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/yajpvuqz>. Visit <http://cityoftoronto.fluidsurveys.com/s/PollinatorProtectionSurvey/> to take the survey.

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### THE CANNABIS ACT

Last week, I attended a Stakeholder Roundtable on Ontario's Approach to Federal Cannabis Legalization in preparation for the July 2018 implementation by the federal government.

The federal government introduced Bill C-45 to legalize and regulate cannabis on April 13, 2017, and Bill C-46 which would create additional new offences for drug impaired driving and modernize the impaired driving regime.

This proposed federal Cannabis Act would establish the framework for cannabis, identifying permitted and prohibited activities, and providing the licensing and oversight of the legal cannabis supply chain by giving the federal Minister of Health the authority to license production, import/export and distribute, as well as recognizing provincial/territorial authority to regulate the sale of cannabis.

At the Roundtable, the conversation was surrounding responsibilities at each level of government. In the end, some of the enforcement responsibilities such as Zoning, impaired driving and so on would fall on to the City, and that is why we need to be on top of these updates from the Federal and Provincial governments, and continue to work with them on what the City's role is once this Act implemented.

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/consultation-cannabis-legalization-ontario>

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### SHORT-TERM RENTAL SURVEY AVAILABLE ONLINE

Municipal Licensing and Standards and City Planning divisions are inviting residents to have their say about proposed rules and regulations for short-term rentals (such as Airbnb) via an online survey at [www.toronto.mlsurveyoursay](http://www.toronto.mlsurveyoursay). The survey is available until August 18.

There will be additional stakeholder and public consultation meetings in the fall. A final report is expected to be presented to the Executive Committee in the fourth quarter of 2017.

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## UPDATE ON RENTSAFETO

The RentSafeTO: Apartment Building Standard Program took effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. It applies to all residential rental apartment buildings that are three or more storeys tall and have 10 or more apartment units. The online registration system for buildings owners is live, as of July 21, 2017.

If residents or building owners have questions, concerns or comments, please visit [www.toronto.ca/RentSafeTO](http://www.toronto.ca/RentSafeTO), email [RentSafeTO@toronto.ca](mailto:RentSafeTO@toronto.ca) or call 406-396-7228.

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## MULTILINGUAL INFORMATION PROVISIONS POLICY

Toronto is proud to be one of the most multicultural and linguistically diverse cities in the world, and the City makes every effort to provide resources in as many languages as possible. Providing information in languages other than English allows our diverse communities to better access City services and programs, helps them to better engage with the City, and allows more residents, groups and organizations to be included in what goes on at the City.

There are a few ways that residents can access City information in languages other than English:

1. Visit the City's website [toronto.ca](http://toronto.ca), and use the [Google Translate](#) feature to auto-translate information available on the site into more than 50 languages.
2. For information not available on the City's website, residents can call 311 for further assistance.

[311](#) offers information in more than 180 languages ([PDF list](#)), using interpreters provided through Language Line Services. If you have difficulty speaking English, or know someone who does, call 311 for assistance in whichever language you speak. If you are a TTY user, call us at 416-338-0889.

For more information, visit: [toronto.ca/multilingual](http://toronto.ca/multilingual).

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## FREE CNE KIDS PASS

It's that time of the year again! The 139<sup>th</sup> CNE will run from August 18<sup>th</sup> to September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Exhibition Place. A perfect way to end the summer on a high note before returning to school – a tradition that dates back to 1921.

Did you know that CNE offers free Kid's Pass? Each kid's pass admits one child 13 years of age or younger on any one day of the 2017 CNE. If a child did not receive a kid's pass through the school distribution, an online version is available until Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup> through the link <https://s3.amazonaws.com/esc-bkt-static/event/CNE+2017/html/Intro-CNE-Kids.html>.

Children 4 years and under are always admitted for free and a pass is not required.

Let's go to the EX!

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## EVENTS

### *City Hall Live*

**Date:** July 19 – August 30, 2017 (Wednesdays, during lunch time)

**Time:** 12:30pm – 1:30pm

**Location:** Nathan Phillips Square

**Details:** More information available at <http://www.toronto.ca/music>.

### *Taste of the Danforth*

**Date:** August 11 –13, 2017

**Location:** Near Pape Subway Station

**Details:** One of Canada's largest street Festival, Taste of the Danforth is back for the 24<sup>th</sup> year! Check out the details at <http://tasteofthedanforth.com/>.

### *Canadian National Exhibition*

**Date:** August 18 – September 4, 2017

**Location:** Toronto's Exhibition Place, 210 Princes' Blvd, Toronto

**Details:** The 139<sup>th</sup> CNE will be celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary through a variety of exciting events, performances and exhibitions. More information on program highlights and schedules, visit <https://theex.com/>.

### *CICS Annual Garden Fair*

**Date:** Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Time:** 3:30pm – 7:00pm

**Location:** CICS Community Garden, 2330 Midland Ave., Scarborough

**Details:** CICS Community Garden will be hosting the third annual garden fair with delicious harvest from this summer! For more information, please see the attached poster.

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Breaking Bread Reception*

**Date:** Friday, August 18, 2017

**Time:** 7pm – 9:30pm

**Location:** Scarborough Village Community Recreation Centre and Theatre, 3600 Kingston Rd., Scarb.

**Details:** An interactive evening where breads from six ethnic culture that represent the diverse culture of the Scarborough community will be served. Poster Attached.

### *Tamil Fest 2017*

**Date:** Saturday, August 26 and Sunday, August 27, 2017

**Time:** Saturday: 12noon – 11pm; Sunday: 11am – 9pm

**Location:** Markham Rd., between Passmore Ave. and McNicoll Ave., Scarborough

**Details:** For more information, visit <https://www.tamilfest.ca/>. Please be advised of the road closure in this area for both days.



### *Solid Waste Management – Outreach Session*

**Date:** Saturday, August 26, 2017

**Time:** 12noon – 2pm

**Location:** Markham Rd., between Passmore Ave. and McNicoll Ave., Scarborough

### *311 Toronto – Outreach Session*

**Date:** Saturday, August 26, 2017

**Time:** 4pm – 8pm

**Location:** Markham Rd., between Passmore Ave. and McNicoll Ave., Scarborough

### *Public Information Session on SmartTrack*

**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2017

**Time:** 12noon – 4pm

**Location:** Markham Rd., between Passmore Ave. and McNicoll Ave., Scarborough

### *Ombudsman Toronto – Outreach Session*

**Date:** Sunday, August 27, 2017

**Time:** 4pm – 8pm

**Location:** Markham Rd., between Passmore Ave. and McNicoll Ave., Scarborough

### *Councillor Lee's Community Movie Night*

**Date:** Friday, September 1, 2017

**Time:** 7pm – 10:30pm

**Location:** Milliken District Park, 4325 McCowan Rd., Scarborough

**Details:** A **free** community movie night to get together with family and friends under the stars to enjoy a highly acclaimed, family-friendly film at your neighbourhood park. Bring a lawn chair, a blanket to keep you warm and a non-alcoholic beverage. Popcorn will be provided for **free**! I look forward to seeing you there!

### *The 29<sup>th</sup> Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival*

**Date:** September 9 & September 10, 2017

**Location:** Marilyn Bell Park, 851 Lake Shore Blvd. W., Toronto

**Details:** <http://dragonboats.com/>

### *Ward 41 Community Associations' BBQ*

**Date:** Saturday, September 16, 2017

**Time:** 12noon – 2pm

**Location:** Woodside Square Mall, Parking Lot, 1571 Sandhurst Cr., Scarborough

**Details:** **The Inaugural Ward 41 Community Associations' BBQ** will celebrate the collaboration and success of Ward 41's diverse neighbourhoods through the perseverance and support by our community associations and dedicated residents. It is an afternoon to mix and mingle, grab a hot dog, learn about the services our city has to offer, and further discover the neighbourhoods we live, play, and work in. It is also a chance for Ward 41 to come together and celebrate Canada 150 with entertainment and activities for all ages to enjoy.

[Upcoming Events](#)