

Toronto City Councillor

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**WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT**



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**Dear Friendly Neighbour:**

Happy New Year! May 2018 bring you much happiness!

My 2017 Winter Newsletter was recently published and sent out to the households in Ward 41. It should be arriving at your doorsteps within this week or early next week. An [electronic copy](#) of the newsletter is available on my website and physical copies are available to be picked up at my Scarborough office, 150 Borough DR, Suite 200, Scarborough – please call ahead to arrange with my office.

On **Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>**, my office will be co-hosting the annual skating party at Albert Campbell Square from 2pm to 4pm. Details in [Events](#) or attached poster.

Right after the holidays, we shift our focus to the annual Budget process. The City's Budget Committee will be holding public meetings across the city to hear residents' opinions on the preliminary 2018 tax-supported budgets (<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/budget-finances/city-budget/>). The Scarborough sessions will be held on Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – more details in [Events](#). I will also be holding two townhall meetings on budget this coming January (see [Events](#)). Please feel free to bring other city-related questions and I will be happy to discuss them with you. Please pick the date that works for your schedule as we will be presenting the same material for both meetings.

I would like to extend an invitation to you and your family to my annual Lunar New Year Reception at Scarborough Civic Centre on **Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup>**, from 1pm to 4pm. Although it is traditionally an East Asian holiday, everyone is invited to attend. See [Events](#) for more details.

We have received notice that the province will be re-mediating the section of Hwy 401 on our southern boundary. This includes expanding the highway with another lane, and may include changing the Brimley/401 interchange. This is a major project, and as with all major projects, disruptions will happen, and my task is to ensure they are minimized. We are in the process of getting more information about this.

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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**FEATURED THIS MONTH:**

• **Around the Ward**

- [2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Scarborough Skating Party](#)
- [GTA Square Mall Food Drive](#)
- [TTC Bus Stop Improvements continues](#)
- [Watermain Flow Meter Chamber Upgrade – McCowan/Steeles](#)
- [Toronto Hydro Reliability Improvement: Project McCowan-Middlefield](#)
- [Be Prepared – Protect your Pipes from freezing](#)

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• **Events**

## *Around the Ward and Beyond*

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### **2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL SCARBOROUGH SKATING PARTY**

You are invited to the 2nd Annual "Scarborough's New Year's Skating Party"! A free community event hosted by Snapd Scarborough in partnership with Councillor Chin Lee and Scarborough Arts. This is a perfect event to kick off the New Year, bringing families and friends of all ages for a whole lot of fun on ice. The afternoon will be sparked with excitement by lively music, an entertaining clown and fun games! Also take part in the new "Strike a Pose Challenge on Ice" - help make it a viral phenomenon!

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### **GTA SQUARE MALL FOOD DRIVE**

The GTA Square Mall located at 5215 Finch AVE E., Scarborough is running a food drive campaign until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018. They will appreciate your generous help in collecting non-perishable food items for those in need. Your food donations will go to the Daily Bread Food Bank. For more information, please see the attached flyers.

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### **TTC BUS STOP IMPROVEMENTS CONTINUES**

TTC is undertaking a city-wide program to upgrade up to 2500 bus stops, with improvements to make many more stops accessible as well as accommodate articulated buses and bring the stops to a state of good repair. In some cases, new concrete pads will be constructed where none existed before.

The following TTC bus routes will receive bus stop improvements in 2018,

- 85 Sheppard East – Construction scheduled to start in April
- 39 Finch East – Construction scheduled to start in June

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### **WATERMAIN FLOW METER CHAMBER UPGRADE – MCCOWAN/STEELES**

The City of Toronto will be upgrading flow meters located in chambers at McCowan RD and Steeles AVE E with a planned start date of September 17, 2018. The Flow Meter Chamber Upgrade work will take approximately one to three weeks to replace each meter. For more information on the work involved, please refer to the attached Construction Notice.

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### **TORONTO HYDRO RELIABILITY IMPROVEMENT: PROJECT MCCOWAN-MIDDLEFIELD**

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging underground electrical system to improve service reliability within the following boundaries:

- Finch AVE E to the north, Roughfield CRES to the east, Placentia BLVD to the south and Lunsfield CRES to the west.

The civil portion of the project is scheduled to commence by early January 2018 with an approximate completion date of late September 2018. There may be planned outages of which Toronto Hydro will notify you in advance. Details of the work and key map are attached.

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## BE PREPARED – PROTECT YOUR PIPES FROM FREEZING

Frozen pipes can leave you without water or cause your pipes to burst, leading to expensive property damage. If your pipes are prone to freezing, you may wish to contact a plumber for advice. Here are some tips to help protect your home:

- Know where to find your main water shut-off valve (in case your pipes burst).
- Insulate pipes most prone to freezing, especially near outside walls and in crawl spaces, the attic and garage.
- Seal air leaks in areas where pipes are located. Check around windows and doors, electrical wiring, dryer vents and pipes.
- Drain and shut the outdoor water supply as outdoor faucets are the first to freeze.
- Keep areas that contain indoor pipes above 8°C, especially near the water meter.
- In extreme cold weather, you can choose to run a pencil thin stream of water to keep water moving. However, you will be charged for the water used if you choose this step.

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

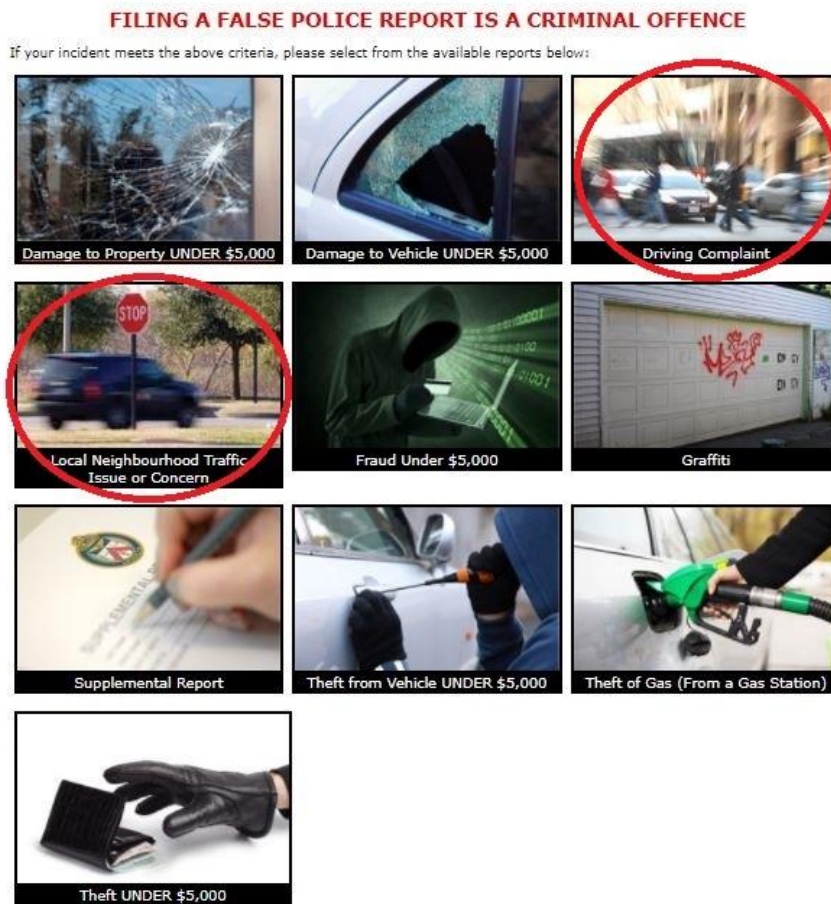
# City of Toronto and Beyond

## ONLINE REPORTING FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD TRAFFIC ISSUES/CONCERNS

As part of the modernization of the Toronto Police Service, an Online Reporting Tool was developed to allow residents to report **Neighbourhood Traffic Issues/Concerns** (speeding, disobeying stop signs, turn signs, parking, etc.) and Driving Complaints (an example would be someone cutting off, or made an illegal turn, or was on their cell phone while driving).

What you report online will go directly to 42 Division and be assigned to a traffic enforcement officer.

When reporting, access <http://torontopolice.on.ca/core/>, scroll down to the bottom of the page until you see the following,



You can then choose either "Local Neighbourhood Traffic Issue or Concern" or "Driving Complaint" (as circled in the image above), and the system will prompt you to enter all the relevant information.

Using an online tool not only allows you to capture information at any time, it also frees up the queue for the emergency line.

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## EVENTS

### **GTA Square Mall Food Drive**

**Date:** November 24, 2017 – January 31, 2018

**Location:** GTA Square Mall, 5215 Finch Ave. E., Scarborough

**Details:** See attached flyer.

### **Annual Scarborough Skating Party**

**Date:** Sunday, January 7, 2018

**Time:** 2pm – 4pm

**Location:** Albert Campbell Square, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough

**Details:** Bring your skates and enjoy an afternoon of good music and great company!

### **City of Toronto's Budget Sub-Committee Public Meetings in Scarborough**

**Date:** Monday, January 8, 2018

**Time:** 3pm & 6pm

**Location:** Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough

**Details:** The Budget Committee will hear public presentations on the preliminary 2018 tax supported budgets (<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/budget-finances/city-budget/>).

Members of the public can make a presentation at budget sub-committee meetings. If you would like to share your views at the meeting, please register by emailing [buc@toronto.ca](mailto:buc@toronto.ca) or calling (416) 392-4666 before January 5, indicating the location, date and time you want to speak.

### **Councillor Chin Lee's Annual Budget Townhall Meeting #1**

**Date:** Tuesday, January 16, 2018 (*Tentative*)

**Time:** 7:00pm – 9:00pm

**Location:** Agincourt Recreation Centre, 31 Glen Watford Dr., Scarborough

**Details:** Councillor Lee's annual townhall meeting on budget and any other questions you may have about the City.

### **Councillor Chin Lee's Annual Budget Townhall Meeting #2**

**Date:** Thursday, January 25, 2018

**Time:** 7:30pm – 9:30pm (*Tentative*)

**Location:** Milliken Park Community Recreation Centre, 4325 McCowan Rd., Scarborough

**Details:** Councillor Lee's annual townhall meeting on budget and any other questions you may have about the City.

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

**Date:** Saturday, February 17, 2018

**Time:** 1:00pm – 4:00pm

**Location:** Scarborough Civic Centre, Rotunda, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough

**Details:** Celebrate the Year of Dog with entertainment and light refreshments

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