

Dear Ward 5 Residents,

I hope everyone had a wonderful Easter/Passover! Spring has sprung and hopefully the warm weather will follow.

March has been a very busy month with Council passing the City's 2015 Budget. As many of you know, Toronto City Council has approved the 2015 rate and tax supported operating budget of \$11.4 billion and 10-year capital budget and plan of \$31.7 billion. The 2015 budgets make significant investments in key strategic priorities for the City's future, including transit, poverty reduction and public safety. The budget continues to strengthen the City's fiscal health and for the third year in a row, the budget was balanced without the use of the prior year's surplus. I am pleased with the final result.

I also wanted to thank residents of The Queensway for attending my first Queensway Town-hall late last month. We had a wonderful turnout and great feedback. There are similar community meetings planned in many of our other Ward 5 neighbourhoods.

Please see below for Ward 5 specific and City-wide updates. As always, we want to hear from you about what you would like to see added. Please also be sure to share this E-Newsletter with your friends and neighbours and remind them to contact our office to be added to our E-Newsletter list! Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff by phone at (416) 392-4040 or by email at [Councillor DiCiano@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor.DiCiano@toronto.ca).

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin DiCiano'.

City Councillor Ward 5 - Etobicoke - Lakeshore

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Mayor Tory's Townhall Meeting in Etobicoke

Date: Thursday April 16th, 2015

Time: 8pm-9pm (Doors open at 7pm)

Location: Church on The Queensway, 1536 The Queensway

Moderators: Cynthia Mulligan & Royson James

Mayor John Tory will answer questions from Etobicoke residents. The discussion will be broadcast live on Rogers TV, channel 10 in Toronto and web-streamed on CityNews.ca/Live and 680News.com.

2015 Toronto City Budget Highlights

Toronto City Council has approved the 2015 rate and tax supported operating budget of \$11.4 billion and 10-year capital budget and plan of \$31.7 billion. The 2015 budgets make significant investments in key strategic priorities for the City's future, including transit, poverty reduction and public safety. The budget continues to strengthen the City's fiscal health and for the third year in a row, the budget was balanced without the use of the prior year's surplus. This budget makes important new investments in services and infrastructure, while keeping the residential budget tax increase at 2.25% – less than the rate of inflation.

Overall, the total 2015 budget tax increase after assessment growth is 1.5%, with a 2.25% increase for residential properties and a 0.75% increase for non-residential properties, in keeping with Council's tax policy to continue to reduce business taxes in Toronto.

Residents will pay an additional 0.5% to fund the Scarborough Subway. As part of the City's overall strategy to enhance Toronto's business climate, there will be an additional increase of 0.45% for residential properties. Therefore, the total municipal tax increase is 3.2% or \$83.19, which means the average house assessed at \$524,833 will pay \$2,679 in 2015. The total tax increase for non-residential properties, which includes rental apartments, is 0.48%.

The budget also includes a strategy for the City to permanently deal with the loss of the revenue to fund social housing in a responsible and prudent manner. This strategy will spread the budget impacts of the funding shortfall over the next four years to allow time for the City to identify budget adjustments and to mitigate costs. For 2015, this means an additional \$25 million in budget savings with no impact to City services.

The major investments that are outlined in this year's budgets align with the City's strategic actions by providing additional funding to improve the city's transportation network, reduce poverty and strengthen our emergency services, while maintaining the City's fiscal health.

The 2015 Operating Budget maintains all current programs and services and provides funding for new and enhanced services, including:

- \$39 million in transit service improvements funded by a 10-cent fare increase including the child fare elimination (two to 12 years of age), 50 new buses to implement new express routes and reduce overcrowding, improved subway services and expanded overnight bus and streetcar service
- \$25 million for poverty reduction including new shelter beds, increases to the student nutrition program, additional funding for childcare subsidies, enhanced shelter warming centres during weather events and expansion of priority centres
- 56 new paramedic services positions and an additional 25 fire prevention officers
- additional positions for City Planning to carry out heritage and area studies, and
- increased City funding for tree planting.

City Council also approved a 2015-2024 tax and rate supported Capital Budget and Plan of \$31.7 billion. The 10-Year Capital Plan continues to advance the City's long-term fiscal plan objectives and focuses on infrastructure rehabilitation.

The approved budget and plan includes \$3 billion in new capital investments for transportation and public transit, facilities and shelter and technology.

The 2015-2024 Capital Budget and Plan also includes:

- \$970 million for the rehabilitation of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, including an increase of \$443.2 million to accelerate projects to reduce traffic and user impacts by an estimated eight years
- investments in traffic control (RESCU) and traffic congestion management through intelligent transportation systems initiatives
- the purchase of 60 new subway cars, 810 new 40-foot diesel buses and 195 low-car accessible light rail vehicles for the TTC fleet for replacement and ridership growth
- New McNicoll bus garage and completion of the Toronto Rocket Storage Yard
- A total of \$627 million for Parks, Forestry and Recreation to address the state-of-good-repair backlog over the next 10 years, and
- Construction of new fire and paramedic services stations.

At its meeting, City Council also approved the rate supported budgets for Solid Waste Management Services, Toronto Water and the Toronto Parking Authority.

Solid Waste Management Services' approved budget includes a rate increase of 3% as of April 1, which equates to a 2.25% increase for 2015. In addition, the Solid Waste rebate was reduced by \$18 million as part of the tax supported budget, which will result in a rebate change for single family customers based on garbage bin size (see Fact Sheet for details bit.ly/1MsCi4N). As a result, small bin customers will now pay \$10.63 per year (increase of \$3.91), medium bin customers will pay \$88.73 per year (increase of \$32.64), large bin customers will pay \$247.39 per year (increase of \$91) and extra-large bin customers will pay \$343.60 per year (increase of \$126.39). This change is a first step in establishing a sustainable full user-pay program that improves waste diversion.

Toronto Water's rate supported budget focuses on providing high quality drinking water and wastewater services while dealing with the impact of extreme weather, aging infrastructure and the need to provide ongoing customer service enhancements. City Council approved an 8% water rate increase as of March 13, which equates to a 6.5% increase for 2015 (a \$54 increase compared with 2014 for the average Toronto household using 280 cubic metres). The 10-year \$11 billion capital plan includes more than \$8.2 billion in spending on state of good repair, basement flooding protection, stormwater management and improving the City's resiliency to extreme weather.

March/April Toronto City Council Highlights

Spadina subway extension project

Council approved increasing the capital budget for the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension project by a total of \$150 million – with \$90 million covered by the City of Toronto and the other \$60 million covered by the Regional Municipality of York. Council's action on this agenda item included seeking clarification of the amount of funding coming from the federal and provincial governments, as well as asking the Toronto Transit Commission to provide its final estimated cost of the project and recommended sources of funding to ensure completion of the project by the end of 2017.

Improving TTC project delivery

Council voted to direct the City Manager to report on options for improved project delivery by the Toronto Transit Commission for the Scarborough subway extension. Options to be considered include alternative financing and procurement, public-private partnerships and improved in-house project management/delivery. The report will take into account the role of Infrastructure Ontario in the delivery of major municipal infrastructure projects.

Taxicab licensing

Council considered a report about a court decision regarding the validity of taxicab regulations enacted last year that created a new taxicab licence class called the Toronto Taxicab Licence. The court decision upheld the validity of the new licence but found that the deadline for converting current licences to the new licence was invalid. Council adopted a recommendation that the City not appeal the court decision.

Toronto's accountability officers

Council adopted a recommendation to amend the Toronto Municipal Code pertaining to the City's accountability officers, changing the term for the Ombudsman and the Lobbyist Registrar to a non-renewable term of seven years instead of a five-year renewable term. Appointment for a non-renewable term is consistent with what is already in place for Toronto's Auditor General and Integrity Commissioner. In a separate agenda item, Council supported undertaking an external review of the four accountability officers' operations that will focus on the implications of appointing accountability officers in a combined or multiple role.

Schools as community assets

Council directed Toronto's City-School Boards Advisory Committee to consult and collaborate with the Toronto school boards and the Province of Ontario on the projected closure of some local schools with low enrolment and the properties' sale as a revenue strategy. Council specified that the plan for the school properties must take into consideration the full value of schools as community assets. Council wants the advisory council to report on a way to retain public ownership of former school properties that warrant retaining and to identify funding sources beyond the municipal public sector to help retain schools as community assets.

Expanded gaming at Woodbine Racetrack

Council authorized the City Manager to conduct public consultations on the matter of expanded gaming that is under consideration for the Woodbine Racetrack complex in northwest Toronto. Staff are to report back on technical requirements such as the number of slot machines and gaming tables, as well as on the merits and risks of expanded gaming. Council's adoption of this agenda item included support for additional instructions on matters such as public health impacts and a transit strategy for the area.

Affordable housing

Council approved a planned review/update of the City's Affordable Housing Action Plan 2010-20, which will be led by an inter-divisional steering group. Council also approved property tax exemptions for affordable rental housing in the West Don Lands and for new transitional housing for young victims of sexual exploitation and human trafficking.

Council authorized requesting the Ontario government to increase the amount of supportive housing for people with mental health and addiction issues and other disabilities. Measures to secure or increase affordable rental housing at several specified locations were also approved.

Toronto's emergency shelter system

Council approved a plan to guide the transformation of Toronto's emergency shelter system. The plan, which focuses on infrastructure and service improvement, reflects the City's housing-first approach to ending homelessness. That approach entails helping people move from emergency shelter into permanent housing as quickly as possible, while recognizing the importance of a robust emergency shelter system to assist people in crisis. The approved plan also ties in with the City's poverty reduction strategy.

Vehicles serving people with disabilities

Council agreed to ask the Toronto Police Services Board to establish a protocol to ensure that providers of transportation services to people with disabilities are not ticketed with a parking offence when actively engaged in pickup or dropoff activities and away from the vehicle for that purpose. Council also supported undertaking a review of pertinent bylaw provisions.

Extending the outdoor skating season

Council adopted an item to direct the Parks, Forestry and Recreation division to include contingency funds in its 2016 operating budget to extend the outdoor skating season if weather permits. In addition, staff are to evaluate the feasibility of pursuing multi-year sponsorship of the Toronto's artificial outdoor ice skating – that is, on outdoor rinks with mechanically chilled ice pads.

Barrier-free city

Council supported a motion for the City to update its guidelines on accessible design, which were established in 2004. In addition, Council approved undertaking a review of City bylaws, policies and protocols to make sure they are aligned with current accessibility standards under the province's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act and to make sure they reflect the City's commitment to the goal of achieving a barrier-free city.

Five-year master plan for Fire Services

Council approved a 2015-2019 Master Fire Plan for Toronto Fire Services, adding the provision that the plan include a strong commitment to equity hiring and a diverse workforce. The plan provides strategic direction for Toronto Fire Services and outlines critical initiatives that Fire Services plans to implement over the next five years to achieve strategic objectives such as keeping communities safe, empowering people, strengthening partnerships and improving performance.

Pedestrian crossing at Bay and Bloor

Council authorized removal of the pedestrian priority phase signal (scramble crossing) at the Bay and Bloor Streets intersection and its replacement with a signal timing pattern deemed suitable by Transportation Services. A scramble crossing signal was implemented at the intersection in 2010 as a pilot project. Subsequent study found only modest benefits for pedestrians but significant negative impacts for vehicular traffic. The remaining two scramble crossings at Yonge and Dundas and Yonge and Bloor Streets will remain in operation.

Protecting Toronto's drinking water

A motion concerning oil pipelines that pass through the northern part of Toronto, including across two major watercourses, received Council's support. Council agreed to ask Enbridge to install automatic shutoff valves in its Line 9B pipeline on either side of the two watercourses as a way to limit the amount of oil that could enter and contaminate the waters should a pipeline break/spill occur. The two watercourses flow into Lake Ontario, from which Toronto draws its drinking water.

New GO bridge under consideration

Council directed Toronto's chief planner take steps to make sure urban design considerations are part of an environmental assessment process that Metrolinx is undertaking for a possible bridge construction project in the Dupont Street/Lansdowne Avenue area. The bridge, which would carry GO trains over the Canadian Pacific railway line, would transform the area's landscape and have a significant impact on surrounding neighbourhoods.

Heritage conservation districts

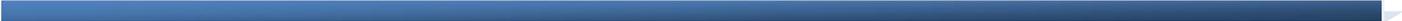
Council adopted recommendations concerning the study of heritage conservation districts, with studies scheduled this year for Queen Street West (the area called West Queen West), the Distillery District and Kensington Market. The City plans to initiate studies for the Baby Point, Bloor West Village, Cabbagetown Southwest and Casa Loma districts in 2016.

Modernizing Toronto's streetlights

Council adopted recommendations for work on a plan to convert Toronto's streetlights to more energy efficient technologies. Technological advances have created lights that last longer, provide enhanced illumination and are more energy efficient.

Traffic management during Pan Am Games

Council approved the enactment of temporary traffic and parking bylaw amendments, as well as temporary road closures and specifications for reserved lanes, to support this summer's Pan American/Parapan American Games taking place in Toronto. For example, the Pan Am torch relay, which culminates in the July 10 opening ceremonies, will require temporary road closures as it passes through Toronto neighbourhoods, as will road race events such as marathon, triathlon and road cycling.



Ward 5 Website – Under Construction!

Our Ward 5 website is almost done! We apologize for the delays in getting it up and running! Keep checking www.councillordiciano.ca!

Community Meeting for Silverhill Park

Date: May 11, 2015

Time: 7-8 pm

Location: St. Elizabeth Catholic School, 5 Redcar Avenue

Community Meeting for East Mall Park

Date: Tuesday April 14, 2015

Time: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: St. Elizabeth Catholic School, 5 Redcar Avenue

Community Meeting for 1061 The Queensway

Date: April 27th 2015

Time: 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: The Legion Hall, 110 Jutland Avenue

The Queensway Community Meeting Summary

On March 30, 2015 Councillor Justin Di Ciano hosted a Community Meeting which was well attended by local residents. The meeting covered a variety of issues that residents have raised with the office of Councillor Di Ciano over the past few months. These include the undesirable businesses along The Queensway strip; body-rub parlours and the House of Lancaster. Municipal Licensing and Standards Executive Director Tracey Cook made a presentation and answered questions, which residents truly appreciated. Planning Staff presented a Planning 101 including the pros and cons of The Ontario Municipal Board and Transportation presented an overview of the process (i.e.: requests for road resurfacing) from receipt of a request to implementation with a focus on how the Municipal Management Pavement System is used to monitor and prioritize roads. 22 Division also attended to address issues related to safety and enforcement.

Of particular note was that a report will be forthcoming in April/May 2015, with recommended bylaw amendments to the site specific Bylaw No. 3456 which allows business uses along The Queensway.

Various other requests that were made at the meeting are being addressed: Traffic Calming for Uno Drive, a traffic light at Kipling and Jutland and various smaller requests that are being dealt with on an individual basis.

OMB Hearing Date for 520 Prince Edward Drive ~ New date

OMB Case No: PL150075

OMB File No: PL150077

Hearing Date: Monday, April 27th, 2015 *NEW DATE: July 28th for one day.

Time: 10:00 a.m.

At: Ontario Municipal Board, 655 Bay Street, 16th Floor, Toronto

Councillor Justin Di Ciano will be arranging a meeting with the city solicitor for residents prior to the Hearing date.

Stonegate Plaza Development

As reported in our Development E-Newsletter Councillor Di Ciano has met with library staff. The library has expressed interest in joining the new development, however, more meetings are required at their end in order to come to a decision. We will keep you updated as information becomes available. Van Dyke has advised that they would welcome the library.

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/content/about-the-library/pdfs/board/meetings/2014/aug21/08b.pdf>

Grocery store: Van Dyke continue to search for an appropriate grocery store. Residents who are not familiar with the planning process should note that planning staff and the councillor cannot "demand" that Van Dyke replace all the various retail concerns that were in the old plaza. This is market driven. Retailers who wish to become part of the plaza will be welcomed. However no one can force private business owners to set up shop - that is their decision. Negotiations between Van Dyke and interested parties/ grocery chains are private. To request such information would be contrary to professional business practices.

As previously advised, the final staff report will be before Community Council later this year, 2015. We are nearing the end of the prescribed legal planning and application process. After Community meetings, required public meetings and the meetings of the Working Group, all concerns have been raised. Residents will have an opportunity to present before Community Council as Councillor Di Ciano will be requesting an evening session.

Updates from VanDyke's web site can be found here:

http://www.vandyk.com/eblast/2015/20_Mar_7/

Thompson Orchard - 15 Clivedon Avenue Parking Lot (TPA)

In February 2013, The Toronto Parking Authority purchased 15 Clivedon Avenue.

This property's redevelopment had been refused at The Committee of Adjustment and refused at The Ontario Municipal Board and was then sold to The Toronto Parking Authority. Former Councillor Peter Milczyn signed off on this sale. TPA is exempt from the usual rezoning process. TPA is waiting for a release from the OMB as the Official Plan is still at the OMB. Once they receive the release they will most likely build the parking lot in 2016. Prior to building they will present a site plan to Councillor Justin Di Ciano who will ensure more than ample buffering to the adjacent residential home.

Councillor Justin Di Ciano is concerned over the availability of parking spots for the disabled in the neighbourhood. The Councillor has requested additional on-street parking for The Kingsway and also extra disabled parking spots for the 15 Clivedon lot.

2015 Capital Works Program

Please see [HERE](#) for details of the 2015 Capital Projects that will be taking place in Ward 5. Etobicoke-Lakeshore details commence at page 34.

New Sobeys' Grocery Store at Bloor & Islington

A new grocery store is in the plan for The Shipp Centre's expansion at Bloor and Islington. We will advise as plans move forward and are approved in order to provide you with an opening date.

Affordable Housing & Toronto French Language Advisory Committees

The Toronto French Language Committee has not yet formed. Striking Committee has canvassed interested members and committee members were chosen at the March 9th meeting. The first meeting will be scheduled after membership is confirmed.

The Affordable Housing Committee met on March 9th. Councillor Di Ciano was chosen as Vice-Chair of this committee. The decision document from this meeting can be found [HERE](#).

City Outdoor Ice Rinks – Season Extensions

As residents may be aware, the City run outdoor skating rinks normally close for the season anywhere between late February and early March. There is always some discussion about having rinks open longer into the season and normally, a corporate donation is provided to the City to allow for a certain amount of rinks to remain open into March and the March Break. This year, the City received a corporate donation which allowed to once again extend the season for artificial outdoor ice rinks. The factors taken into consideration by the City's Recreation division is as follows:

Usage: Some rinks are used more than others. Usage is monitored by Community Recreation staff at the rinks, and is considered on weekdays, on weekends, and over March Break.

Ability to maintain ice: Depending on the orientation of the rink and the state of equipment, it is more feasible to maintain ice at some locations compared to others as the temperature creeps up above zero.

Compressor quality: Some rinks have better, newer compressors (that freeze the ice) that can keep up with increased demands due to rising temperatures. Electricity costs can skyrocket depending on the load.

Geography: The goal is to make skating opportunities as widespread across the city as possible, given locations, rink adjacencies, usage.

For some helpful Q&A's, please see the link [HERE](#).

City Swimming Pools – Dates & Hours of Summer Operation

Parklawn Pool will be closed this summer for rehabilitation. While the pool is closed, programs will be relocated to Ourland Community Centre and Amos Waites pools in Ward 6.

Splash Pads: Normally open up by the end of May given no damage to pipes. These splash pads are supervised from 9am-9pm.

Wading Pools & Outdoor Pools: Open up when the school year ends. This year, that falls on June 26th. Pools will be extended for an extra week this year until September 7th. Pools are supervised from 9am – 9pm or during posted hours.

Residents Groups – Stonegate & Mabelle Update

Residents Associations for Stonegate and Mabelle still require volunteers.

Councillor Di Ciano is pleased to announce that Ms. Deirdre Brett, a Ward 5 resident, has generously offered to lead the implementation of these 2 residents groups. Only residents who live in the neighbourhood will qualify to represent the neighbourhood.

Please contact Deirdre directly if you wish to join either of these two new residents groups:
MabelleResidentsAssociation@outlook.com StonegateResidentsAssociation@outlook.com

Heritage Designation for The Kingsway

As many residents will recall, this issue was before residents in 2000/2002.

At that time there was a resident/staff working group, extensive and intense public input and consultation.

At the end of the day, former Councillor Peter Milczyn's motion defeated the designation for The Kingsway contrary to the staff report. He cited that there was not enough resident support. For those that recall it was a bitter process which pitted neighbour against neighbour.

At March's Planning and Growth meeting Heritage for The Kingsway was on the agenda as a result of a memo from Councillor Milczyn dated spring 2014. After 12 years of the issue not being raised, no community consultation or resident petition, the items' inclusion on the agenda was surprising.

Councillor Justin Di Ciano moved to have The Kingsway removed from the list. During the election campaign many residents expressed a concern over any return to this debate. Given that any resident may apply to have their own home designated Heritage that is the most democratic way to move forward. Heritage will then be noted on title of that home. The city's web site provides all the required details. This means that those that wish Heritage may do so themselves and those that do not will not have it unnecessarily imposed upon them by City Council.

Heritage Designation – General Information

Another option that residents may wish to explore with Councillor Di Ciano is to have a specific home or street (not neighbourhood) designated as Heritage. Should any street have resident interest and support for such please do let us know. Details regarding heritage can be found [HERE!](#)

Provincial Bill 73 - Smart Growth

Bill 73, Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015

Ted McMeekin, Honorable Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
http://www.ontla.on.ca/web/bills/bills_detail.do?locale=en&Intranet&BillID=3176

On May 23, 2006, City Council adopted a report from the Chief Planner advising Council of the contents and implications of Bill 51 and Bill 53, Stronger City of Toronto for a Stronger Ontario Act, 2005, as they pertained to land use planning matters, including the staff report for action on:

Implementing a Local Appeal Body for Toronto – Public Consultation, Comments and Guiding Principles

Included as part of Council's recommendations was the recommendation that there be a LAB option for the City for disputed Committee of Adjustment decisions.

Council also received an information report, dated April 12, 2006, from the Chief Planner, which provided a high level overview of anticipated cost implications associated with operating a LAB for local land use planning matters. The report was based on assumptions informed by:

- Legislative parameters set by the Province;
- Governance models for quasi-judicial bodies and administrative tribunals;
- Budgetary requirements, practices, function and workloads of the City's Committees of Adjustment, the Municipal Licensing Tribunal and other local boards;
- Ontario Municipal Board practices, procedures and budget; and
- Average number (and type) of Committee of Adjustment minor variance and consent decisions appealed per year.

Councillor Justin Di Ciano will update information on this Bill as it related to resident concerns over the Committee of Adjustment and The Ontario Municipal Board.

Traffic Requests

Charleston, Laurel and Ashbourne

A study of this area is ongoing. We expect a report in the late spring of 2015.

Chauncey Avenue Reduced speed

At the request of two residents on Chauncey Avenue, we have investigated a complaint regarding speeding vehicles. The study data from our investigation does meet the criteria of the City of Toronto 40 km/h Speed Limit Warrant. The road width as well as the pedestrian environment makes Chauncey Avenue suitable for a reduction to a 40 km/h speed limit. As a result, we will be submitting a staff report to the April 14, 2015 meeting of Etobicoke York Community Council, recommending a 40 km/h speed limit on Chauncey Avenue between Islington Avenue and Shawbridge Avenue.

Speed Humps for Shaver Avenue South, Wilmar Road, Poplar Avenue and Acorn Avenue

Speed humps have been approved to be installed on Shaver Avenue South, Wilmar Road, Poplar Avenue, and Acorn Avenue. Installation is expected in the fall of 2015.

The Queensway and Royal York Roads

Currently there is a southbound (to eastbound) left-turn advance phase which is in operation between 6:30 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. and between 3:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m., Monday to Friday. The left-turn arrow signal indication will come on during these time periods if there are two to three vehicles queued in the southbound left-turn lane just prior to the start of the north-south green phase. When the southbound left-turn arrow does come on, it can be up to 14 seconds in duration, depending on the left-turn demand.

With respect to the northbound (to westbound) movement, there is currently no left-turn phase. In December 2015 Councillor Justin Di Ciano requested Staff to review the need for this phase and the impact to other movements at the intersection if this phase is introduced. In addition, Staff are also reviewing the need for the southbound left-turn phase to be operational during other time periods, including the weekend.

Market Mews History and Update

Market Mews is a short street at the intersection of The Queensway and Islington.

Requests to address traffic concerns were received in May 2008 – Background is as follows: Residents of a new townhouse development located south of The Queensway and east of Islington Avenue had expressed concerns regarding the speed of vehicular traffic on Market Garden Mews. A community meeting was held to address the resident concerns. Although a 40 km/h speed limit is not technically met on Market Garden Mews, a lower 40km/h speed limit is more appropriate on this residential local road given that there is a neighbourhood park located on the south side of the street and the fact that Market Garden Mews accesses the industrial road network in the area, thus resulting in a significant amount of cut-through traffic on this street. To address concerns over speeding the speed limit was reduced to 40km from 50km.

Spring 2015 Update: Staff have prepared another report which is before us now. The 85th percentile was 44km with an average speed of 37km/h. The study revealed that physical traffic calming is not warranted. "No heavy trucks" signage was reviewed and all signs are visible, legible and in the prescribed locations. The Toronto Police Service collision records indicate a good safety record with no reported collisions involving pedestrians or where speed was a contributing factor. One collision occurred when "a vehicle parked on the north side... was struck by a westbound passing truck". Of note - Heavy trucks are prohibited however heavy trucks with legitimate business on the street are permitted. At this time a request for a period of concentrated enforcement of the heavy truck prohibition and speeding on Market Mews has been made to 22 Division.

One-Way Option: Area residents were polled in 2009 and the majority were not in favour of making the street one-way. Councillor Justin Di Ciano has asked staff to review the option of an extended sidewalk at the entrance from Islington to deter large trucks. However we have been advised that this option is not viable. The option of a curb extension would not be feasible if Market Garden Mews remains two-way at the intersection of Islington Avenue - the corner radius would still need to

accommodate garbage trucks, snow removal vehicles and those larger trucks making deliveries to residents.

Snow Ploughing: The issue of snow ploughing was also investigated. The city policy at this time is that laneways are not ploughed but rather salted only by the city.

LUSH Cosmetics – Update

Lush Cosmetics have advised that they are in the midst of an "Odour Reduction" planning assessment. They are also near the end of a process whereby certain production facilities at the Jutland, Etobicoke plant will be moved to a new location. As always, as information is advised/confirmed we will let you know.

Ward 5 Park Updates

Sunnylea Park

Work will begin when the site conditions suit (likely late April). A majority of the park will be closed during construction, but access to the tennis courts will be maintained. The objective is to complete the work prior to the arrival of the hot weather, when the existing splash pad will be in demand.

Queensway Park

Work will begin when the site conditions suit (likely late April). The section of the park between Avon Park Dr. and Uno Dr. will be closed during construction.

Kinsdale Park

The electrical connections for the new lighting will be completed by the end of March/early April. When the site conditions allow, the lighting contractor will return to the site to finish straightening the new light poles.

Silverhill Park

A concept plan has been developed that includes a new playground, a pathway, tree planting, and space that can accommodate future tennis court and open ball field. At the upcoming community meeting staff will present the plan to residents and give residents the opportunity to assist in the selection of play equipment, review the species of trees, and location of new benches.

Kingsway Lambton Park

At this time the project is on hold pending funding.

East Mall Park

Councillor Di Ciano, together with City of Toronto Parks staff invites you to learn more about upcoming Park Improvements at East Mall Park. Come share your thoughts on equipment options and take a peek at the new waterplay features that will be added.

Park Improvements will include:

New Water Play

- Variety of spray features (above ground and in-ground) for all age groups
 - ✓ Separate play zones; Toddler Bay, Family Bay Teen Bay
 - ✓ Rounded boulders to divide play zones and provide seating
 - ✓ A "no spray zone" to surround the water play area

New Playground

- New Junior and Senior Play equipment
- New sand play area
- Three options for equipment will be shared for comment and may include:
 - ✓ Senior Climber – rope or traditional
 - ✓ Junior Climber – traditional
 - ✓ Spin + Rock Climb Features
 - ✓ Spring toys + Panels

Other Improvement

- Replace and widen existing asphalt pathways
- Install new accessible pathway (3.0m wide) from parking lot to play area
- New benches and seating
- New trees

Major Road Resurfacing on Dundas Street West

Construction work is planned to begin following the Pan Am Games on Dundas Street West, from the East Mall to Auckland Road in Ward 5. The work will consist of road resurfacing and traffic safety improvements and is expected to take approximately 60 working days to complete (weather dependent).

City Council directed Engineering and Construction Services to use extended daily work hours to help manage traffic disruption, where possible, during City-led construction projects.

As per the directive, the extended work hours will be:

Monday to Friday 6:00 am to 11:00 pm

Saturday and Sunday 7:00 am – 7:00 pm

By extending the construction work hours, we will be able to shorten the schedule by approximately 30 working days. For intersection work the contractor will be permitted to work 24 hours a day.

Kingsway Flea Market Event

The Kingsway-Lambton Flea Market takes place on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8am - 1pm at 85 The Kingsway at Prince Edward Drive. Thousands of items are priced to sell, inside and outside the

church. Money raised supports over 20 charities. For more information and a downloadable flyer, please see www.kingswaylambton.ca or call 416 234 8224.

Noise Bylaw Review Survey: Have Your Say!

A review of the noise bylaw, Chapter 591 of the Toronto Municipal Code, is being undertaken to respond to City Council directives.

As part of Municipal Licencing and Standards Division's engagement with the public, a [survey](#) was launched on March 31st. This survey will ask the public to identify the types of noise which are most disruptive, the impact noise has on Toronto's inhabitants and will ask for suggestions on how the City can improve its communications about this bylaw. The public will be able to complete the survey until April 24th.

Municipal Licensing and Standards is planning to report on information obtained from the public and identify proposed bylaw amendments to Licensing and Standards Committee at its meeting of June 25, 2015.

As always, please be sure to visit me online or let me know of any events or initiatives that you or your organizations are planning by contacting me at [Councillor DiCiano@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_DiCiano@toronto.ca) or 416-392-4040!