

Dear Ward 5 Residents,

February has been a very busy month! As a member of the Budget Committee, I worked with my fellow Councillors to set a preliminary budget for the City that keeps taxes low and maintains services at current levels. The Budget is now before Executive Committee and will move on to City Council for final approval later in March.

The City continues to deal with frozen pipes. Since the cold weather first hit, the City has received more than 2,600 "no water" calls – 10 times the normal amount. In the majority of cases, investigation determines that pipes are frozen within the home – residents are encouraged to visit <http://www.toronto.ca/frozenpipes> for tips on how to thaw frozen pipes. If these steps do not work, residents should call 311 and someone from the City's no water "SWAT" team will contact them within 24 hours to schedule a site visit. Due to current call volumes, visits are being booked five days from today.

As March Break is coming up, I want to wish all of our young residents of Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore a wonderful and well-deserved break and for those spending time outside of the City – a safe trip!

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.

Warmest regards,

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

City Councillor Ward 5 - Etobicoke - Lakeshore

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1. February Toronto City Council Highlights

Council Highlights is an informal summary of decisions made by Toronto City Council. The City Clerk provides the formal documentation at <http://www.toronto.ca/council>.

SmartTrack work plan

Council approved funding to study the accelerated SmartTrack work plan outlined in a report that was prepared on the public transit proposal earlier this year. In addition, Council adopted a series of related recommendations addressing matters such as finances, design, number of stations, frequency of service, plans for electrification and public outreach. The SmartTrack plan for Toronto, which builds upon the provincial Regional Express Rail initiative, will require approval from both Toronto City Council and the Province of Ontario. The line is to operate on provincially owned GO Transit rail corridors.

Managing traffic disruptions

Council approved measures to mitigate traffic disruptions and other inconveniences posed by City-led construction projects. Working through the night seven days a week on expressway and major roadway projects is one such measure. Council authorized staff to seek assistance from the Ontario government in addressing difficulties/delays involving utility companies' roles in City

construction projects. In addition, Council approved a recommendation to create a public awareness program to help inform residents how they can learn about the location and timing of construction, and about options to minimize how they are affected by the work.

Speeding on residential streets

Council supported a motion to explore the feasibility and a mechanism to double the fine for speeding on residential streets and in school zones, and around playgrounds and daycare centres. According to the motion, increased traffic on Toronto's arterial roads has resulted in more drivers using residential streets in an effort to bypass congested routes, and speeding on residential streets has become common.

Suicide prevention in Toronto

Council requested the Toronto Transit Commission, in future TTC budget submissions, to consider the installation of platform-edge doors on new, extended and retrofitted subway lines to improve passenger safety and prevent suicides. A Toronto Public Health report on suicide says there is strong evidence that restricting access to common means of suicide such as subway tracks helps to prevent suicides. Council also requested the preparation of a report for changes to Toronto's paramedic, fire and police training programs, placing emphasis on supporting suicide prevention among first responders and addressing issues of mental health and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Advisory bodies for Council's current term

Council approved establishing the following six Council Advisory Bodies for the 2014 to 2018 term: Aboriginal Affairs Committee; City-School Boards Advisory Committee; Film, Television and Commercial Production Industry Committee (Film Board); Tenant Issues Committee; Toronto French Language Advisory Committee; and Toronto Music Industry Advisory Council. Two additional advisory bodies – the Disability Issues Committee and the Toronto Heritage Preservation Board – were re-instituted automatically for the term as required by legislation.

Immunization at day nurseries

Councillors unanimously supported a motion asking the Medical Officer of Health to report, as part of the 2015 budget process, on potential enhancements to Toronto's current public health programs to ensure that children in day nurseries are adequately immunized.

Child care in Toronto

Council discussed the implications of potential school closures on child care in Toronto – an issue raised by the Toronto District School Board's recent announcement about schools with low student enrolment – and directed City staff to prepare a report on the issue for next month. Child care was also the subject of a motion that Council approved endorsing a recent, major child-care conference's advocacy of a national child-care system in Canada.

Food services at City Hall

Council dealt with two agenda items pertaining to food services at Toronto City Hall. In the context of the revitalization of Nathan Phillips Square, Council directed staff to undertake a

selection process to find a business to build, finance and operate a restaurant under lease on the west side of Nathan Phillips Square. Addressing an existing restaurant/cafeteria operation inside City Hall, Council authorized an agreement between the City and the Café on the Square that will enable the café to continue operating at City Hall if the terms of the new agreement are met.

Improving the City's Heritage Preservation

Council approved a motion intended to provide greater protection of heritage buildings. The proposal calls for the Chief Planner to implement an inventory classification that addresses all properties across Toronto, whether or not evaluated for formal heritage protection, to prevent demolition without adequate consideration as to whether they should be preserved. The motion also proposes a project that will advance work on a comprehensive inventory of heritage properties.

Historic Yonge Street

Council voted in support of a motion to enact a bylaw for a specified part of downtown Yonge Street for one year to protect buildings while the City completes a heritage conservation district study of the area. Council also voted to ask the provincial government to authorize the City to control demolitions of commercial and institutional properties under the Planning Act as the City can for residential properties.

Revitalization of distressed retail districts

A motion asking for an examination of policies and programs that could be established to promote economic revitalization in very distressed retail areas of the city received Council's support. The motion notes that some areas that are economically distressed are unsuited for the City's Business Improvement Areas (BIA) program.

Bike lanes dedicated to cycling advocate

Council supported a motion to ceremonially dedicate the Sherbourne Street separated bike lanes in honour of Alan Heisey. Heisey played a key role in the conception and implementation of the bike network and has made other civic contributions – including chairing the Toronto Police Services Board and the Toronto Parking Authority, and serving as a member of the Toronto Transit Commission.

Unauthorized business signs

Council supported recommendations aimed at addressing the proliferation of business signs that are displayed in some areas of Toronto without municipal permits. Staff have found that many business owners are not aware of the need for a sign permit, and that most business owners are willing to comply or remove the sign in question once they are aware of the City's requirements. The City's approach will involve better communication with business owners in combination with concerted enforcement.



2. Ward 5 Website – Under Construction!

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

3. Traffic Issues

All Way Stop Sign Aldgate and Ringley Avenue

In response to resident concerns over safety Councillor Justin Di Ciano's motion to approve this ALL WAY STOP passed at Community Council, February 2015. Installation will take place in May, depending on utility locates.

All Way Stop at Willingdon and Varely

Councillor Justin Di Ciano's motion to install an all way stop sign passed at Community Council in February.

Burnhamthorpe Road - West of Laurel Ave - Traffic Lights

Previously approved – see Council decision below:

City Council Decision

City Council on November 13, 14, 15 and 18, 2013, adopted the following:

- 1. City Council approve the installation of mid-block traffic control signals on Burnhamthorpe Road at a point approximately 63 metres west of Laurel Avenue.*
- 2. City Council approve the removal of the pedestrian crossover on Burnhamthorpe Road at Meadowbank Road, in conjunction with installing traffic control signals.*

Lynnegrove Avenue

A request for Traffic Calming or additional stop signs has been submitted. We will report the findings of staff in the near future.

Leland Avenue

A request for traffic calming has been submitted to staff.

4. Montgomery Road

The City previously repaved Montgomery Road. At this time the roadway is asphalted to the sidewalk with no separation from the travelled street. Councillor Di Ciano has expressed safety concerns over this, especially with two schools and The Montgomery Pool located along the street. Staff are preparing options for consideration. We will advise when received.

5. Lush Cosmetics - Concerns

There have been some concerns from residents living near the Lush Cosmetics facility that the smells are overpowering. Lush Cosmetics will be hosting a community meeting to hear from residents. We will provide details when they are available.

Lush has submitted a plan to the Ministry of the Environment which will assess the odours. The Ministry is satisfied with the proposed plan and will be working with Lush to provide technical commentary on the assessment process to ensure that all concerns are identified and acknowledged.

6. Childcare Update

Children's Services staff have checked with the childcare providers and can confirm that there is a plan to expand school age programming in this school and to add before and after Full Day Kindergarten (FDK) care, possibly in mixed age groupings if necessary. The TDSB is addressing some zoning issues related to the FDK which we will monitor and expedite if needed. There is a wait list for care. At this time, staff have advised that parents should complete the FDK questionnaire indicating that care is needed. The General Manager of Children's Services has flagged the issue with both Etobicoke District staff and Children's Services policy staff. The latter will liaise with the TDSB. In the event that enough questionnaires are not submitted in an area where we know there is demand, policy staff work with TDSB to resolve the issue and ensure that care is provided. District staff also track service levels and wait lists on a regular basis.

In short, Children's Services staff have indicated that there is not likely to be an issue in September but has advised that they will watch the survey process carefully and ensure that TDSB is aware of the need for care in the area.

7. Parks Update

Queensland Park

Drainage issues are being investigated and we will advise as progress is confirmed.

Jeff Healey Park

The park improvements to Jeff Healey are in the Capital Plan for Summer 2015. The removal of the existing temporary bridge has been completed and construction on the new permanent bridge is scheduled for completion at the end of March 2015.

Cloverdale Park

We will advise an update when available.

Parklawn Park

A State of Good Repair (SOGR) Capital project is planned for Park Lawn Outdoor Pool. Construction is scheduled to take place in summer 2015. For the work to be completed in time, staff advise that closure of the pool will be required for the season. A consultant has been assigned to prepare the design and tender documents - the tender documents for the project are complete and the project is ready for tender.

The scope of work includes:

- Upgrading heating and ventilation in the main building.
- Adding an electric heater in the filtration room.
- Restoration of concrete deck around the pool.
- Sand blasting and repainting pool basin (walls and floor) and restoring concrete surface where needed.
- Replacing entrance double doors.
- Replacing all washroom partitions.
- Extending another water line from the filtration unit to the zamboni room.
- Fixing down spouts from roof.
- Removing whole section of the chain link fence at the main entrance.
- New exit signs.
- New emergency lights.

8. Toronto Hydro Upgrades – Details!

Hydro Overhead Construction – Project Martin Grove (W14659)

Toronto Hydro would like to inform you of Project Martin Grove designed to improve the electricity system in Ward 5.

The overhead, civil & electrical construction work is scheduled to **commence in early February 2015** and **completion is expected by late October 2015** in the area north/west of Bloor Street West and Kipling Avenue.

Please contact Toronto Hydro PowerUp office at 416-542-3366 or capitalprojects@torontohydro.com.

Overhead Construction - Project Lambton Phase 2 (W14175)

Toronto Hydro is planning to rebuild the aging overhead electrical system in the Lambton Community. The rebuild includes upgrading transformers and electrical cables within the City of Toronto's public property allowance in front of or adjacent to resident lots.

This project is expected to **commence by mid February 2015** with an approximate **completion in early September 2015** as weather permits. The boundaries include Queen Annie Road

(North), Humber River (East), Strath Avenue (South), and Prince Edward Drive (West). Throughout Project Lambton Phase 2, power interruptions may be necessary to switch from the old to the new system. Toronto Hydro will give you advanced notice of any planned outage.

Please be advised that as a result of the project, Toronto Hydro's contractor may be trimming a number of the overgrown trees on the public road allowance in order to accommodate new hydro infrastructure. Upon project completion, affected areas will be restored.

Please contact Toronto Hydro PowerUp office at 416-542-3366 or capitalprojects@torontohydro.com.

Hydro Overhead – Project EAST MALL / DUNDAS (W15169)

Toronto Hydro would like to inform you of Project East Mall/Dundas designed to improve the electricity system in Ward 5.

The overhead rebuild construction work is scheduled to **commence in late February** and **completion is expected by late April 2015** on Shorncliffe Road, between Dundas Street West (North) and Lockport Avenue (South).

If you have any questions, please contact me at the Toronto Hydro PowerUp office at 416-542-3366 or capitalprojects@torontohydro.com.

9. Local Advisory Bodies – Replacing the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB)

At its May 29, 2014 meeting the Planning and Growth Management Committee considered PG33.14 "Implementing a Local Appeal Body for Toronto – Public Consultation Comments and Guiding Principles". The Committee requested that the City Manager report directly to City Council confirming the availability of start up funding in 2014.

The Committee requested the City Manager report directly to City Council to confirm that start up funding exists within the 2014 budget to assist implementation of a LAB. If Council decides to establish a LAB and to have the City Manager report back early in 2015 on governance structure options, funds for this preliminary work during 2014 can be accommodated within the approved 2014 Operating Budget.

However, as noted in the Financial Impact Statement, significant one-time and ongoing costs are associated with the establishment and operation of a LAB and these will be further examined and refined during the development of options for the governance and administration of a LAB.

Preliminary direct cost assumptions to establish and operate a LAB, included in *Guiding Principle Seven - Costs of Implementing and Maintaining a LAB* of this report, estimate one-time start-up

costs of establishing a LAB to be in the order of \$905,000. Ongoing operating costs are estimated to be \$2 million per year in 2015 dollars. Operating costs include \$365,000 for LAB member remuneration; \$846,000 for dedicated support staff salaries and benefits; \$633,000 for office operating expenses, including rent, and \$184,000 in contingency costs. The estimates provided above are for direct costs only and do not include estimates for the indirect and ongoing capital costs that would be required to support a LAB.

Assuming the receipt of 300 appeal applications per year, to achieve the full cost recovery of direct operating costs associated with delivering this service, an application fee of \$6,700 per application will be required. However, Council could also choose to adopt LAB application fees that reflect partial cost recovery, (being a mix of user fees and property tax revenues), or fees that are solely covered through property tax revenues.

If Council chooses to proceed with implementing a LAB, cost estimates would need to be reviewed, finalized and considered as part of the 2015 (or future year) operating budget process.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2014/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-69375.pdf>

Opposition to a LAB

The following represent comments provided to staff opposing LAB implementation:

- The OMB is an impartial, evidence-based, quasi-judicial administrative tribunal that is responsible for handling appeals of all land use planning disputes, and is further removed from local political pressures;
- If the premise is that the LAB will be a knowledgeable and impartial body that undertakes hearings "de novo" and makes decisions on the merits of an application, then there is no assurance that it would be making "better decisions" just because members are residents of Toronto;

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- A LAB would be subject to intense local pressure on contentious appeals and accordingly an outside body like the OMB would be needed to ensure fairness and independence from local influences;
- The creation of a LAB is a form of Provincial downloading;
- The implementation of a LAB is not an appropriate use of taxpayers' money especially if it would create a panel that would not necessarily improve upon OMB decisions and during a time of fiscal restraint where monies are needed to deliver other more essential municipal services;
- If Council's motivation for the creation of the LAB is to gain greater local control over decision making and the first step towards limiting the role of the OMB in the City, then this rationale is counter to the principle of maintaining the necessary impartiality required of a quasi-judicial tribunal;

- If structural and procedural changes are introduced into the operational and decision making processes of the C of A, resulting in better, more rigorous or iron-clad decision-making, appeals could dwindle and there would be no need for a LAB;
- If legislative changes were made to the *Planning Act* which required the OMB to give more weight to the City's Official Plan policies and by-laws, there would be no need for a LAB;
- If the term "minor" was better defined and applied, there would be no need for a LAB;
- Other than LAB members being from Toronto, if natural justice is to be maintained, there should be no difference in decision outcomes between a LAB and the OMB. The implementation of a LAB, as per the current legislation and regulation, will be a duplication of an existing regime; and
- The OMB can maintain a much clearer perspective on rights of individuals and can be more independent and immune from political influence.

10. Residents Associations for Stonegate and Mabelle

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

11. Bloor Kingsway Avenue Study – Part 2

Councillor Di Ciano has requested that Planning Staff undertake Part 2 of the Bloor Kingsway Avenue Study. Part 1 (Bloor Street West from Montgomery Road to Prince Edward Drive) is presently in the Toronto Official Plan.

Part 2 of the study would review Bloor Street, from Prince Edward Drive to the Humber River.

12. Sign Variance Committee – South Kingsway

**SB1.7, Application by Pattison Outdoor for Two Variances
Respecting a Proposed Third Party Sign –**

**2883-2885 Bloor Street West
TP-14-00012
(Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore)**

Considered by the Sign Variance Committee on February 9, 2015

Councillor Justin Di Ciano appeared before the committee and spoke to the issue.

The Sign Variance Committee on the above date:

1. *Refused to grant the two variances requested to §§ 694-22D and 694-25A(1)(h) required to allow the issuance of a permit for the erection and display of one third party wall sign at the property municipally known as 2883-2885 Bloor Street West, described in Attachment 1 to the report (January 31, 2015) from the Manager, Sign By-law Unit, Toronto Building.*

You can view this item and any background information in the Sign Variance Committee's decision document posted on the City of Toronto's Website at:

www.toronto.ca/legdocs/agendas.htm

Sign Bylaw - Grandfathering Clause

The City of Toronto is currently looking for input from the public and business owners on potential changes to the City of Toronto Act and the Toronto Sign Bylaw.

At the January 8, 2015 meeting of the Planning and Growth Management Committee, staff recommended that Council request the province to amend the City of Toronto Act so that the city's Sign Bylaw could apply to signs and billboards that existed prior to the current Sign Bylaw being enacted. If approved by the province, the amendment to the City of Toronto Act could restore the level of authority back to similar levels that, prior to 1983 existed for municipalities in Ontario and that currently exist in other large Canadian cities (i.e.: Vancouver and Montreal).

In response to the staff recommendations, City Council requested that staff hold public and stakeholder consultations on this request to the province and report back to council in April 2015 on how the city should address existing non-conforming signs if the province amends the City of Toronto Act.

All residents, property owners, businesses, and members of the public are invited to attend one of the following workshops from 7 to 9 p.m. to speak with City staff about their thoughts and ideas on this subject. A brief presentation will start at 7:15 p.m.

- Tuesday, February 24, North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street, Council Chambers
- Wednesday February 25, York Civic Centre, 2700 Eglinton Avenue W, Council Chambers
- Tuesday March 3, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Committee Room 1
- Thursday, March 5, Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Drive, Committee Rooms 1&2

For those unable to attend in person, comments can also be sent directly to signbylawunit@toronto.ca

13. Stonegate Plaza – Update



The Community Meeting hosted by Community Health was well attended on February 10, 2015. The main concerns appeared to be; food access & continuing healthcare. One resident pointed out that the area is well served by parks; Kinsdale with new play equipment, Parklawn with tennis court, baseball diamond, soccer field, pool/skating in the winter (also upgraded lighting recently), Bell Manor Park, The Humber River Trail and Kingsmill Park (heritage, flood plain and of archaeological interest) always available for kicking a ball around or picnicking.

As promised Councillor Di Ciano's office is pleased to confirm that the inclusion of a basket ball quarter (or NBA 3 on 3) court for "shooting hoops" is a viable option. It will require Section 37 funds and could be added to the Capital Budget forecast. Kingsmill Park may be a good location for this quarter court. TRCA approval is required however at this time there appears to be no concern.

UPDATE: The February 25th Public Meeting hosted by the City was also well attended. There was support and concern over the development. Councillor Justin Di Ciano was pleased to see a Woonerf street design proposed. For details on this concept: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woonerf>

Councillor Di Ciano is committed to ensuring that smaller retail is included in the development above and beyond the grocery store.

Residents pointed to the fact that the Van Dyke website/blog has not been updated. Van Dyke apologised for this oversight and promised to have it updated as soon as possible.

<http://vandyk.com/communities/stone-gate-plaza-lands/>

An important timeframe to remember is that the Staff Final Report will most likely be on the Community Council Agenda in the Fall of 2015. At that time an evening meeting will also be held at Community Council so that residents may speak to Community Council Members and voice their opinions.

14. 1061 The Queensway

Two separate applications have been submitted to amend Site and Area Specific Policy 6 (SASP 6) of the Official Plan and Zoning By-law 748-2006 as amended of the former City of Etobicoke Zoning Code for 1061 The Queensway. The applications propose:

- A Zoning By-law Amendment on the north half of the site to permit the development of a 2-storey commercial building with a gross floor area of 11,184 m² (Phase 1); and
- An Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment on the south half of the site to permit residential uses and the development of two residential towers of 22 and 27 storeys on a four-storey podium containing 558 units with a total gross floor area of 43,876 m² (Phase 2).

Further details at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ey/bgrd/backgroundfile-75088.pdf>

It is intended that a community consultation meeting be scheduled by staff in consultation with the Ward Councillor in the first quarter of the year. A Final Report and statutory public meeting under the *Planning Act* to consider one or both applications is targeted for the fourth quarter of 2015. This target assumes that the applicant will provide all required information in a timely manner.

15. Toronto and Region Conservation Authority - Q & A

Q: Are collection ponds being installed further up the Mimico Creek to reduce the water volume in Ward 5, near Royal York Road, to reduce, avoid flooding of properties?

A: In 2003 the City's Wet Weather Flow Master Plan (WWFMP) evaluated potential locations for Stormwater management facilities, including collection ponds, within the City of Toronto. Options for improving water quality and reducing water flows during storms were considered. Although the WWFMP has multiple Stormwater Management (SWM) ponds proposed within the Mimico Creek watershed, none are for the purpose of stormwater retention (i.e. flood prevention). All but one of the SWM ponds are proposed in the WWFMP are small volume ponds and for the purpose of water quality improvement, not flood control; the Bonar Creek Stormwater Management Facility, scheduled to start design in 2015-2016, does provide stormwater retention but this pond is located downstream of the QEW/Gardiner.

Q: Have there ever been discussions to buy out the homes that are in the flood zone by the city?

A: No and none are planned.

Q: Will there be remedial action and/or reinforcement of the banks to reduce backyards falling into the creek?

A: Toronto Water, with the support of TRCA, is currently undertaking a Geomorphic Systems Master Plan Environmental Assessment Study for Mimico Creek, which is anticipated to take 2

years. Unless a critical situation arises where a home is at risk due to erosion, TRCA will wait for the results of the City-led study to ensure no duplication of effort, and to determine what, if any, additional work is needed to develop a comprehensive erosion protection plan for Mimico Creek. Once this is complete a remedial action plan can be developed based on priority level, and availability of funding.

Q: Are there plans to improve the sewer system to better handle the increased run off from the streets again to avoid flash flooding down the hill of Thompson Avenue?

A: According to Toronto Water several Basement Flooding Prevention (BFP) studies are underway for portions of the Mimico Creek watershed north of Dundas, but none are yet complete. It is anticipated that additional BF studies will be initiated for the remaining areas of the City, including the Mimico Creek Watershed south of Dundas, over the next few years, though a specific time frame has not been provided. At this point there are no proposed Stormwater Management Pond in the BFP studies.

16. 22 Division – Non-Emergency Reporting

The CORE system is intended for submitting online NON-EMERGENCY information and reports to the Toronto Police Service. <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/core/>

Overview

The *Citizen Online Report Entry (CORE)* system allows you to provide NON-EMERGENCY information to the Toronto Police Service immediately, without having to wait for a police officer to respond to your incident. *CORE* reports can be submitted by you or someone who is authorized to submit it on your behalf.

If the incident involves a business, then the report must be filed by the business owner or an authorized representative. The Toronto Police Service DOES NOT accept reports for incidents that occurred outside the City of Toronto. If the incident occurred outside the City of Toronto, please contact the police service responsible for the area in which the incident occurred.

17. Habitat for Humanity

The Habitat for Humanity ReStore located at 7 Queen Elizabeth Blvd (just below Costco) has something for everyone. If you are a treasure shopper, there is a vast selection of new and gently used furniture, home accessories, building materials and appliances available at 50-80 % off retail value and the inventory changes every day! If you are renovating, redecorating and want to donate, ReStore accepts donations of gently used home related products and will pick them up and provide a tax receipt. Simply visit habitatgta.ca and fill out the ReStore donation form or drop your donation off directly at the store. Looking to volunteer – ReStore is always

looking for volunteers to join the team – it is fun, you meet a ton of people and work with an incredible staff and it is a proven statistic volunteering improves your well-being.

If you pick one of these action you will have a profound impact in helping Habitat for Humanity, GTA achieve their mission. One hundred percent of all administrative and fundraising costs are paid for by the operation of our ReStores; as a result, every donated dollar goes directly to home building across the GTA. This model helps hardworking, low income families break the cycle of poverty through affordable homeownership as well as reduce waste as much of what is sold through ReStores are products that would otherwise end up in a landfill.

18. Kindness Week!



Kindness Week is focused on giving the students of the GTA a platform to demonstrate the kindness that they naturally have. Toronto City Hall will once again proclaim the week (March 1-6) as Kindness Week and we expect 10,000 students to plan deliberate acts of kindness and show the city how great they are.

If you have a child between 4-18 who wants to get their school, youth group or family involved, please go to www.kindnessweek.ca/signup and be part of this growing revolution.

19. Youth Career Fair!

Looking for a job or internship? Need volunteer hours? Want to start your own business? Looking for feedback on your resume or portfolio?

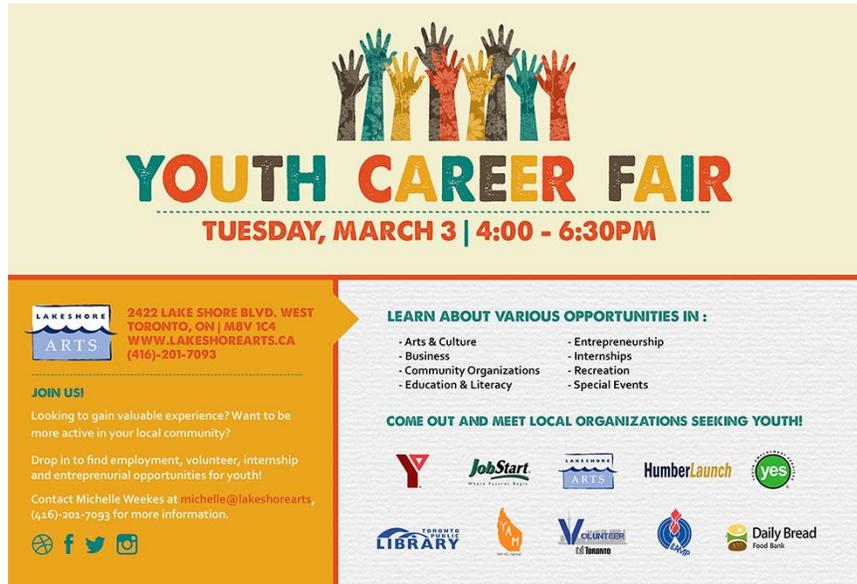
- Discover opportunities for **youth ages 13 – 25**
- Network with professionals across a number of fields including Arts & Culture, Business, Education & Literacy, Special Events and more!
- Bring along your resume or artist portfolio for free consultation and advice from HR and Art professionals.
- Organizations in attendance include **JobStart, Youth Employment Services, Etobicoke YMCA, Toronto City Cultural Events and more!**

Date: Tuesday, March 3rd

Time: 4:00 – 6:30 pm

Location: Lakeshore Arts (2422 Lake Shore Blvd. West)

This is a **free** event, no registration required. For more information, contact Michelle Weekes, Youth Programs Coordinator at 416-201-7093, michelle@lakeshorearts.ca or Visit our [website](#)



YOUTH CAREER FAIR
TUESDAY, MARCH 3 | 4:00 - 6:30PM

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Logos for: Y, JobStart, Lakeshore Arts, HumberLaunch, yes, Toronto Public Library, YAN, Volunteer Toronto, iWay, Daily Bread Food Bank.

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 or 416-392-4040!

