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### **New City Report on Section 37 / 45 Funds**

Please click [HERE](#) for the new Section 37 / 45 Report, the tables are at the end. Zero for Ward 5. Tables with funds secured (not received) are towards the end of the Report.

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### **New Accessible Parking Spaces – Bloor Kingsway**

Community Council adopted new spaces at Cosmo, Elsfield Road, Brentwood and Cliveden Avenue. Many local residents have requested these new spots and Councillor Justin Di Ciano remains committed to an accessible city.

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### **Redcar Avenue Parking Staff Report**

The issue brought forward by street residents will be on the Agenda for Community Council on **October 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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### **Bloor and Brentwood Left Turn Lanes**

New left turn lanes will be installed on Bloor Street for Brentwood Road and Thomson Avenue. The distance between the two intersections is slightly less than staff would typically like to see in order to provide left turn lanes, however staff will modify the pavement markings in order to accommodate the back to back left turn lanes.

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### **Major Road Resurfacing Burhamthorpe Road 2017**

From Dundas Street West to Martingrove Road is scheduled for resurfacing in 2017. Replacement of old asphalt surface with new asphalt surface, including repairs of any damaged sidewalks and curbs. Work may include the closure of individual lanes or the entire road.

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### **36 Clissold Ontario Municipal Board**

This application has been filed to the Ontario Municipal Board:  
**B8/14EYK A67/14EYK A68/14EYK**

Councillor Justin Di Ciano requested that the city solicitor and staff attend the OMB hearing. This has been adopted by City Council.

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### **Local Advisory Board Update Implementation of a Local Appeal Body (LAB) for Toronto**

#### **Committee Decision**

The Executive Committee referred the item to the City Manager with the request that he report back in November 2015 on the following additional matters:

- a. A review and consultations with ratepayer organizations, industry and other key stakeholders on establishing a Mediation Program (Alternative Dispute Resolution Program) in an effort to resolve disputes related to Committee of Adjustment decisions

with respect to minor variance and consent applications prior to an appeal being heard by the Local Appeal Body,

b. Amendments to Ontario statutes governing land use planning proposed through Bill 39 (Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2014) and Bill 73 (Smart Growth for Our Communities Act, 2015),

c. Implications on a Local Appeal Body resulting from any legislative amendments to the Planning Act which is currently under review including any proposed regulations clarifying what constitutes a minor variance,

d. Amendments to the City of Toronto Act, 2006 and amendments to the Planning Act with respect to authority for the City to be able to establish or change procedural rules or dissolve a Local Appeal Body; and

e. An appeal fee for a Local Appeal Body where the costs are recovered through the planning application process, subject to City authority through amendments to the City of Toronto Act, 2006 or the Planning Act.

## **Origin**

(June 16, 2015) Report from the Acting City Manager

## **Summary**

At its meeting of July 8 to 11, 2014, City Council directed the City Manager to report further on the implementation of a Local Appeal Body (LAB) and this report responds to that direction.

A Local Appeal Body for Toronto will replace the function of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to adjudicate Toronto-based appeals of Committee of Adjustment decisions pursuant to section 45 of the Planning Act (related to minor variances) and section 53 of the Planning Act (related to consents). The Ontario Municipal Board remains responsible to hear appeals related to Official Plan and Zoning By-law amendments, site plan applications and decisions related to subdivisions. If there are related appeals with the Ontario Municipal Board and the LAB, the Ontario Municipal Board rather than the Local Appeal Body has jurisdiction to hear all matters. The Province of Ontario provides authority to the City to establish a Local Appeal Body but has not provided authority for the City to change or dissolve a Local Appeal Body once City Council has created it by By-law.

As instructed by City Council, this report recommends the governance, administrative, office space requirements and an appeal fee to move forward to implement a Local Appeal Body for Toronto. The implementation of the Local Appeal Body requires both one-time capital costs and ongoing operating costs. One-time capital costs of \$1.577 million will be required to construct office space and hearing rooms, \$0.561 million in

one-time start-up costs will be required to equip and fit-out office space, and an estimated \$1.689 million in annual gross operating cost requirements.

Upon adoption of this report, implementation will commence including:

- Recruiting and appointing members and a chair to the Local Appeal Body;
- Securing and readying space for the Local Appeal Body to operate;
- Drafting required by-laws and policies for the Local Appeal Body's consideration; and
- Training and orientation of administrative staff and Local Appeal Body members.

This report also discusses a number of legislative and City Planning policy initiatives that may have an impact on the Local Appeal Body implementation and caseload and its business practices. These initiatives include legislative changes proposed by private member's Bill 39 (Planning Statute Law Amendment Act) and Bill 73 (Smart Growth for Our Communities Act). As well, there are policy and operational reviews anticipated to commence that may impact the Local Appeal Body including the provincial review of the operations, practices, procedures and reporting requirements of the Ontario Municipal Board, and City Planning's continued improvements to the Committee of Adjustment. In making the decision to move ahead with implementing a Local Appeal Body for Toronto, City Council should give due consideration to these legislative and policy initiatives, and their potential impact on ongoing Local Appeal Body requirements. Of particular concern is the inability of the City to dissolve or change the Local Appeal Body once it is established.

## **Background Information**

(June 16, 2015) Report and Attachments 1 to 5 from the Acting City Manager on Implementation of a Local Appeal Body (LAB) for Toronto  
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2015/ex/bgrd/backgroundfile-81749.pdf>)

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## **Lynngrove Avenue Traffic**

Councillor Di Ciano would like to express his gratitude to everyone who attended his recent community meeting regarding traffic concerns on Lynngrove and those that emailed the Councillor's office with their views.

There was unanimous support for implementing a new 30km street speed limit. Speed humps were reviewed and discussed with the majority of street residents opposed to this option at this time. Staff will, as requested, review new signs ( two sided: Wrong way/speed limit 30 ) A STOP at Upland Road was also requested, the staff report does state that new STOP signs are not warranted, thus Councillor Justin Di Ciano will support any implementation through Community Council. A flyer will be

distributed in late September / early October to confirm the preferences of street residents.

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### **GlenEllen Drive East "Watch Your Speed" Request**

City staff have advised that there is not a suitable area to install the mobile unit unless a resident offers " ..... with their permission, we may be able use a portion of their driveway. We would normally not do this, but if the residents don't object that may be an option."

If you are willing to assist please contact The Office of Councillor Di Ciano.

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### **Charleston Road ( Burnelm Dr.)Traffic Calming ~ Speed Humps**

Councillor Justin Di Ciano hosted a community meeting for Charleston Rd, Ashbourne Dr., Laurel Ave. and Shaver Ave. N. which was overwhelmingly attended by residents of Charleston Road. As a consequence Staff will now report to Community Council November 10<sup>th</sup> to receive direction for the Clerk's office, Registry Services Unit to conduct an official poll which would likely be conducted in early 2016.

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### **Willingdon Blvd. Stop signs, NoTurns**

A request has been received for No Left Turns (south bound Royal York at Tremayne or Kingsgrove Blvd. during 7am-9am) and a new Stop sign at Tremayne and Willingdon Blvd. A staff report will be prepared with recommendation(s). This will probably be available in the New Year, 2016. The report would have to pass the scrutiny of Community Council and there may be concerns and or objections.

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### **Varley Lane – No Parking Request, No Right/Left turns**

A request has been received for No Parking and No Left/Right turns (7-9 am and 4-7 pm) onto Varley at certain times. A report will be prepared by staff expected in the New Year, 2016. As above this report too would have to pass Community Council.

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### **No Right on RED at Kipling and Burnhamthorpe**

At the request of residents Councillor Di Ciano has requested that staff report back on a NO RIGHT on RED travelling north on Kipling and turning right onto Burnhamthorpe and travelling east and turning south.

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## **Double yellow line on Burnhamthorpe Road ~ Holloway Road to Dundas Street**

This improved safety feature is scheduled for installation. It is hoped that compliance will increase, presently many drivers straddle or go over the existing single yellow line.

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## **Silverhill Park Update**

The TDSB will ask for their Board approval on October 28<sup>th</sup> for a *21 year less a day* lease as requested by City Staff. Once this lease is signed the project will move forward. We will advise of time lines once this step has been concluded.

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## **InView**

For the current year's scheduled infrastructure improvements please visit the City of Toronto official web site: <http://www.toronto.ca> Then SEARCH "Inview". The link is UNDER THE PHOTO at the top



Click on image to access [T.O. INview 2015](#)

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## **Derelict Houses**

At this time Municipal and Licensing Standards do not have the authority to demolish nuisance homes. A report will be forthcoming in the Fall 2015 to address this issue and we will provide an update at that time.

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## **Resurfacing Dundas Street West from The East Mall to Aukland Road**

Tentative Start date: September 14, 2015

Expected completion date: November 30, 2015

- Dundas Street West will be reduced to two lanes in each direction in active work zone. As work moves, lanes will reopen.

- The work zone will be limited to a 1,000m-long section at a time.
- Work will take place from 6:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.
- Laneways and driveways that serve businesses in the area will remain accessible for deliveries or service.
- Parking or standing in the active work zones will not be permitted due to space requirements for construction equipment and materials.
- Pedestrian access to businesses and walkways will be maintained during construction.
- The contractor will notify businesses and residents of any other temporary disruptions.
- All bus routes (TTC and Mississauga Transit) using this stretch of Dundas Street West will experience delays as a result of the lane restrictions and stops may have to be relocated to accommodate work.

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## **Six Points / [Westwood](#) Theatre Lands Construction update**

### *Next Steps*

1. Preliminary construction completion: Fall 2015
2. Issue contract for major construction work: Early 2016
3. Issue purchase order for Bell utility work: Spring 2016
4. Update construction schedule for master contract: Spring 2016
5. Projected master contract construction duration is 3 - 4 Years

*Note: a timeline for the master construction phase will be provided in early 2016.*

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## **Stonegate Residents' Association**

All enquiries and or comments should be directed to:  
[StonegateResidentsAssociation@outlook.com](mailto:StonegateResidentsAssociation@outlook.com) OR 416-508-0033.

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## **OPEN HOUSE – Royal York Station – Easier Access Project**

Date: October 6, 2015

Time: 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Location: The Old Mill – Balmoral Room, 21 Old Mill Road

For more information please call Mr. Lito Romano, Community Liaison, TTC 416-397-8699

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## **The Kingsway Bloor sidewalk improvements**



Councillor Justin Di Ciano has requested that staff report back with a design to address the safety issues (speeding cyclists on the sidewalk) on the north/east side heading towards The Old Mill. We will provide updates on this new project through our E-Newsletters.

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### **Councillor Justin Di Ciano's Community Meeting Update ~ Kingsway Bloor**

Councillor Justin Di Ciano hosted a follow up Community Meeting with representatives of 22 Division in attendance to review the results of Operation Brentwood with residents.

Approximately 45 residents attended, dramatically lower than the first meeting which speaks to the success of the police operation.

Arrests (of mostly local youth Prince Edward/Bloor, Royal York/Dundas, Royal York/Bloor, Islington/Bloor) were made, mostly in the first 1-3 days/nights of the operation.

It was reported that The Taste of The Kingsway had zero incidents. Much thanks to The Kingsway Business Improvement Association for taking the precaution of providing security throughout the night in conjunction with the officers from 22 Division during the event. This seems to have been a perfect recipe for success all round!

A few localised issues were addressed; Tom Riley Park (with-out incident), illegal left turns from Thompson to Bloor Street (according to licence plates these are mostly local residents) and patrons of Starbucks.

22 Division will continue to be vigilant in overseeing the area. However, residents should appreciate that this Division has other challenges to respond to also. Should residents notice anything untoward they should, as before, report each and every instance to assist the police. The Library reported younger children (grades 7-9 - Councillor Justin Di Ciano advised he will reach out to Islington Junior School ~) creating noise/disruption, not the older teenagers as before. Tim Hortons reported the usual ½ hour of local teenagers after school but nothing reportable.

The Police confirmed that parents of anyone "ticketed" had been consulted and that they had also reached out to local school Principals.

It is important to note that Operation Brentwood was not meant to eliminate each and every incident in the area.

Councillor Di Ciano would like to thank; Thompson Orchard Community Assoc., the finest at 22 Division, The Kingsway BIA, the Brentwood Library, everyone on the Working Group and residents for working together to make this a success story.

Please note that Councillor Di Ciano's office has initiated a sub- committee under the CPLC, the first meeting of this working group is October 13<sup>th</sup>.

Any updates will be provided through Councillor Justin Di Ciano's E-Newsletters.

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## **Resurfacing your driveway – Permit and Parking**

When a driveway is being constructed/re-surfaced, the property owner may contact customer service at (416) 808-6511 requesting consideration. The property owner should make the request three weeks in advance. This way, the area can be investigated in order to provide an option of alternative parking areas.

Paving or resurfacing an existing walkway or driveway requires a street work permit from the City, at a cost of approximately \$142.33, before starting the work. Permits will only be issued to applicants using a driveway paving contractor licensed to work in the City of Toronto by the Municipal Licensing & Standards Division. Click [PERMITS](#)

[Permit application form](#)

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## **The Kip 5365 Dundas Street West ~ OMB decision**

Councillor Di Ciano expects an update on this project soon.

For The Ontario Municipal Board decision please click [HERE](#)

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## **Queensland Park Community Meeting**

Councillor Di Ciano's office will advise the date as soon as all staff participants can be confirmed.

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## **Stonegate Van Dyke Development**

Planning staff are preparing the Final Staff Report for this application. It is anticipated that it will be on the January 2016 Community Council Agenda. Councillor Justin Di Ciano, Planning staff and the applicant are reviewing Section 37 possibilities.

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## **Safety Tips**

Please remember to always lock the doors & windows of your home and car. Also, when walking on streets particularly without sidewalks, please walk facing the oncoming traffic and wear reflective clothing in the evening hours. Together, we can keep our neighbourhood safe and secure.

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## **Taxi/Uber Discussion at City Council**

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, Toronto City Council voted in favour of a motion to examine possible regulations for Uber drivers, with a vote of 32-12 in favour of asking staff to draft a regulatory framework of possible rules. Council also voted 24-20 to ask Uber to suspend the operation of UberX until the Spring of 2016 when the report is to be presented. Note that the vote suspending UberX services does not apply to Uber as a whole. Uber also operates UberXL, UberSelect, UberSUV and UberTaxi in Toronto. Note also that it has been reported that Uber Canada executive Ian Black told reporters after the vote on Wednesday that the ride-hailing service will continue to operate in Toronto despite council's request. The City's Bylaw Enforcement will continue to enforce the current bylaw under which Uber illegally operates, until Spring, 2016 or until the City implements a new regulatory framework.

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