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RONA lands 4208, 4210, 4214 Dundas West Community Meeting **REMINDER***

Date: Monday December 7th, 2015

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Location: ECI, Etobicoke Collegiate Institute, Auditorium, 86 Montgomery Road

Stonegate Plaza Development Staff Final Report

Please email our office for a copy of the Final Staff Report. It will be available soon.

The item will be on the Community Council Agenda for January 19, 2016 where an evening meeting (time to be confirmed) has been scheduled.

Councillor Justin Di Ciano is pleased to announce that West End Food Co-op will be opening in the new development. Councillor Justin Di Ciano has also secured the European Woonerf concept for the internal roadways and a splash pad in the development's park for the use of all residents. Van Dyke have been a valued partner demonstrating that working together towards a common goal is the best way to achieve excellence.

Stonegate Plaza Redevelopment Painting by Michael McCann



The Kingsway Neighbourhood Community Meeting

Date: Thursday January 21, 2016

Time: 6:30 – 8:34 pm

Location: Etobicoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall, Council Chambers

Please see the Agenda/flyer for details on format (email our office or visit our web site)

Community Meeting ~ Lush Cosmetics

Date: January 27, 2016

Time: 6:30 pm – 8 :00 pm

Location: Etobicoke Civic Centre, Council Chambers

UPDATE:

Councillor Justin Di Ciano has met with LUSH.

1. LUSH will address the loud playing of music during the night and ensure this does not happen again.
They are in the midst of installing a new fire system which also requires no loud noises*
2. LUSH are looking at installing carbon filters to address the odours.
3. LUSH will be investigating a GREEN ROOF option and the possibility of an underground water storage tank to ameliorate drainage issues at the back, the front is dry.
4. Bianco and some other businesses would need to participate in point 3 above also. Councillor Justin Di Ciano will meet with company representatives and facilitate these improvements.
5. LUSH were required to install a walkway to comply with Fire Regulations and snow removal for access.

There are no guarantees on the results however LUSH are willing and they are spending money to address the residents' and Councillor's concerns.

Stonegate Community Meeting

Date: Wednesday February 10th, 2016

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: St. Louis Catholic Elementary School (Gymnasium), 11 Morgan Avenue
(The Queensway and Royal York Roads.)

Councillor Justin Di Ciano will be accompanied by Transportation Staff, Planning Staff, MLS (Municipal Standards and Licensing) and 22 Division.

2955 Bloor Street West, Swiss Chalet site Application

A community meeting date will be advised in the New Year.

2915 Bloor Street West at Prince Edward

Councillor Di Ciano has met with the applicant regarding an 8 storey proposal for this location at Prince Edward Drive and Bloor St. south side (present day Medical Building). We will advise as details are confirmed.

Queensland Park Community Meeting ~ Summary

A summary will be available in the next few weeks ~This will be posted on our web site: <http://www.councillordiciano.ca/>

Dundas and Aukland Advanced Green

The Final Staff Report was adopted at Community Council. Note: Councillor Justin Di Ciano has already requested an advanced green at this intersection. Staff will report back in late Spring, 2106.

Development Charges

In early November, Councillor Di Ciano attended the Provincial Standing Committee on Social Policy to discuss Bill 73, and more specifically, the importance of increase Development Charges (DCs) to adequately address the City's growing infrastructure needs.

The fundamental premise of the Development Charges Act is – "Growth pays for Growth", in essence, Development should pay for the cost of infrastructure that is required to service it, not the taxpayers. Ontario municipalities and Toronto in particular, face the dual challenge of maintaining existing infrastructure, and investing in new infrastructure projects to meet the demands that growth puts on our city. The current limits facing Toronto on development charge recoveries significantly restrict municipal growth related capital recoveries from developments in Toronto.

Development charges are required to provide services that new residents need and deserve. Constraining development charges impedes a municipality's ability to provide this infrastructure for services on a timely basis. As a result, the Councillor has asked the Province to move beyond limited changes to the Act proposed by Bill 73, which relate only to transit and solid waste diversion, and restore the ability to fully charge DCs for all services.

These and other recommendations will comprise the basis for the package being submitted as part of the City of Toronto Act (COTA) review currently being undertaken by the Mayor's Panel, on which the Councillor sits. As the process unfolds, we will communicate the progress to residents.

Lambton Kingsway Park Funding Drive

The page is now live on the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation website, see link below:

<http://www.torontoparksandtrees.ca/Projects/Current-Projects/Lambton-Kingsway-Park-Playground>

Mechanical Leaf Pick up 2015

Residents should note that there is only one pick per street. Last year there were issues with the program which necessitated additional visits to certain streets. This year however the program is on time and additional pickup requests cannot be accommodated unless staff have extra time at the end of the process. Please ensure your leaves are ready for the first day of your scheduled time slot.

A review of the streets that will receive this service will be undertaken in Spring 2016. We will advise when the report is ready.

City Tree Policy

PE8.5: REVISIONS TO THE TREE BY-LAWS

This item was considered and adopted by [Parks and Environment Committee](#) on November 23, 2015. It will be considered by [City Council on December 9, 2015](#), subject to the actions of the Parks and Environment Committee.

PE8.5

Revisions to the Tree By-laws (Ward All)

- Agenda

Link: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.PE8.5>

- Direct Link to Report & Attachment 1 is [here](#).

- The [City and Private Tree By-law](#) is found

here: http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_813.pdf

PLEASE WRITE

To submit your comments go to the Agenda item [PE8.5](#) and hit "SUBMIT COMMENTS" at the upper right of the page. This will open directly to the email for the clerk (Carol Kaustinen) of the Parks and Environment Committee.

2955 Dundas Street West, Swiss Chalet site (RioCan)

Councillor Justin Di Ciano met with the applicant in late November. A Community Meeting is planned for early 2016.

Road Resurfacing Stonegate Neighbourhood

Fiesta Lane and Stonegate Road are tentatively planned for resurfacing in the next 6-10 years (2020-2024) in the Transportation Capital Works Program based on funding, coordination of work and City priorities. These locations are on the list for assessment and the result will be communicated through Councillor Justin Di Ciano's E-Newsletter.

Meantime enhanced repairs have been requested by Councillor Justin Di Ciano for 2016.

New Sidewalk for North Queen

The sidewalk for North Queen at The East Mall has been programmed for 2019 as part of the road resurfacing project.

340/350 The East Mall

Councillor Di Ciano had hoped to request that the city solicitor attend the OMB in support of the Committee of Adjustment decision of refusal. Regretfully as the issue does not fall under the purview of planning law this was not possible. Residents should continue to request enforcement of any bylaws that are not being adhered to.

Tree Policy Program

There are 2 programs for new tree plantings. Program one applies when a tree has been removed and in this case there is a 1:1 replacement. The other program is to enhance the tree canopy. Under this program if there has not historically been a tree and there are "gaps" in the tree canopy, staff identify these locations and advise the home owner that a tree is recommended to be planted, if they would not like a tree they should advise as per the contact information provided on the notice.

A report will also be coming to City Council in the near future on the City's Tree Policy.

Dalesford Avenue and area streets Parking and resurfacing

Should residents feel there is a need for overnight permit parking on their street they should present a petition signed by a minimum of 25 percent of the households on the street (or portion of the street in question) to Councillor Justin Di Ciano. Staff would propose the standard permit hours of 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., 7 days a week. The Municipal Code requires staff to conduct a formal poll of residents upon receipt of the petition.

Dalesford Road from Royal York Rd. to Chimes Lane is identified for resurfacing in the 6-10 year (2020-2024) Transportation Capital Work Program based on funding and coordination of work.

Traffic lights The Queensway and Stephen Drive

Councillor Justin Di Ciano's office has received a number of enquiries from local residents in regards to the "back-ups" at this light. While staff advise the traffic lights are operating at their maximum in regards to timing, they have confirmed they will install a NO BLOCKING INTERSECTION sign. Hopefully this will remind drivers not to block and prohibit traffic turning onto The Queensway from Stephen Drive. Remember, consideration to other drivers makes all traffic flow better!

Traffic Calming Requests

There is a city council approved process for requests. Please call or email our office if you are interested in requesting traffic calming for your street. It would be unfair to residents who have followed the required protocol and waited for the appropriate Staff Report for Councillor Di Ciano to "add on" streets (on the floor at Community Council) that have not been investigated by staff as required. This would also spur debate at Community Council and such an amendment without a staff report would most likely fail.

Aukland and Dundas

Councillor Di Ciano has previously requested an advanced green at this location. When staff advise we will notify through our E-Newsletter.

Kipling and Burnhamthorpe No Right on Red

Staff have advised that as the sight line issue has been (and can be) resolved they cannot recommend a No Right on Red at this time.

Velma Drive NO STOPPING

New proposed regulations for Velma Drive "NO STOPPING, 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday to Friday" parking amendment for the south \ east side of Velma Drive from Islington Avenue to Kingscross Square.

Residents should contact our office with any concerns. This item will be on the Agenda of Community Council in January, 2016.

UPDATE: At this time revisions are being made, with NO STOPPING on one side and NO PARKING on the other. Details will be confirmed.

Chauncey Avenue OMB

The request of Councillor Justin Di Ciano to send the city solicitor to the OMB – was Adopted at Community Council.

Request for the City Solicitor and appropriate City Staff to attend The Ontario Municipal Board on 16 Chauncey Avenue

Community Council Recommendations

Etobicoke York Community Council recommends that:

1. City Council direct the City Solicitor and appropriate City Staff to attend the Ontario Municipal Board in support of the Committee of Adjustment decision to refuse the requested variances and request to sever for 16 Chauncey Avenue.
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Brentwood North Mechanical Leaf collection 2016

Councillor Di Ciano has received a request for Brentwood Road North to be removed from the list of streets that have this service (commencing in 2016). It is important that residents contact our office to express their preference. We will also hand deliver a flyer late Spring 2016.

The House of Lancaster ~ Update

The House of Lancaster has been closing earlier than usual throughout the week with a decline in attendance. 22 Division report that there have been no issues over the last several weeks requiring police intervention.

The East Mall PXO signage

Staff have completed their investigation and have made arrangements to install "PXO AHEAD" signage for the both the northbound and southbound direction on The East Mall approaching the existing PXO located at The East Mall & Redcar Avenue.

Cliveden One Way

Residents have expressed concern over drivers driving the wrong way on Cliveden.

Staff have investigated and advise that at this time they did not witness any infractions and that signage and road markings are in order.

Additional Security Cameras at Royal York Station Entrances/Exits

During Councillor Di Ciano's discussions with the TTC regarding the upcoming work to Royal York station through the Easier Access Project, set to begin in 2016, the Councillor highlighted the concerns with a lack of security cameras at the exits and entrances – particularly on Grenview. To mitigate these concerns, our office has worked with 22 Division to review the statistics and have made a recommendation to the TTC to install additional cameras, looking outwards onto street-level as part of the elevator access project. The TTC has agreed with the recommendations and these additional cameras will be installed as part of the larger project.

Ice Skates to rent for free!

The collection is called [Randy's Loaner skates](#) and consists of 110 pairs of good-quality skates in all sizes from very small to adult, plus helmets and also some shinny gear (gloves, sticks). They are available without charge.

Last year the GH Wood Foundation provided a grant to establish this free loaner collection, modelled on the skate loan programs at the three Ward 18 city rinks. Then the NHL Players' Association topped it up with 20 more sets of sticks, gloves and helmets as well as skates.

Should you know of any Ward 5 organizations who are holding skating events at any of the Ward 5 skating rinks, please let us know and we will put them in touch with the appropriate individuals who can provide these free loaner skates.

Responsible Dog Ownership Review

The Responsible Dog Ownership review has been taking place over the past few months – details of this review and what it entails can be found [CLICK HERE](#). A final

report on the proposed changes will be presented in Q1 of 2016, and this will amend a portion of the current Animals bylaw.

Give the Gift of Food

Give the Gift of Good Food!



The Stonegate CHC
Good Food Box Holiday Drive
aims to purchase over
300 Good Food Boxes for
community members dealing
with food Insecurity and hunger.



An \$18 donation
buys a local family in need a large
size Good Food Box brimming
with fresh fruits and vegetables
as a gift for the holidays.

**We are asking that you consider
sponsoring one or more boxes!**

For more information or to make a donation, please contact
The Stonegate Community Health Centre
416.231.7070
or visit our website at www.stonegatechc.org to give on-line.
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