

LOCAL INITIATIVES / EVENTS

The Queensway Community Meeting – Summary



On March 30, 2015 I hosted a Community Meeting which was well attended by local residents. The meeting covered a variety of issues that residents have raised with my office 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 presented 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 prioritise roads. 22 Division also attended to address issues related to their particular divisions. Of particular note was that a report will be forthcoming in May 2015, with recommended bylaw amendments to the site specific Bylaw No. 3456 which speaks to business uses along The Queensway.

Councillor Di Ciano's Committee Appointments

- Planning & Growth Management Committee – Vice Chair
- Budget Committee
- Civic Appointments Committee
- Metro Toronto Pension Plan Board of Trustees
- Metro Toronto Police Benefit Fund Board of Trustees
- Toronto Region Area Conservation Authority – TRCA
- Exhibition Place Board of Governors
- Etobicoke York Community Council
- Affordable Housing Committee



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Upcoming Meetings & Events

Launch of the Pan Am Path – Public Art Project

Discover "Album", a new mosaic situated under the Dundas Street West Bridge!

Date: **June 10, 2015**

Time: **6:00pm – 8:00pm**

Location: **Dundas Street West Bridge** (near Lundy St.) Celebration at Lambton House (4066 Old Dundas St. West)

Transit Town Hall

Join Councillor Di Ciano, Deputy City Manager John Livey and TTC Chair Josh Colle at our upcoming Transit Town Hall where we will discuss local and city-wide transit service improvements, including SmartTrack.

Date: **June 24, 2015**

Time: **7:00pm – 8:30pm**

Location: **Bishop Allen Academy**
721 Royal York Road
Contact: councillor_diciano@toronto.ca or **(416) 392-4040**

Toronto Ribfest

One of Etobicoke's best loved traditions is coming soon – the Toronto Ribfest. Mark your calendars, and don't miss some of the amazing new attractions in 2015!

Date: **June 27-July 1, 2015**

Time: **11:00am – 11:00pm**

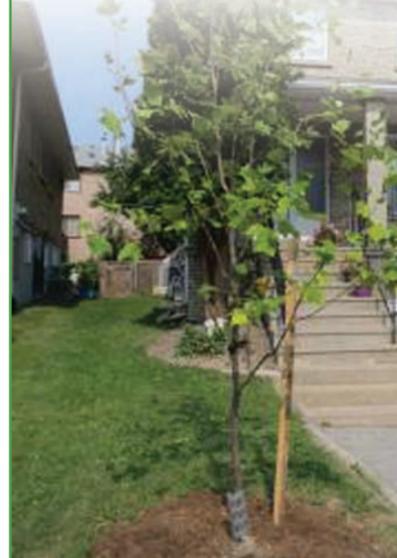
Location: **Centennial Park**

GET A FREE TREE PROGRAM

Urban Forestry plants trees on City-owned land in front of residential, industrial and commercial properties for free. Periodically, Urban Forestry will canvass neighbourhoods for tree planting opportunities.

To learn more about the Get a Free Tree Program and the species available, call 311.

When you're ready to order your new free tree, call 311 or visit 311's service request website.



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SPRING 2015

Justin in the Ward



Councillor Di Ciano listening to residents in a Community meeting.



Presenting a cheque on behalf of the Toronto Professional Firefighters Association.



Councillor Di Ciano meeting Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Dowdeswell, alongside Mayor John Tory and fellow Councillors.

Dear Ward 5 Residents

I am pleased to be able to introduce what will be the first bi-annual hardcopy newsletter coming your way in the next term of Council. These newsletters will hopefully provide you with some of the high level information on Ward 5 initiatives, developments, Council items and neighbourhood events.

I would like to remind residents that I send out a monthly development e-newsletter as well as a monthly general e-newsletter to our database. If you would like to receive these e-newsletters, please contact my office at Councillor_DiCiano@toronto.ca.

As always, please contact my office on any of the items included in this newsletter, as well as any Ward 5 or City wide issue. Do not hesitate to get in touch by email at Councillor_DiCiano@toronto.ca or by phone at **416-392-4040**.

We're always here to help!

Sincerely,


Justin Di Ciano
City Councillor, Ward 5 – Etobicoke-Lakeshore

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Please contact Councillor_DiCiano@toronto.ca to sign up and stay current on City issues, neighbourhood news, local developments and community events.



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WARD 5 PROJECT UPDATES

Parks Capital Project Updates

Queensway Park: The project is substantially completed. Bike Rings are to be installed. The improvements include a new playground, paths, seating, and trees.

Sunnylea Park: Construction started on May 25th and I have requested that efforts be made to complete this project by June 30th. The improvements include a new playground, sand play, paths and seating.

Kinsdale Park: The project is substantially completed and open to the public. An accessible ramp into the play area is to be added as a result of discussions with my office about play area access. The improvements include a new playground, paths and accessible ramps, seating, lighting, and trees.

Queensland Park: The project is substantially completed. Bike Rings are to be installed. The improvements include a new playground, paths, seating, and trees. In addition, there was some drainage infrastructure installed to mitigate the area in the park experiencing the worst ponding. I am working with staff to address drainage issues facing the park and will update residents once we have more information.

Fairfield Park: The project is substantially completed. Bike Rings are to be installed as well as a vehicular gate. The improvements include a new playground, sand play, paths, seating, and trees.

Parklawn Park: The project is substantially completed. Parks, Forestry & Recreation division is working with the TDSB to repair two light features. The improvements include a new pathway, seating, lighting, and trees.

Residents Groups Stonegate & Mabelle Update

Councillor Di Ciano is pleased to announce that Ms. Deirdre Brett, a Ward 5 resident, has generously offered to lead the implementation of these two residents groups. Please contact Deirdre directly if you wish to join either of these two new residents groups: **MabelleResidentsAssociation@outlook.com** or **StonegateResidentsAssociation@outlook.com**

Montgomery Road Road Paving

The City previously repaved Montgomery Road. The roadway is asphalted to the sidewalk with no separation from the travelled street. Councillor Di Ciano has expressed safety concerns especially with two schools and The Montgomery Pool located along the street. Staff are preparing options for consideration. At this time lines are being painted however Councillor Di Ciano is requesting other options such as planters.

Justin in the Ward



Speaking to residents at the East Mall Park meeting. Speaking to residents at the Queensway Townhall meeting. Councillor Di Ciano at the Citrus Medical Centre opening.

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 Aukland 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).

22 Division Non-Emergency Reporting

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 – <http://www.torontopolice.on.ca/core>
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.

Heritage Designation Information

Residents may request to have a specific home or street designated as Heritage. Should any street have resident interest and support please let us know.

Park Lawn Park Outdoor Pool Repair

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.

CITY WIDE UPDATES

Gardiner Expressway Update

Council is currently exploring options to improve the Gardiner Expressway and the surrounding area, as there is large potential for development and increased efficiency. There are currently two options on the table in regards to the issue. Council can vote to remove the Eastern section

of the Gardiner, or they can vote for a hybrid option. The hybrid option would entail reconfiguring the current Gardiner Expressway. Council will be making the final on the Gardiner Expressway early 2016.



Councillor Di Ciano and staff examining the Gardiner Express Way.



Taxi Industry and Uber

Taxi licensing and regulation of the industry was on the agenda of this past council meeting, and it was acknowledged that drivers are largely dissatisfied and outraged by the lack of regulation of the car service, Uber. Members of council have proposed that a broader review of the entire industry should take place in June following scheduled court proceedings between the city of Toronto and Uber.

Speed Limits on Toronto Streets

Council approved a series of action to address traffic speeds on local neighbourhood streets, including a new 30km/hr speed limit policy in the absence of traffic calming. As I promised during the election, I worked with fellow Councillors to push this initiative forward. Staff will report on the implications for Toronto of an Ontario Ministry of Transportation proposal to lower the current default speed limit of 50km/hr and will report on school safety zones as part of a road safety plan for Toronto.

Woodbine Gaming Expansion

A report on a gaming expansion at the Woodbine racetrack goes to the Mayor's executive committee next month. This could be a catalyst for job creation in the area, and is projected to nearly double the number of visitors to the Woodbine racetracks.

Food Truck - Street Vending

Council approved a new set of permit fees and rules covering mobile food and ice cream vending, now allowing trucks to set up within 30 metres of brick and mortar restaurants, down from 50 metres. These changes further ease restrictions and provide more opportunities for vendors while improving the public's access to a wide variety of street food.

Development Charges Policy

As promised during the election, I will be working towards reviewing development charges by putting forward a motion at the upcoming City Council meeting that will request a review and feasibility study of potential changes to the City of Toronto Act to introduce new levies on land development to achieve full-cost recovery of growth-related capital expenditures from land development projects. I look forward to championing this issue and will update residents post-Council.



Council approved a contract for manufacturing, distributing and maintaining the next generation green bin for organic waste collection, and directed staff to work with residents and councillors on related matters such as possible alternative methods of green bin collection.

Development Charges to Support Transit

Council voted to update the City's development charges bylaw to add the Scarborough Subway Extension project to the list of municipal projects that have their capital costs partly paid from development charges. Revenue from development charges, which are fees collected from new development when the City issues a building permit, are one source of City funding that will be used to pay for the subway project.

