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### **Shaver, Charleston, Laurel, Ashbourne and Burnelm Drive Poll**

It is anticipated that the poll for Traffic Calming will be sent to residents in mid-January, 2016.

You can also monitor the progress via web page

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vqnextoid=988fedb13331b410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

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## **Stephen Drive Garbage Collection**

Recently residents from 45-61 Stephen Drive were advised that garbage collection would be at the curb side of Stephen Drive and not from the addresses. Councillor Justin Di Ciano has requested that the collection at the door continues. When we have confirmation we will advise.

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## **Glen Ellen East Traffic Calming**

District staff have yet to receive the speed/volume data from the Traffic Management Centre. We anticipate this report coming forward in the late winter/Spring 2016. It has taken more time than usual as Councillor Di Ciano also requested that staff investigate a small traffic circle at Ballacaine and to consider traffic lumps/cushions as an option as well as the standard speed humps.

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## **Air Quality Reports**

For residents interested in air quality issues, the LINKS below may be of interest.

### ***Local Air Quality Study of Ward 5 and Ward 6***

#### ***City Council Decision***

*City Council on May 6, 7 and 8, 2014, adopted the following:*

- 1. City Council direct the Director, Environment and Energy Division in collaboration with the Medical Officer of Health, to investigate and undertake appropriate actions to encourage a reduction in truck emissions, such as seeking federal support for improved truck emissions standards across North America.*
- 2. City Council direct the Chief Corporate Officer to report to City Council in 2015 on the results of additional local air quality studies and such report to discuss the initiatives of appropriate City Divisions, Agencies and Corporations taken to support local residents and businesses in improving their local air quality and natural environment.*

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.PE1.3>  
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.EX6.19>

CLICK [HERE](#) for web site information on Local Air Quality Studies  
Staff will present a report to City Council in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2016.  
When we have further information and or reports/recommendations we will advise.

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## **Queensway Ice Rink**

The Queensway outdoor artificial ice rink (Queensway AIR), located at Queensway Park in Ward 5 is approximately 44 years old and is past its life cycle. Over the past few winter seasons there have been several mechanical issues with the compressor and condenser. Attempts to operate the mechanical components this season have failed and the systems are beyond repair. Hence, Queensway AIR will be closed for this season. Staff will attempt to operate it as a natural ice rink, but this is dependent on consistent cold weather conditions. Capital work is planned for 2016 and a newly revitalized Queensway AIR will be fully operational next season.

Please click here for [information](#)

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## **Queensland Park Summary**

The summary for the community meeting is on our web site:  
[www.councillordiciano.ca](http://www.councillordiciano.ca)

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## **Dalesford Park New Signage and Posters**

As promised, staff have designed new signage and posters which will be installed in the Spring of 2016. If you would like a copy please email our office.

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## **Stonegate Plaza/Van Dyke Development**

The Final Staff Report has been delayed therefore it will now be on the agenda for February 23, 2016. An evening meeting is scheduled for deputations.

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## **LINKS for Helping Refugees**

<http://lifelinesyria.ca/>

<http://www.citizenship.gov.on.ca/english/newcomers/agencies.shtml>

<http://www.furniturebank.org/syrian-refugee-crisis/>

<http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2015/09/08/how-you-can-help-syrian-refugees.html>

<http://www.ocasi.org/>

<http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/response/150911>

<http://www.volunteertoronto.ca/blogpost/1302191/233124/How-You-Can-Help-Syrian-Refugees-In-Toronto>

<http://canadianimmigrant.ca/settling-in-canada/resources/toronto-settlement-agencies-mentoring-services>

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## Here Comes the Snow!

It's that time of the year again – winter!

A Canadian winter can sometimes mean a lot of snow, and the City of Toronto is ready. Here are a few things that you can expect as we gear up for another winter in Toronto.

Prior to the onset of a storm, Transportation Services will be applying a layer of salt brine to hills and bridges throughout the city. The application of salt brine is intended to prevent the snow from bonding to the pavement and to make it easier to plow the snow to the side of the road.

As soon as the snow begins, Transportation Services sends out its fleet of salt trucks to the expressways and main roads. Local roads and laneways are salted soon after this. When **two centimeters of snow** has accumulated then plowing will begin on the expressways and, when five centimeters has accumulated, plowing will begin on the main roads. Plowing on the expressways and main roads will continue until the operation is complete.

**When the snow stops and if the snow accumulation reaches eight centimeters, local road plowing will begin.** Plowing on the local roads is usually completed between 14-16 hours **after the snow stops falling**. During this time, snow service requests will not be taken by 311. Residents are also asked not to call 311 during the storm to ask when their street will be plowed. Residents should call 311 to report urgent winter related calls only.

After clearing ice and snow from some bike lanes as part of a pilot project for the past three years, the City has identified a priority network of bike lanes and cycle tracks in the downtown core that will receive enhanced winter maintenance this winter, including snow plowing and salting to improve safety for cyclists.

The City will only open driveway windrows wherever it is mechanically possible to do so after eight centimeters of snow has fallen. Typically, driveway windrows are opened between one and two hours of the road being plowed. The service is meant to only open up a width of about three metres – not the full width of the driveway.

The City will clear snow from sidewalks on roads with high pedestrian traffic and on bus routes where it is mechanically possible to do so after two centimetres of snow has fallen and the remaining roads after eight centimetres have fallen. In the central core of the city, property owners are required to clear their sidewalks of snow 12 hours after a storm has taken place. To learn more about sidewalk snow clearing in Toronto and to view a map of the areas where the service is provided, click on <http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/snow/sidewalks>

If you need more information about the city's plans for snow clearing, visit [toronto.ca/transportation](http://toronto.ca/transportation).

Here's an important tip about shoveling snow. Please don't push snow back onto the road. It's against the law, hampers snow clearing efforts and is very dangerous for motorists.

Winter, and the snow that comes with it, is a part of what makes us Canadians. By working together, we can make sure that Toronto continues to be a safe and accessible city in which to live, work and play.

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### **Traffic Lights - The Queensway and Royal York**

Please note the improvements to timing north/west bound secured by Councillor Justin Di Ciano will be implemented in 2016 due to funding.

Transportation Services have received more requests for new traffic signal features than they can accommodate within their current budget. Accordingly, a few requests (such as this one) are postponed until 2016 when new budget becomes available. However, the scheduling of the implementation of these features will be done based on the priority ranking provided by the District Traffic Operations office.

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### **Lynn Grove Avenue 30km Request at January Community Council**

The request for a new 30km speed limit will be on the agenda of Community Council January 19th, 2016. The staff report does not support a new 30km speed limit, however, Councillor Justin Di Ciano will be supporting the request.



### **Get a Grant for your Green or Cool Roof!**

Since 2009, the City's [Eco-Roof Incentive Program](#) has helped fund the installation of more than 100 green and cool roofs on buildings across the city.

Eligible green roof projects will receive \$75 / square metre up to a maximum of \$100,000.

Eligible cool roof projects will receive \$2 - 5 / square metre up to a maximum of \$50,000.

Applications are currently being accepted for residential, industrial, commercial and institutional buildings.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact the Eco-Roof Program Coordinator in advance of their application to discuss their proposals (Annemarie Baynton: [abaynto@toronto.ca](mailto:abaynto@toronto.ca) or 416-392-1848).

For full program details and to apply online please visit: [www.toronto.ca/livegreen/ecoroofs](http://www.toronto.ca/livegreen/ecoroofs)

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### **Kipling TTC Station Roof**

The scheduled completion date has been changed to February 2016 (original date was end of year 2015).

When the contractor began work on the arched roofs, they discovered unforeseen roof conditions that required a change of scope / approach on how the roof was to be rehabilitated. As such, additional time is required to complete the work. About half of the arched roof work is complete, with the other half remaining. The east and west flat roofs have already been completed. The contractor is planning to work throughout the winter to complete the arched roof by the end of January.

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### **Traffic Light at the Sobeys Plaza - The Queensway**

The information below is to provide clarity to the issues with the traffic control signals at the signalised intersection of The Queensway & 80m East of High Street/Private Access (more commonly referred to the Sobeys Plaza complex traffic lights).

Current Signal Operation (3 Phase)

The current phasing operation of the traffic control signals is as outlined below:

#### **Phase 1**

- Westbound (The Queensway) straight through movement concurrently being served with a westbound to southbound left turn priority vehicular feature (into the Sobeys Plaza complex) which is programmed to operate from 06:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday.
- Eastbound and Westbound (The Queensway) straight through vehicular movement.

#### **Phase 2**

- Northbound straight through vehicular movement (to High Street) which is served concurrently with a dual left turn vehicular movement from the Sobeys Plaza complex. *It should be noted that this phase is callable and extendable by*

*"sensor loops" and in absence of vehicular demand is programmed as a "skippable" (ignored) phase.*

### **Phase 3**

- Southbound straight through vehicular movement (from High Street) and or north/south pedestrian crossing which is equipped with A.P.S. (Accessible Pedestrian Signals) for both the east and west side of the intersection.
  - *It should be noted that this phase is also callable and extendable by "sensor loops"/push buttons and in absence of vehicular and or pedestrian demand is programmed as a "skippable" (ignored) phase.*

### **Signal Operational Issues:**

The reasons why the signals operate in this manner as opposed to the traditional 2 phase operation is as outlined below:

In Phase 2, there is a dual northbound left turn movement, for safety reasons, we don't allow pedestrians to cross. As such pedestrian crossings occur on Phase 3 which is also equipped with A.P.S. (Accessible Pedestrian Signals) for both the east and west side of the intersection. Prohibiting north/south pedestrian crossing on the west side would require the removal of the A.P.S. units which is not recommended.

The confusion may have been with explaining the operation of this signal as compared to the more common 2 phase signal operation.

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### **City Budget 2016 – Public Meetings**

The City is holding a number of public meetings/community consultations to allow residents to discuss and comment on the proposed 2016 City Budget. Two subcommittees have been formed to hear from residents across the City.

#### **Public Sessions are as follows:**

Location: *Etobicoke Civic Centre*  
Date: January 12, 2016  
Time: 3pm – 5pm; 6pm - onwards

Location: *City Hall*  
Date: January 12, 2016  
Time: 9:30am – 5pm; 6pm – onwards

Location: *North York Civic Centre*  
Date: January 13, 2016  
Time: 3pm – 5pm; 6pm - onwards

Location: *Scarborough Civic Centre*  
Date: January 13, 2016  
Time: 3pm – 5pm; 6pm onwards

Location: *York Civic Centre*  
Date: January 14, 2016  
Time: 3pm – 5pm; 6pm - onwards

Location: *East York Civic Centre*  
Date: January 14, 2016  
Time: 3pm – 5pm; 6pm - onwards

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**We are also available on Twitter (@justindiciano) and Facebook (by searching Councillor Di Ciano)!**

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