



Join Councillor Justin Di Ciano and his team for our Jane's Walk taking place Saturday May 7th at 1pm!

The walk will focus on the upcoming changes and redevelopment of the Westwood Theatre lands and the Six Points Interchange. Details can be found on the Jane's Walk website here: <http://janeswalk.org/canada/toronto/westwood-theatre-landssix-points-interchange-new-vision/>

We will be meeting at the parking lot of the St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church located at 3819 Bloor Street West, at 1pm. The walk will take approximately 1 hour. Please wear comfortable shoes! Parking is free at our meeting point.

Please let us know if you plan on attending!

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Is your road scheduled for resurfacing? Remember you can check for your street here:

http://insideto-map.toronto.ca/maps/map.jsp?app=CWP_View

Please don't forget to visit our website www.councillordiciano.ca ! And encourage your friends and neighbours to **sign up for our monthly E-Newsletter.**

Queensland Park Meeting

The purpose of this meeting is to review the options and allow residents to choose which option(s) they would prefer as a follow up to the last meeting (the summary is on our web site: www.councillordiciano.ca).

Date: Thursday June 9th, 2016
Time: 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Location: St. Elizabeth Catholic School (Gym), 5 Redcar Avenue

Mabelle Parkette Community meeting

DATE: Tuesday June 21st, 2016.

TIME: 6:30 – 8p.m.

LOCATION: TBC (waiting for confirmation from TDSB) - Islington Junior School

Sevenoaks/Leland Meeting Summary

The meeting was insightful and constructive. A big thanks to the residents who attended, transportation staff and of course our finest from 22 Division!

At this time, due to a lack of support, traffic calming will not be implemented at this time. Councillor Justin Di Ciano will canvass the streets personally over the summer. At this time staff will install additional signage to allow cyclists to make a "right" onto Leland from Royal York at any time. Thank you to the resident who suggested this!

The officer from 22 Division reiterated that local residents make up the majority of speeding cars, **please slow down** it is the most cost effective and easiest solution to speeding concerns.

Support your Community Police Liaison Committee

<http://www.22divisioncplc.ca/>

22 Division's Community Police Liaison Committee (CPLC) is made up of community volunteers and police service representatives from the local division's geographic area. Each committee is inclusive to reflect the demographics of the local community.

With the goal of creating safer communities through the delivery of police services that includes aspects of traditional law enforcement, as well as prevention, problem-solving, community engagement, and partnerships; CPLC encourages community engagement through the active participation of its members in the community.

Come out to a meeting and be a part of keeping your community safe!

Police Auto Dialer Update

The TPS (Toronto Police Services) has advised that they are not currently looking at returning to the auto-dialer system and that they are utilizing other forms of communication to inform the public on current events taking place within the TPS and the community.

Note that the Toronto Police Board has the ability to put forward such requests through their budget process should they feel it necessary and any systems that are implemented must be done so City-wide. The TPS Board would need to make a case for re-instatement (including numbers, costs, implementation, maintenance, estimated usage, benefit, etc.) and given that the auto-dialer system was phased out as most individuals prefer alternate forms of communication, it may be unlikely that the TPS Board would see it re-instated. Again, note it is the Toronto Police Board that make the final decision on such program matters, not Council. Council approves the TPS Budget as a whole, as part of the final Budget deliberations at the beginning of every year.

TPS has indicated however that a review of the auto-dialer system may take place in the future as part of the transformational changes within the Service which will be a part of the 2017 Budget. We look forward to such a time.

22 Division and City Crime links

Please click below (BOOKMARK this page) to review crime stats for your area:

[22 Division and city Crime links](#)

Also posted on our WEBSITE.

www.councillordiciano.ca

Request for Disabled parking

Councillor Justin Di Ciano has requested staff investigate additional disabled parking for Jackson Avenue at Bloor.

Increased fines for specific illegal parking on Toronto roads

In support of the City of Toronto's congestion management plan, fines for certain types of illegal parking have been increased and will take effect March 31.

Parking ticket fines will rise to \$150, including for the following four illegal parking practices that add to congestion and pose safety concerns:

- blocking sidewalks
- engaging in double parking
- standing in TTC zones, and
- blocking high-occupancy/reserved vehicle lanes (HOV lanes).

Estimates from 2008 studies for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area show that congestion costs commuters as much as \$3.3 billion annually in terms of delays and increased vehicle costs while the cost to the local economy is estimated at an additional \$2.7 million due to lost economic activity and accompanying job loss.

Government Road Resurfacing 2018

Project Local Road Resurfacing
On Street GOVERNMENT RD
From Street KINGSWAY CRES
To Street WALFORD RD

Project Description 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.

Planned Duration 2018

Owner Transportation Services

On Street GOVERNMENT RD
From Street PRINCE EDWARD DR.
To Street THE KINGSWAY

Project Description 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.

Planned Duration 2018

Remember you can check for your street here:

http://insidetoronto-map.toronto.ca/maps/map.jsp?app=CWP_View

Upland Road Request for No Parking

This report will be on the agenda of Community Council May 10th.

Usher Sidewalk Project – (South Side of the street)

Councillor Di Ciano has received opposition to this project. Usher (and The Kingsway) are Collector roads (not local roads) as defined in the City's Road Classification policy. Councillor Di Ciano tabled a motion before Public Works Committee April 25th, at City Hall. The Public Works Committee referred the item **to Etobicoke York Community Council for May 10th, 2016**. The item may not show on the agenda online at this time due to the timing of Public Works and the publishing of the agenda ~ however it is on the May agenda.

Parking Change Request for Humbervale Blvd.

Staff advise that they are not aware of alternate parking (one side for first half the month and the other side for the last of the month) existing on any street in the former City of Etobicoke and that residents can have different opinions on this type of parking. Therefore staff are going to send out a survey to all the affected residents of Humbervale Boulevard between Meadowvale Drive and Edgemore Drive to determine the support.

Traffic Light at Islington and Nordin Avenue

A request was received for implementation of a new* traffic light at this location just north of The Queensway. When the Staff Report is available we will advise.

Nordin Avenue Traffic Calming

The Staff Report is now available. It does not recommend speed humps. Councillor Justin Di Ciano supports the street residents and will bring the report forward to the May Community Council meeting May 10th, with a motion to direct the Clerk to conduct a polling of street residents.

If you would like a copy of the report please contact our office.

Bermuda Avenue Traffic Calming

The Staff Report is now available. It does not recommend speed humps. Councillor Justin Di Ciano again supports the street residents and will bring the report forward to the May Community Council meeting May 10th, with a motion to direct the Clerk to conduct a polling of street residents.

Each home will receive this via Canada Post. If the poll results are favourable speed humps will be implemented as funding permits. It is up to the residents now! You must reply to the poll.

If the results are NOT favourable then speed humps will NOT be installed!

If you would like a copy of the report please contact our office.

Ballacaine Speed humps at Parklawn School

Councillor Di Ciano is pleased to advise that his motion for speed humps on Ballacaine in the area of Parklawn School was adopted at Community Council. The residents of the street will now be officially polled by the Clerk. Each home will receive this via Canada Post. If the poll results are favourable two speed humps will be constructed within the resurfacing project this year. It is up to the residents now! You must reply to the poll. If the results are NOT favourable then speed humps will NOT be installed!

Poll ID: **TCP 2016-073**

Location: **Ballacaine Dr**

** Please note that recent "rumours" that this was 100% approved are not entirely accurate, positive results from the polling are still required. Justin has been working with staff for nearly a year now to bring this forward under the road resurfacing project. Justin takes road safety seriously (especially around schools), working within the city policies and his fellow councillors he is pleased to be able to bring this forward.

Please contact our office for the latest accurate information.

Glenellen East Traffic Calming

This agenda item was deferred 'til May 10th Community Council.

Parklawn Road at Berry Road – Through traffic

Please be advised that staff have investigated this intersection and advise that a review of the site confirms that the existing directional guide signs are clearly visible and

provide positive guidance to motorists. Larger directional guide signs would not deter commuter traffic through residential streets.

Charleston Speed Humps

Staff advise that funding has not been confirmed for the installation of the new speed humps this year. To that end installation may be in 2017. Staff will advise if the speed hump contract prices are low in which case there would be a chance to include Charleston in the 2016 Budget. We cannot promise this will be the case.

Parklawn and The Queensway - Traffic Lights

City Staff investigated the above intersection between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and; 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. on a Thursday.

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. – Many delays, particularly the northbound and the eastbound directions. Signals are maxing out at 144 seconds and they are on SCOOT system. Scoots system optimizes according to demand. It's definitely pure volume (over capacity).

4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. – Not as many delays, most of movements are clearing. Signals are also maxing out at 144 seconds and optimizing.

All lanes on the Gardiner Expressway are scheduled to re-open by August and we expect the volumes in the area of The Queensway and Park Lawn Rd to drop. Staff will continue to monitor the intersection once the construction work is completed on The Gardner Expressway.

Target ZERO Traffic Enforcement

An officer set up at Glenroy Blvd. and Grenview South for two hours. 12 offence notices for fail to stop at a Stop sign were issued. 9 offenders were locals and 3 were from outside the area.

Please **SLOW DOWN and STOP** properly. The intersection targeted is in a School Zone.

6 tickets issued on The Kingsway in 2 hours.

4 tickets issued on Berry Road 1 ½ hours – one resident and 3 none residents.

Thank you to 22 Division for making our streets safer.

Road Safety Plan for Toronto

At this time staff advise a report will be on the agenda for Public Works June 20th, 2016.

Please click here for background information:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2015.PW2.11>

Tracking Status

- [City Council](#) considered this item on March 31, 2015 and referred this item to an official or another committee or body. Consult the text of the decision for further information on the referral.
- This item was considered by [Public Works and Infrastructure Committee](#) on February 23, 2015 and was adopted with amendments. It will be considered by City Council on March 31, 2015.

Bloor Street Bike Lane – Pilot Project

The proposed Bloor Street bike lane pilot project was debated at the Public Works Committee on April 25th. After much discussion, approval of the item failed on a tie. The item will come to City Council without recommendations. Councillors raised concerns about the lack of detail needed to make an informed decision, in particular a lack of adequate data in regards to the numbers of cyclists throughout the year and impacts on traffic. Details can be found here:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.PW12.1>

At City Council today!

Silverhill Park Update

Councillor Di Ciano has met with all parties involved in this project. The complications have arisen from the fact that this park does not belong to the City of Toronto but are TDSB lands and are using Section 42 funds and not Section 37 funds. To that end the process of preparing the Lease Agreement is somewhat onerous. However, Justin is pleased to advise that as a result of his meeting we are still on track for late May/June construction start date! As always, we will keep you updated.

More detailed design will be available on the city web site closer to construction.

East Mall Park Update

There will soon be a section on the city website where you will be able to track the progress of this project. The water feature will be completed first. The playground will be completed in the Fall so that the park may be used all summer long ~ enjoy! Councillor Justin Di Ciano has asked if the new picnic benches may be installed now also, we will provide updates as they are available.

Thinking about renovating? HELP is here!

Now in its third year, the City's Home Energy Loan Program provides low-interest loans to homeowners who want to improve their home by installing new energy-efficiency furnaces, windows, doors and insulation.

Results show that homeowners who make these kinds of improvements can reduce their energy use by an average of 25% and save over \$1,000 annually on their energy bills.

How does it work? The City provides the loan up front so that the homeowner can complete the renovations, and the homeowner repays the loan over time via instalments on their property tax bill. The loan can be repaid at any time, without penalty.

In addition to a low-interest loan, HELP provides easy access to energy assessments, utility rebates and incentives, and more.

Program funding will end in December 2016. Learn more about HELP and apply at www.livegreentoronto.ca.

Ward 5 Neighbourhoods – Community Meetings

Councillor Justin Di Ciano hosts many localised community meetings, a reflection of the local issues covered in his E-Newsletters. All residents of Ward 5 are welcome to attend any of these meetings, but please appreciate that the issues covered will pertain to that local neighbourhood. However there is always time for extra questions! If you are unsure of the neighbourhood you reside in please reach out to our office.

Establishing Regulations and Minimum Separation Distances for Predatory Lenders

Recommendations

1. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning to submit a report establishing a Payday Lenders Minimum Distance By-Law that requires any new payday lenders, installment lenders, title lenders, cheque-cashing operations and cash-for-gold operations to be at least 400 metres away from existing lenders.
 2. City Council request the Province of Ontario to increase the lender licence fee from \$750 per main office and \$990 per branch office to \$2,000 and \$3000 respectively, and that the increased revenue be invested into financial literacy and management programs at the community level with the goal to reduce the community need and the local demand for payday loans.
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Jurisdiction of Building Inspectors

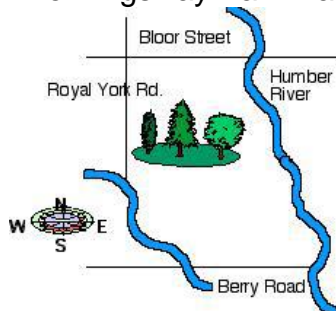
Councillor Justin Di Ciano's office receives many complaints with regard to new builds and the construction crew. Please note that the powers granted to inspectors under the Building Code Act are limited. They have no jurisdiction to order cleanup or repair on adjacent private or public property.

Building Staff are very helpful and do a lot of site visits on a Public Relations basis. Please contact our office if you need assistance.

Your local Ratepayer Group needs you!

There are a number of hard working local ratepayer and resident groups in Ward 5. Below are groups that have been around for many years! If you would like us to promote your group please contact our office.

The Kingsway Park Ratepayers Inc. www.kpri.ca



The Islington Residents and Ratepayers Association www.irra.ca

Thompson Orchard Community Association
<https://www.facebook.com/ThompsonOrchard/>

Etobicoke York Community Council and You!

Please remember that you may submit your comments to members of the Etobicoke York Community Council via e-mail to etcc@toronto.ca or you may attend the meeting and speak in person. Please contact EYCC staff before the meeting as often items are scheduled to be heard at specific times and they can inform you accordingly. EYCC staff can be reached at 416-394-8101.

City Sidewalk Policy Change

City Staff are proposing a change to the city's Sidewalk Policy for local streets. Presently street residents and the local councillor decide if a sidewalk is desired on a local street that is scheduled for road resurfacing or reconstruction. The proposal would remove this right presently deserved by street residents and the councillor resulting in a new sidewalk without debate or choice.

Councillor Justin Di Ciano does not support this proposed change. A report will be on the agenda of the Public Works Committee June 20th.

As there are no funds to "make our sidewalks safer" on arterial roads (Bloor Street), perhaps monies allocated for unwanted unnecessary sidewalks on local roads could be used for this purpose.

Ranked Ballots

The last City Staff Report may be read at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2013/gm/bgrd/backgroundfile-57756.pdf>

The excerpt below directs: "*Public acceptance and support: There needs to be extensive public consultation before implementing any change to the current electoral system. Every jurisdiction that has contemplated alternative voting systems has appointed a task force to explore the matter in detail and held a referendum.*"

It is important to note that public consultation by the City of Toronto has not yet taken place.

"Considerations for implementing ranked choice voting: RCV is one of many alternative vote counting methods: There are other vote counting methods that require the winning candidate to receive a majority that could be examined in addition to RCV.

New voting technologies required: The City's current vote-counting equipment and results system cannot accommodate RCV. New voting equipment is scheduled to be acquired following the 2014 municipal election and it would be appropriate to include RCV-related requirements in the Request for Proposal (RFP). The cost to acquire new voting equipment and associated software to calculate RCV is unknown until the framework is established and understood. A detailed testing and auditing strategy of all integrated technologies must also be developed to ensure public trust and integrity of the election.

Public acceptance and support: There needs to be extensive public consultation before implementing any change to the current electoral system. Every jurisdiction that has contemplated alternative voting systems has appointed a task force to explore the matter in detail and held a referendum. Since 2005, three Canadian provinces have held referenda on major electoral reform initiatives, including RCV, but did not receive sufficient support for change:"

Photo Radar for Local Streets - Enforcement

Do you support radar for local roads?

Please do let Councillor Justin Di Ciano know your views.

councillor_diciano@toronto.ca

416-392-4040

Uber/Taxi Debate

Over the past 19 months, ground transportation has changed in Toronto and the City has been working to meet the challenges presented by this change. In September, Council directed staff to report on a framework to regulate (equitably) all ground transportation provides, including taxis, limos and private vehicle for hire (Uber). Staff have recently reported back with the recommendations of this framework, which can be found here: <http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.LS10.3>. The proposed recommendations are intended to provide the industry with an opportunity to develop efficiencies, allow for competition and reduce regulatory burdens. Note that the Councillor looks forward to hearing both sides of the debate when the item comes to Council for discussion in early May.

AT CITY COUNCIL TODAY!

Toronto Hydro – Ward 5 Updates

Our office has received an update from Toronto Hydro for Ward 5, outlining that Toronto Hydro will be investing over \$2B to renew and expand Toronto's aging electricity grid thanks to a 5 year rate decision approved by the Ontario Energy Board. Investments will be funded through an increase of 1.7% per year to residential bills from 2015-2019 throughout the City. Given that the major cause of power outages in Ward 5 is due to defective or outdated equipment, this will help immensely in making sure that the grid is stable. As part of the 2016 Hydro Capital Plan, Hydro will be investing a total of \$10.8M in Ward 5 to decrease outages, mitigate public safety risks, replace defective equipment, maintain the system (including tree trimming) and create Municipal Substation improvements at Islington and Norseman. Good news all around!

Notices of Violation

Please note that if you receive a Notice of Violation you must attend to the request. If you do not comply as required, the city will send a contractor to attend to the work required. This will include administration fees * The local councillor does not have the authority to have applicable charges waived. Please contact us if you need help!

Water Service Replacement Information

The City-wide 2016 water service replacement is posted on the following page:

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=7becf58b674af310VgnVCM1000071d60f89RCRD&vgnnextchannel=35bcfe4eda8ae310VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

Please note that there is no stand-alone water service replacement program. Water services are replaced as part of capital projects for watermains, sewers, or road reconstruction. There is also a Priority Lead Water Service Replacement Program (PLWSRP), where individual services that qualify under the program are replaced.

Contractors carrying out the service replacement under capital projects are project-specific. The contractors' names will be known once a project tender is awarded. The contact at that time will be the City project manager (listed in the construction notice), or otherwise residents can contact 311.

City working hard to coordinate construction work !

The City of Toronto will see significant road reconstruction in 2016. This is critical work that needs to be done to improve the condition of our roads, bridges and water infrastructure as well as create new services for residents on an on-going basis.

Despite the importance of this work, it can often mean delays to the travelling public. And that can mean frustration.

However, it is a myth that the city is not coordinating this work. In fact, the City coordinates both capital projects on a long term basis as well as more immediate road work when the shovels go into the ground.

To learn more about the work the city faces, challenges that we regularly deal with and some of the things we're doing to minimize disruption, visit

<http://www1.toronto.ca/wps/portal/contentonly?vgnextoid=8f247ddce75b6410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD&vgnnextchannel=13d0ec8a835b6410VgnVCM10000071d60f89RCRD>

