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COUNCILLOR WARD 4

COMMUNITY UPDATE



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As we head into the fall back-to-school period, I hope that you enjoyed a safe and happy summer and that you had an opportunity to enjoy some of our city's cultural and culinary specialties.

Now that the kids are headed back to school, please remember to slow down when driving and keep your eyes open for children.

Although the committee work shuts down in the summer here at City Hall, we still had meetings of the TTC Commission (I am one of the seven councillors) and our office was busy every day helping residents with a wide range of questions and concerns.

I would also like to let you know that although we take Fridays to work with residents in the ward, I am happy to come out at any time to a neighbourhood event or even just meet with you and your neighbours to talk about local matters.

Water bill spikes \$\$

With the advent of new water meters which provide detailed water consumption four times daily to Toronto Water, we have had several residents complain about defective water readings.

In fact, a defective water meter is a very rare occurrence. Through a few investigations, we have learned that the spikes (costing in some cases hundreds of extra dollars) are the result of a leak in the homeowner's water system that could be the result of a running toilet, dripping faucet or defective in-ground sprinkler system.

The most common cause is a running toilet. We are told that often times infrequently used basement toilets are the source of the leak.

Residents who suspect that their meter is giving off inaccurate readings can choose to have it undergo a three hour test. The cost of the test is \$156.00. A representative from Toronto Water told me that they have tested

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thousands of meters and they are rarely defective. If the meter is found defective, your test money and over-billing will be returned to you.

Richview Plaza

The sale of the Richview Plaza is pending but not yet final. The prospective owners met separately with me and with our planning staff to outline their preliminary ideas for the site.

They intend to keep the retail plaza intact while adding some second floor office space.

For residential, their plan includes two buildings, one being 24 floors and the other being 11 stories, on the current Beer Store location.

The plaza has an official plan mixed use designation. My position is that I am not opposed to the residential component, but I think the density and height plan is too great. I took photos of buildings on Widdicombe Hill, Fontenay Court (Scarlett Rd. and Eglinton) and Royal York and Eglinton. (see below)

As I pointed out to them, none of the existing buildings exceeds 18 floors.



Widdicombe Place
Widdicombe Hill Blvd,
(Kipling and Eglinton)
18 Floors



**Royal York Road
at Eglinton**
15 floors



50 Fontenay court
under construction
at Scarlett Road and
Eglinton, 17 floors



38 Fontenay Court
17 floors

St. Steven's Court (near Humbertown Plaza)

At the end of June, the owners of 1 to 7 St Stevens Court and 289 and 291 The Kingsway issued an appeal of their application to the Ontario Municipal Board. This was a disappointing, although not unexpected, action by the applicant.

It was not unexpected because the application is more than two years old and under the Planning Act, an applicant may launch an appeal after 120 days if a final report has not been written.

Elia Corporation originally met with Toronto Planning staff October 11, 2012 to discuss their proposal. On May 7, 2013, their application for rezoning and rental housing demolition was received. Elia is seeking to replace five buildings with six, containing 603 residential units (156 units at present).

The proposed building heights and density for this site is clearly unsuitable for the neighbourhood and out of step with the present community. The Official Plan under policy 4.2.3 states that "significant growth is generally not intended within developed apartment neighbourhoods".

The Site Area Specific Policy (SASP) review of the apartment neighbourhoods in the Humbertown area,

which is to define how future development may occur, is scheduled to be completed this fall. After the election, that process was expedited so that the Elia application could be addressed more promptly.

I directed that a public meeting on the application be held, and that was done at Etobicoke Collegiate March 23. In early May, I met Elia's representative and had hoped to avoid an OBM action by illustrating that work on the file was progressing.

Elia met with board members from the Humber Valley Resident's Association in late June and demonstrated no willingness to compromise on their plan. They filed their OMB appeal shortly thereafter.

In an August 6 meeting with Elia's President and board chair, I outlined what we had done to move the process along. I also expressed the importance of the development fitting into the community and being viewed as a welcome addition. I am hopeful that a compromise will be found.

I will be meeting with senior staff from the City's legal, planning and affordable housing offices to discuss next steps.

Upcoming Issue this fall: Island Airport expansion

Later this fall, (likely in November) city staff will come forward with a report on the possible expansion of the Island Airport.

My view on this (at present) is that the expansion and associated higher possible noise levels and increased flight traffic is unnecessary.

I would like to hear your view and welcome you to call me or write to our office.

Meeting with Premier Wynne



On August 20th I attended an event with Premier Kathleen Wynne and MPP Yvan Baker. I was able to talk to the Premier and share with her my thoughts on the sale of TDSB properties, including childcare centres and daycares. My view is that the TDSB should continue to close schools to become more efficient, but retain properties for community use. I specifically cited Silvercreek school, home to the Etobicoke Children's Centre.

Premier Wynne, myself and MPP Yvan Baker and Montgomery's Inn

Airplane Noise Complaints

This past month, our office attended a roundtable meeting addressing issues surrounding airplane noise. The main take-aways from the meeting are as follows:

REGISTERING NOISE COMPLAINTS

Do you have questions about airport operations and aircraft noise?

Residents with questions about airport operations or who wish to register a noise complaint are encouraged to contact the Toronto Pearson Noise Office using any of the following means:

- **WebTrak:** A noise complaint can be registered using this online tool that provides near-real time and historical flight data so community members can investigate aircraft operations from any computer with internet access, and it's available 24/7.
- **Online Complaint Form:** Use our online complaint form.
- **Phone:** To make a noise complaint by telephone, contact the Noise Office at (416) 247-7682. Our office hours are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Outside of office hours, a prompted voice mail service will allow you to leave a detailed message.

CENAC MEETINGS:

Join the discussion about noise management at Toronto Pearson by attending a CENAC meeting.

The Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC) provides a forum where the public can openly discuss and ask questions about noise and environment related issues at Toronto Pearson.

Each scheduled meeting is in two parts:

- **5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** – Community Open House: Drop in to review informational story boards and speak one-on-one with the GTAA Team and CENAC Committee Members.
- **6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** – CENAC Public Meeting: Ratification of minutes and any recommendations, formal presentations from guest speakers, and time for public questions to the committee as a whole.

All CENAC meetings are held at the GTAA Administration Building, 3111 Convair Drive, Boardrooms Pearson A&B.

A schedule of the meetings, including our upcoming September 9 meeting as well as minutes and materials from previous meetings can be found on the CENAC webpage <http://www.torontopearson.com/en/cenacpastagendasandminutes/#/>. For further information, please contact a GTAA CENAC representative at 416-776-3941.

Parks and Rec Fall/Winter Program Registration

Registration for fall and some winter City of Toronto community recreation programs begins at 7 a.m. on September 12 in Etobicoke/York. Residents should note registration dates, select programs that are of interest and decide on their method of payment before registering for fall and winter recreation programs. Those who wish to register for programs will need a family number and a client number for each member of the family. Before registration day, call 416-338-4386 or speak with staff at a City community centre to get these numbers.

To explore recreation program options, visit toronto.ca/torontofun or pick up a FUN Guide at City Hall, civic centres, community centres and libraries

Road Repair Updates

At my request, St Georges Road, from Wimbledon Road to Lambeth Road, was reassessed and has been added to the 2018 Transportation Capital Works Program for local road resurfacing. This is in conjunction with work planned on other streets in the immediate area including: Canterbury Cr, Canterbury Rd and Reigate Rd.

Islington and Eglinton

Acting on the observation of a local resident, I asked staff to look at adding an advance left hand turn green for the benefit of Islington northbound cars.

District staff have received confirmation that the northbound left turn advance feature has been enabled during the A.M. peak traffic period (06:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.) and P.M. peak traffic period (3:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.) as of June 4, 2015. The left turn arrow advance priority feature is displayed at the start of the North/South direction green signal when two or more vehicles are present in the northbound left turn lane.

Road Speeds and Children at Play

We frequently receive calls and e mail from residents complaining about speeding cars.

From Toronto Police 23 Division, we have placed a speed monitoring device on streets north of Eglinton and more requests have been made.

I have asked Transportation Services to have their “Watch Your Speed” trailer placed on a few Ward 4 high traffic streets.



Our office is currently looking into buying bag signs that residents will be able to place on their lawns alerting drivers that children are walking, running, bike riding and playing on the street, and that they should respect that families want them to drive slowly.

Newsletter Fall 2015

Keep an eye out for our hard copy newsletter, which will be mailed to you in the fall. It will contain important Ward updates as well as general information about what I have been doing during my first year in office.

Upcoming Events

Cultural Hot Spot

The Cultural Hot Spot program in Etobicoke continues until October. Make sure to check out their upcoming events. Visit toronto.ca/culturalhotspot to see what events are happening near you!

Mural Unveiling

The Royal York Underpass mural will be officially unveiled at a ceremony on September 19th at 2pm. I hope to see you there to celebrate the fantastic piece of art!

Silvercreek Park Bottle Drive

The last Bottle Drive was such a great success, so let's do it again! This Labour Day, enjoy a few and help support the rebuilding of the playground at Silvercreek Park.

Location: Richmond Gardens Neighbourhood

(Bordering South of Westway to North of Eglinton Ave West and East of Kipling Ave to West of Islington Ave)

Pick-up: Sunday, September 13, 9am-noon - Please leave your empties at the end of your driveway. They are very grateful for your empty beer/wine/liquor bottles and cans or monetary donations!

More information and online donations: www.silvercreekpark.ca
(Monetary donations are eligible for a tax receipt)

Contact: SilvercreekPark@gmail.com for more information or to arrange another pick-up time

Royal York Plaza Appreciation Day

Royal York Plaza will be holding its 1st Annual Customer Appreciation Day!

In partnership with Etobicoke Humane Society, animals in our community will benefit from the net proceeds made at the event.

The event is taking place on Saturday, September 26th from 10am-4pm at the square of our plaza at 1500 Royal York Rd. We will have vendors, free BBQ, music, an adoption centre from the Etobicoke Humane Society, exciting activities for kids and more! There will also be raffles, giveaways for the public, various canine competitions, and we will also be featuring local talents from around the community and performances for all ages. This will be a kid and animal-friendly event, so make sure to bring the whole family and your canine companions!

Share

Feel free to share this e-newsletter in an effort to keep Ward 4 residents informed about what is happening locally and at City Hall. Ask your friends and neighbours to send in their email addresses so they can be added to the list!

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Should you wish to stop receiving these updates, please let us know by calling or emailing our office and we can remove you from the list.

Contact Us

Councillor Campbell, alongside his staff Amber and Sarah, are here to be of assistance to residents on municipal related issues.

You can get in touch between Monday and Friday from 9:00am-5:00pm. 311 is also available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. The benefit of calling 311 is that they will record the complaint and provide you with a reference number. This will assist staff in better serving residents.

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