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Committed to  
our Community



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## **Council issues 'Request for Quotations' for Garbage Collection**

Dear friends,

Council has approved the process to issue requests for quotations on the collection of garbage in a second district of Toronto, between Yonge St. and the Humber River, as it already is in the district of Etobicoke. This was not a decision to contract out Toronto's garbage collection but a decision to request quotations on collection service as well as more information about what the true costs and savings of a contracting out collection would be.

In recent weeks, I have received hundreds of calls from residents on this issue, and a common element across these calls - whether opposed or in favour of contracting out service - was that more information was needed. This need for additional and impartial information was the motivation toward a motion I presented to Council for an independent review of both the bid contract numbers and the cost for identical services provided by the City. This motion will provide the critical information necessary for this decision - a decision affecting a quarter of a billion dollars of City service - will be made intelligently, fairly and with the best information possible. I am pleased to have received the support of Council in having this important motion approved.

**"Good decisions can only be made with good**

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**information. By requesting an independent report about the actual costs and savings ensures that we are truly comparing "apples to apples" when Council weighs a bid against current City collection."**

Another important motion which received Council approval was that the final bid be returned to Council for approval. With such a large contract being decided upon, it was imperative that the final bid was returned to Council for approval. It is critical that this bidding process remain directly accountable to Toronto residents through their Councillors, rather than be done away from public discussion in the Bid Committee as proposed. A further amendment ensures that the winning bid will only be returned to Council if it meets the minimum cost savings estimated by City Staff.

Unfortunately, however, a number of important motions did not receive Council approval. Among them was a motion by Councillor De Baeremaeker to involve the Local 416 Union into working with City staff and identifying savings and efficiencies to support a public bid for the collection contracts. Despite being unsuccessful, this motion highlights the important need for public workers to have the opportunity to be involved and considered in the bidding process.

I, like many residents who called my office, believe strongly that the City's garbage collectors have an extremely difficult job. These workers deserve fair wages and benefits for the important services they provide to our residents, and these principles will need to be preserved in any bid to Council.

Many residents were also concerned about the potential that a bidding process would cause a decline in collection service levels. Council's decision to receive bids on garbage collection, however, was only approved with a number of important amendments that ensure any winning bid maintains excellent collection service levels - including achieving high customer service standards, meeting all current and future City waste diversion targets, and providing regular progress reports to City Committees.

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Only with all the facts from an independent reporter, only with the final decision being made by Council in having the winning bid return to City Council for approval, and only by creating high standards of service, safety, and sustainability in garbage collection was Council able to support an initiative to receive bids on garbage collection. I look forward to working closely with City staff, the results of the independent cost review, before any garbage collection contracts are awarded in the City of Toronto.

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## ***Recreation Service Plan Review***

In 2009, City Council approved the development of a city-wide, multi-year Recreation Service Plan based on four guiding principles; equitable access, quality, inclusion and capacity building. The Service Plan, which will go to Council for consideration later this year, will guide decision-making in the management and administration of all recreation programs and leisure services across the city. The Recreation Service Plan will ensure that the City's recreation programs and services remain relevant to the diverse and changing needs of residents and communities over a five year period.

Just as it is with the Core Service review, Toronto residents are the most important voice in informing our decisions; decisions such as user fees, and who better to comment on these than the people who pay them. In the case of recreation, it is also those individuals who use the services, attend these community centres, and enjoy our parks.

## **Toronto & East York** **Public Consultation**

**June 9, 2011 - 7 p.m. at Wellesley Community  
Center (Gym)**

Due to limited space, and the critical importance that our voices are heard on fighting to maintain and improve recreation service, I invite you all to register for the public meeting at [rsp@toronto.ca](mailto:rsp@toronto.ca)

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### **Community Notices**

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All community notices are available on my website,  
[\*\*www.anabilao.ca\*\*](http://www.anabilao.ca)

## **Fort York Pedestrian and Cycling Bridge**

Thank you to the many residents that contact my office in support of this important initiative.

The Fort York Pedestrian and Cycle Bridge is a truly worthwhile project, both for its connection to the historically significant Fort York, as well as its strong addition to Toronto as a remarkable architectural landmark.

A vote to move this project forward went to Council on May 18th, 2011. The concern was about sending this issue back to Committee to try and look at ways to build the bridge more cheaply. Unfortunately, this would push the construction date much further into the future, as there is only a narrow window that the bridge footings could be built before Metrolinx begins building in the corridor and the City will be forced to wait until this is complete. Furthermore, a compromise that was considered was to address the cost over runs by directing private sector funds to fill the gap.

Myself and 22 other Councillors voted in favour of bringing this issue out of Committee and to have the bridge built on schedule for the war of 1812 commemoration. Unfortunately, 23 Councillors voted to send the issue back to Committee and have the deadline extending to after 2015. The motion needed two-thirds of the Council vote to pass.

We will have to be very vigilant now if this bridge is ever to be built at all and I will support every opportunity to get this project back on track.

Thank you again to the many residents who contacted me on this issue and I look forward to other opportunities for beautiful and remarkable architectural projects that are pedestrian and bike friendly in the future.



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## ***Dupont Street Mural Repainting***

Recently a mural located on the South side of Dupont Street West of Lansdowne Avenue was removed by City Staff. While the artist of this mural believed he had approval for the mural the City had no record of permission being granted for art at this location, unlike the work on the North side of the street.

Foremost, allow me to express my sincere disappointment that I was not informed beforehand that this was taking place. I recognize the importance of keeping our City clean and free of vandalism, however, painting over wall murals without consulting the parties involved is not the best means to achieve a cleaner and more respectful City.

As soon as I was made aware that a portion of the Dupont Street mural had been painted over I immediately contacted all City departments involved to get more information about the process and reasoning of this decision.

In the time since this has occurred, I have acted quickly to clarify with City staff how this situation can be avoided in the future as well as working to secure the funding for new art to be returned to this site. Furthermore, I will be holding a meeting with the mural's artist and City staff this week to resolve this issue and provide a productive framework for similar situations in the future.

I strongly believe that Councillors must be recognized as protectors and stewards of local art and community initiatives in their Ward. As City Staff move forward in creating a comprehensive strategy to take inventory of the many murals across the City, I will ensure that the community, and the work's community artist be consulted in any future situations to avoid the unfortunate outcome of this particular case.

Thank you again to all the residents who contacted me on this issue and I will continue to ensure that the artistic and creative character of Davenport is promoted and protected in Ward 18.

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### ***Environment Day in Ward 18***

Ward 18 will be hosting its own Environment Day on June 19<sup>th</sup>. With an emphasis on energy and water conservation, waste diversion, planting, and safe hazardous waste disposal, this event is a great opportunities for all residents to get involved reducing our negative environmental impact.

**Pick up for free:** Green Bins and Kitchen Container, Leaf compost, Rain gauges.

**Purchase:** Backyard composter, Indoor Water Efficiency Kit, Rain Barrel

**Donate for Reuse:** Art supplies, clipboards, CDs, Fabric, Clothing, etc.

**Recycle/Dispose of:** Cell phones, Computers, Used Tires, Paint, Fluorescent light bulbs, etc.

For more information visit [www.Toronto.ca/environment\\_days](http://www.Toronto.ca/environment_days) and watch for more information in my upcoming May Newsletter.

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Councillor Bailão and City of Toronto



## COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAY

Sunday, June 19, 2011  
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Dufferin Mall, 900 Dufferin St.  
(south of Bloor St. W.)

### Products Available - Fees may apply

- Backyard Composter
- Green Bin
- Kitchen Container
- Indoor Water Efficiency Kit
- Rain Barrel

### Pick up for FREE

- Green Bin and Kitchen Container (with proof of new residency in the last 90 days or in exchange for a damaged bin)
- Leaf compost (limit one cubic metre per household)

### Drop off for recycling or proper disposal

- Computer Equipment & Peripherals (e.g., desktops, laptops, hand-held portables, monitors, printing devices, etc.)
- Audio/Visual Equipment & Peripherals (e.g., telephones, cell phones, pda's and pagers, cameras, small TVs, radios, receivers, speakers, tuners, equalizers, turntables, projectors, recorders, DVD players and VCRs, etc.)
- Household Hazardous Waste (e.g., cleaning supplies and solvents, motor oil, paint, batteries, old/unused medication, mercury thermometers/thermostats, pesticides, fluorescent and compact fluorescent bulbs, propane tanks, etc.)

\*Note: You can recycle plastic shopping bags, foam polystyrene, empty paint and empty aerosol cans in your blue bin.

### Items donated to local schools for reuse\*

- Art supplies (e.g. pencils, markers, crayons, etc.)
- Buttons, keys, and collectors' coins and stamps
- Clipboards, corks and cork boards
- CDs and cases
- Children's books
- Costume jewelry including broken/old watches and clocks with hands
- Dress-up clothing (e.g. costumes, prom dresses, uniforms, etc.)
- Fabric pieces and yarn
- 35 mm cameras and equipment

### Other Items donated for reuse\*

(Please keep separate from others)

- Sporting goods (e.g. skates and jerseys)
- Books
- Medical equipment in good condition (e.g. eyeglasses, walking aids, hearing aids, etc.)
- Small household items (e.g. dishes, ornaments, etc.)
- Textiles in good condition (e.g. clothing, linens, etc.)
- Non-perishable foods will be donated to a food bank

\*All donated items must be in very good condition

Please do not bring: Construction waste, gasoline, garbage, wood, cassette and videotapes, commercial/ industrial hazardous waste and scrap metal.

Visit the Toronto Water information tent to learn about money-saving programs!



Call 311

Visit [toronto.ca/environment\\_days](http://toronto.ca/environment_days)



## Upcoming Events

### June

6 <sup>th</sup>	Local Area Study Public Meeting (regarding Rail Corridor area lands North of College Street) - <i>Church of the 1<sup>st</sup> Born, 6:30pm</i>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Core Services Review Town Hall - <i>Bishop Moracco, 7pm</i>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Recreation Park Service Plan Consultation meeting for Toronto East York - <i>495 Sherbourne Street, 7pm</i>
10 <sup>th</sup>	Portuguese Flag Raising Event - <i>City Hall, 12pm</i>

<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Portugal Day Parade - <i>Dundas Street West, from Lansdowne Ave. to Trinity Bellwoods Park, 11am</i>
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b>	Local Area Study Public Meeting (regarding Rail Corridor area lands South of College Street) - <i>Bloor-Gladstone Library, 6:30pm</i>
<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Gladstone Area Study Meeting - <i>Alexander Muir Public School, 6:30pm</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Environment Day - <i>Dufferin Mall, 10am-2pm</i>
<b>21<sup>st</sup></b>	Dufferin Grove Park Public Meeting - <i>Dufferin Grove Park, 7:00pm</i>

### **July**

<b>16<sup>th</sup></b>	Ward 18 Community BBQ and Yard sale - <i>Dovercourt Park, 12pm-3pm</i>
<b>18<sup>th</sup></b>	Local Area Study Community Walks (regarding Rail Corridor area lands North of College Street) - <i>Meet at the corner of Symington and Bloor, 6:30pm</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup></b>	Local Area Study Community Walks (regarding Rail Corridor area lands South of College Street) - <i>Meet at the corner of Queen and Gladstone, 6:30pm</i>

### **Community Office Hours**

I am always interested in hearing your concerns or comments and I invite you to visit me during my weekly community office hours. Every Saturday I am available from 10am-12pm to meet with you, no appointment necessary.

Saturdays 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Dufferin Mall  
900 Dufferin Street  
Suite 104 (The Abrigo Centre)

**\*No appointment necessary**

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