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Committed to  
our Community



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## **Council Votes to Increase Consultation for City-Wide Service Review**

Dear friends,

A central element of Mayor Ford's election campaign was a complete and thorough review of how services are provided in the City of Toronto. As evidenced by the votes of Toronto residents, this message has resonated, and at last week's meeting of City Council, this campaign promise to conduct this City-wide review to optimize service delivery was discussed.

As Toronto faces a large deficit and widening shortfall for next year's budget, I believe this City-wide Service review is an important opportunity to reevaluate how our services are delivered, and how they can be delivered better. In order to approve this initiative, however, I strongly believed it was necessary that Toronto residents were involved in this review process, and were consulted about the services that they use.

At last week's Council meeting I was pleased to have the overwhelming support of my colleagues, who voted in favour of my motion to increase community consultation during this review process. Please find below some of my comments on the importance of having the public engaged in this process;

***"At its core, this review is about seeing what works, and what does not; it is about building on successes and streamlining City structure to offer more programming with fewer resources. For this review to succeed, however, it is critical that public consultation be at the centre of the process."***

***We often speak of customer service as if it is in a vacuum and exists by itself. But customer service can only be understood when considering the end user. All decisions concerning money are difficult, and we as a council have many difficult conversations in***

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***our future, but regardless of how different these issues are, they are all guaranteed to affect Toronto residents. Toronto residents, therefore, 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.***

***For this reason, it is the Toronto public which must be seated at the table during this review of public service and we must make every opportunity to involve and engage our residents in this effort. For this reason, I present a motion to increase the level of public consultation in this review process.***

***As I heard so often during my campaign, public representatives have an obligation to both protect public services and ensure these services are achieved efficiently and affordably. When it comes to services, less is not more, and we must continue to provide high-quality, diverse, and accessible services to Toronto Residents. For our City to continue to operate responsibly, however, and address Toronto's growing deficit, we must learn to provide more with less, and consulting Toronto residents is the only way to achieve this balance."***

For information on how you can get involved in this process, feel free to visit [www.toronto.ca/civic-engagement](http://www.toronto.ca/civic-engagement)

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## **Ward 18 Transit Townhall**

On April 9<sup>th</sup>, I held a public meeting to discuss Toronto's transit issues. Thank you to all the residents who were able to attend.

I was also pleased to be joined with Graham Haines of the Pembina Institute and Councillor Karen Stintz, Chair of the TTC, to provide information about Toronto's transit options for the future.

### **Lisgar Park Working Group**

As part of an agreement with new planning initiatives on Queen Street West, a new public park is coming to the area. Currently called Lisgar Park, this new green space will be a hub for arts, culture and community events for the area.

To ensure that community interests are incorporated into the park design, a Working Group has been created with residents, local business owners, community organizations and City Staff to develop plans for the park.

For more information, contact [brootmc@toronto.ca](mailto:brootmc@toronto.ca)

**Helpful Links**



Residents had an opportunity to list their transit priorities, hear from central figures in the transit field, and inform the debate with their opinions and comments.



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## ***Bloor St. Mobility Hub and Open House***

The Big Move, Metrolinx's Regional Transportation Plan for the GTHA, imagines a future in which key transit stations become "mobility hubs". Mobility serve a critical function in the regional transportation system as the origin, destination, or transfer point for a significant portion of trips. They are places of connectivity where different modes of transportation - from walking to riding transit - come together seamlessly and where there is an intensive

concentration of working, living, shopping and/or playing.



A recent study was conducted to develop plans for a Dundas West-Bloor Mobility Hub. The study included the development of a plan to better integrate existing GO Transit and TTC services, as well as provide a design foundation for future major upgrades to GO Transit and TTC service, and a stop on the Union-Pearson Air Rail Link.

This completed plan was presented to the community in an open house on March 23 to incorporate community concerns into the final project.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call 416-581-1300.

You can also download a copy of the Mobility Hub plan [HERE](#).

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## ***Another Facelift for Dundas Street***

2011 might very well be known as the year of Dundas Street. First, Parking was restored and now major work is scheduled to give the street a much needed facelift. Whether you walk, take the streetcar or drive, you will notice the difference.

It is no coincidence that during my campaign I chose to have my office on Dundas Street. It is a major artery in our Ward that at the time had serious deficiencies. I wanted to help bring attention to these challenges that the local residents and members of the BIA were working so hard to fix.

As City Councillor, I worked hard to get parking reinstated and I continue to work hard in ensuring that other resources are deployed to resolve the remaining challenges along Dundas.

The scheduled work will include many changes to improve the streetscape, including new street furniture, parkettes, trees, new curb and sidewalk construction, road resurfacing and new traffic signals. In Ward 18, the overhaul of Dundas Street will start at Dovercourt Rd. in mid-May and is expected to end in mid-October at Howard Park in Ward 14.

Work will typically take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, with occasional work taking after hours and weekends if necessary. Please be advised that time lines are subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances such as wet weather.

Dundas Street's regular streetcar service will be replaced with shuttle busing as required during the road and sidewalk reconstruction phase of the project. An increased emphasis on moving riders of Dundas street will ensure these shuttle buses are available more frequently than every half hour. More detailed information on public transit changes will be made available in May.

There will be a pause in the work to help accommodate the Portugal Day Parade on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

For more information on this project please follow the link to the project website: <http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/dundasw/>

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## **Ward 18 Safety Walks**

Safety audits are tools to evaluate spaces from the standpoint of women, children and other vulnerable groups.



With members of the community, along with staff from many city departments, safety walks have been planned to address resident concerns and to make our streets safer. From lighting, to transit stops, to garbage collection, these walks will identify problems and develop solutions to improve our neighbourhoods.

Over the past few months, our office has organized a number of safety walks throughout the Ward. Residents, business owners and community groups have joined our office and City Staff to walk through our neighbourhoods, identify concerns and address them.

WALLACE EMERSON PARK SAFETY AUDIT  
with  
Councillor Ana Bailão  
Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00PM



ⓂMaintenance: Litter and garbage is scattered along each fence of the park (south side and fences around skateboard park). Unattractive orange fencing, alongside the south end of park, has been requested to be removed.

**ACTION:** Peter White will investigate and take action.



ⓂOther: Drive way, alongside the south side of the park, has an increase of drug dealing and the entrance gate to the park needs to be enclosed. It serves no purpose, as only drug dealers and drug users access it.

**ACTION:** Peter White will investigate and take action.



## Upcoming Safety Walks

Here is a list of upcoming Safety Walks. Please feel free to attend, bring family and friends, or email us your safety concerns.

### Thursday May 5th

-Wallace and Campbell

### Thursday May 12th

-Bloor and Lansdowne

\*All safety walks begin at 7pm. For more information on participating in these and other safety audits, please contact: [dkostov@toronto.ca](mailto:dkostov@toronto.ca)

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## Toronto's Community Environment Days in their 20<sup>th</sup> Year

The City of Toronto's Community Environment Days program has reached the 20-year milestone this year. These events give residents the opportunity to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by dropping off items that are reusable, recyclable or hazardous.

Held annually between April and October in each of Toronto's wards, Community Environment Days are a partnership among Solid Waste Management Services, Toronto Water, Toronto Environment Office, local councillors and community environment groups. Over the past 20 years, Toronto has:

- Held 745 events
- Attracted a total of 466,859 participants, and
- Collected 9,820 tonnes of reusable and recyclable or safely disposable items, including 5,920 tonnes of household hazardous waste and 2,105 tonnes of electronic items.

In addition, the program has sold 89,101 composters and has given away 21,072 tonnes of compost.

Even though the City now collects many items directly from households, Community Environment Days continue to go beyond curbside pickup, allowing residents to drop off non-Blue Bin items such as clothing, household hazardous waste, tires and non-perishable food, and offering people the opportunity to buy waste containers and water-efficiency products.

## **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 opportunity 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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## ***Resident Issues***

### **Alternate Parking**

In an attempt to make Toronto a more enjoyable city in which to live, and work, alternate parking was introduced to help keep Toronto's residential streets clean by allowing City staff access to both sides of the street.

Currently, there are two types of alternate parking regulations. The first of these regulations requires motorists to park on the opposite side of the street half way through the month, usually from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month from

April 1st to November 30. The second and most recent regulation requires residents to park on the opposite side of the street, every Thursday starting the first Thursday in April until the last Thursday in November (note: parking permit holders are not exempt from these parking regulations).

Please be advised that residents have a 12 hour window from 9 PM the night before the switchover, until the 9 AM the day the switchover takes effect in order to move their cars.

### **Green Initiatives - high efficiency toilets**

On average, older toilets consume anywhere between, 13 and 20 litres of water per flush. An average household of four can use up to 240 litres of water per day and up to 1/3 of their total water consumption can be the result of simply flushing the toilet.

In order to save water and money, it is recommended that homeowners invest in high efficiency toilets. By having your toilet replaced with a new efficient ultra low-toilet, and depending on the size of the toilet being replaced, one could use between 50% and 80 % less water per flush.

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## **Easter Egg Hunt**

Join me this Saturday at Dufferin Grove Park for fun and games as we celebrate Easter with an event for kids and families.



**Councillor Ana Bailão**



**Happy  
Easter**



Hello,

I invite all parents to bring their children to celebrate the upcoming holidays with Ward 18's first annual Easter Egg Hunt at Dufferin Grove Park.

Starting at 1pm children will have the opportunity to fill their baskets with eggs hidden around the park. Collecting eggs with special markings can be redeemed by parents for prepared Easter gift packages. Come join the fun on April 23rd and I hope to see you there!

*Must have parents present to receive prizes.*

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Date:** April 23rd  
**Start Time:** 1pm-3pm  
**Location:** Dufferin Grove Park



*To confirm your attendance, please RSVP at [councillor\\_bailao@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_bailao@toronto.ca)*

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**Upcoming Events**

**April**

23 <sup>rd</sup>	Easter Egg Hunt - Dufferin Grove Park
28 <sup>th</sup>	Public Meeting Concerning 243 Perth Ave. Development Project - 243 Perth Avenue, 6:30-8:30pm

## May

4 <sup>th</sup>	Public Workshop - Lisgar Park - Alexander Muir/ Gladstone Public School 7-9pm
5 <sup>th</sup>	Wallace - Emerson Safety Walk - Angel's Bakery at 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup>	Bloor - Lansdowne Safety Walk - Angel's Bakery at 7pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Brockton Triangle Annual Yard and Street sale. - (Raindate is May 15 <sup>th</sup> )
31 <sup>st</sup>	Public Open House - Lisgar Park - Alexander Muir/ Gladstone Public School 7-9pm

## 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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