

Toronto City Councillor

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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Dear Neighbour & Friend:

Spring is upon us and I invite you to my annual **Community Environment Day** on **Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 10am to 2pm** at **Nashdene Yard, 70 Nashdene Rd., Scarborough**, where you can pick up free compost, as well as drop off hazardous household items such as used batteries, ink cartridges and electronics to safely dispose.



Councillor Chin Lee and City of Toronto

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENT DAY

Saturday, June 3, 2017
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Nashdene Yard | 70 Nashdene Rd.

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Besides it being spring, Construction Season is also well underway. You will find summary of road restrictions at website – <http://Toronto.ca/roadrestrictions>.

I found one which was NOT on the website. Bell is digging up Sheppard Ave East just east of Midland in the southbound lanes. I went to inquire and was informed that it will be another 3 weeks. I complained that there was NO sign to inform the driving public. The crew will look into that.

My printed newsletter will be delivered to your mailbox (for Ward 41 residents) starting this week, by Canada Post. If you have not received your copy by next week, please call my office for a copy or you can read it on my website – <https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/>.

Yours truly,

Chin Lee
Your Ward Councillor

FEATURED THIS MONTH:

- **Around the Ward**

- Community Environment Day – June 3rd, Nashdene Yard
- Construction Notice – Warranty Works on Nugget Ave
- Multi-Tenant House (MTH) Zoning Approach (Previously the Rooming House Review) Public Consultation
- 8 Lamont OMB Appeal
- Scarborough Centre TMP – Online Survey now Live!
- Canada 150 Local Series – Milliken District Park

- **Inside City of Toronto**

- Eco-Roof Incentive Program/Green and Cool Roof Grants
- Traffic Management – New Travel-Time Data
- City of Toronto joins Partnership for Healthy Cities
- "Our Common Ground" Photography Contest

- **Events**

Please follow my website (<https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/>) and other social media outlets (<https://twitter.com/CncllrChinLee> | <https://www.facebook.com/councillorchinlee>) to keep apprised of upcoming events.

Councillor Chin Lee's Community Environment Day – June 3rd, Nashdene Yard

Please mark your calendars for June 3rd, where I will be hosting my annual Community Environment Day at Nashdene Yard, 70 Nashdene Rd., Scarborough from 10am to 2pm. Free compost will be available for pick-up. You can also drop off hazardous wastes such as used batteries, ink cartridges and electronic wastes. For more details of what can be dropped off, please see the attached flyer.

CONSTRUCTION NOTICE – WARRANTY WORKS ON NUGGET AVE

The City of Toronto will complete repairs to sections of curb and sidewalk at various locations on Nugget Ave from McCowan Rd to Shorting Rd, as part of the warranty of the work that was completed in 2014. The details of the work include digging up cracked sidewalk and curbs, re-adjust valves, repair curbs/gutters/driveways, and complete other works that may be deficient. Businesses in this area will receive a construction notice advising the start and end date of the work. It is projected to finish in June, weather permitting.

MULTI-TENANT HOUSE (MTH) ZONING APPROACH (PREVIOUSLY THE ROOMING HOUSE REVIEW) PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The City of Toronto has begun the second phase of the study on Multi-Tenant House Zoning Approach. Previously known as the Rooming House review, the Multi-Tenant House Zoning Approach is proposing a 3-year pilot project which will introduce a temporary zoning by-law to allow multi-tenant houses in 5 selected areas of the city where they are currently not permitted – Scarborough is one of the area. Multi-Tenant houses are currently unlicensed in Scarborough, North York and parts of Etobicoke. The area proposed for the temporary use by-law is: Steeles Ave., Highway 404, Highway 401, Markham Rd, which encompass most of Ward 39, 40, 41 and some of the adjoining wards.

In the proposed by-law, a multi-tenant house is a building containing more than three dwelling rooms, provided for a fee or other consideration. A dwelling room is a room used for living accommodation and may contain private sanitary facilities (such as a bathroom) but not cooking facilities (such as a kitchen).

It has been found that licensed MTHs are decreasing in areas where they are permitted (mostly in the former City of Toronto and some parts of Etobicoke).

A public consultation meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 21st, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at L'Amoreaux Community Centre, Main Floor, 2000 McNicoll Ave., Scarborough.**

For more information on the current round of consultation, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y86h6yyo>.

8 LAMONT OMB APPEAL

8 Lamont's application to server the land into two smaller lots (with frontages 12.17m and 12.21m) which was refused by Committee of Adjustment in February, has been appealed by the applicant to the Ontario Municipal Board with a hearing date on Tuesday, August 15th, 2017, 10am, at 655 Bay Street. I will be supporting the neighbouring residents by requesting City's representation at the board hearing to preserve the character of the neighbourhood. Please contact my office if you would like to attend the hearing.

SCARBOROUGH CENTRE TMP – ONLINE SURVEY NOW LIVE!

City Planning is asking the public to weigh in on the transportation network alternatives for Scarborough Centre. The survey is now available at <https://sconthemove.metroquest.ca/>. This master plan will guide development around Scarborough Centre into an urban economic node. For more information, visit www.toronto.ca/sconthemove.

NEW AT SCARBOROUGH ARTS

- Great event for film enthusiasts! The **Scarborough Worldwide Film Festival** is an annual 6-day celebration showcasing a selection of local, Canadian and world cinema and media projects. The festival has screened over 120 feature and short films, from over 50 countries, welcoming many guests from all over the world. This year, the 5th annual festival runs from June 6th to June 11th and is promised to be the best yet. The program is available at <http://scarboroughfilmfestival.com> and the poster is attached in this E-news.
- Calling on local artists! The **Scarborough Design Competition** is looking for a design that captures the essence of Scarborough! More information is available at <http://scarborougharts.com/scarborough-design-competition> and the poster is enclosed in this E-news.

CANADA 150 LOCAL HERITAGE SERIES – MILLIKEN DISTRICT PARK

By **Connie Tong**

Like many families who immigrated to Canada, many settled in the suburbs of Toronto. I was one of the many offsprings from the baby boom generation to be born and raised in Scarborough. Many young people may be too young to understand or witness the impacts of amalgamation in 1998, but upon reflection, it is a great metaphor to describe the unity and solidarity of bringing people together to formulate one identity - the City of Toronto.

The stigma of Scarborough, dubbed “Scarberia,” at one point gives the impression that Scarborough is full of scums, hoodlums, and crime. Many long-time residents can agree it is further from the truth. Residents of Scarborough take pride in what they have done over several generations – building their journey from the ground up. Immigrants sought Scarborough as an incubator for starting a better future. Just check out the stories of the Scarborough Walk of Fame recipients at the lower concourse at Scarborough Town Centre to see what I mean.

What was once farmland, Scarborough has become the land of beautiful parks and recreational trails. Some of the most notable parks are Tommy Thomson Park and Milliken District Park. The picturesque wood lots and beautiful terrains provide a common ground for many immigrant families who were raised in villages and farmland. The parks were designed as common spaces for social gatherings and as such, Scarborough holds the reputation of hosting one of the most delightful, community oriented celebrations on Canada Day. It has become an annual tradition for my family to visit Tommy Thomson Park – south of the 401 – for the Canada Day festivities. Thousands of Scarborough residents and beyond flock the park to participate in carnival games and rides, roam around the Scarborough Museum, connect with vendors and organizations and experience fun and laughter with live performances. Later in the afternoon, everyone makes their way along the stretch of Brimley Road to get a good view of the Scarborough Canada Day Parade, as hundreds of people and organizations march along Brimley Road, between Ellesmere Road and Lawrence Avenue East. It’s an opportunity to connect with neighbours, community members and local organizations that make up our Scarborough identity.

Of course, Scarborough’s Canada Day celebration is not complete without fireworks – and at Milliken District Park - it is the place to be! Families settle in the park with lawn chairs and picnic baskets, while parking lots are full since the early morning. Stunning fireworks display illuminates the night sky for 20 minutes – another spectacular moment of civic engagement and national pride.

Scarborough is constantly evolving and the Canada Day celebrations only get bigger and better. Last year, the festivities animated Albert Campbell Square for two days with food vendors, stage performances and bouncy castles – the first of its kind to have a multi-day festival.

I can only assume as Canada celebrates its 150th birthday, Scarborough will make its mark.

I would like to thank **Connie Tong** for the lovely essay on Milliken Park.

Ed: Now we must call ourselves, **Scarborites**.

If you have stories, historical artifacts, heritage homes and individuals that you think would be suitable for this series, please email my office at councillor_lee@toronto.ca with "E-news Canada 150 Series" in the subject line along with details. Your content may be featured in our upcoming e-Newsletter!

ECO-ROOF INCENTIVE PROGRAM/GREEN AND COOL ROOF GRANTS

Looking to install a new roof? The City of Toronto offers incentives for the installation of green and cool roofs on Toronto's residential, commercial, industrial and institutional buildings. Eco-roofs have benefits such as improving energy efficiency, lower heating/cooling costs, extend the life of a roof, improve air quality, cool the air and reduce urban heat, reduce noise, reduce storm water runoff, and create habitat and support biodiversity.

Green roofs are eligible for \$100 per square metre and cool roofs from \$2 to \$5 per square metre. You can also get a grant to assess the capacity of your building to support a green roof. To learn more and apply: <http://bit.ly/2ppCG4q>.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT – NEW TRAVEL-TIME DATA

The City of Toronto has begun using both real-time and historical traffic data to support traffic management activities addressing congestion on Toronto's roads. It provides the City with "24/7" information on travel times and traffic conditions across all of Toronto's major roads 7 days a week without requiring the deployment of extensive traffic sensors. This data supplements existing traffic data collected through a combination of in-road sensors and manual methods.

The information collected will be used to support traffic management activities at the Traffic Operations Centre, providing key real-time information about all of Toronto's major streets. It will also be used to measure and monitor changes in traffic congestion as well as to support more comprehensive planning and project evaluation. A traffic-services company called "Here" has been contracted to provide the data to the city.

CITY OF TORONTO JOINS PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY CITIES

It was announced on May 16th that the City of Toronto has joined a worldwide effort to build healthier cities by pursuing a specific policy to reduce non-communicable diseases and injuries by 2018. The City is committed to take proven steps to reduce risk factors for residents and visitors on Toronto's road with a special focus on the City's Vision Zero Road Safety Plan which targets reduction of fatalities and serious injuries – part of City's \$54 million in funding for the Vision Zero Road Safety Plan and overall traffic safety measures this year.

As part of this partnership, Toronto has access to a global network of mayors and the WHO Healthy Cities networks, which will improve collaboration and the sharing of best practices and lessons learned.

"OUR COMMON GROUNDS" PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

From May 15 to July 31, the City of Toronto will be running its third Snap & Share photo contest, led by Parks, Forestry and Recreation and presented by Nikon Canada. Shutterbugs are invited to snap and share photos of "Our Common Grounds" – the parks, ravines and recreation programs where Torontonians come together as a community. Winning images will be exhibited at City Hall and other civic centres, featured on the City's website and used in various publications and communication materials.

More information about the contest is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/photocontest>.

EVENTS

Tropicana Community Services - Uplifting Spirits

Date: Friday, June 2, 2017

Time: starts at 6pm

Location: 1385 Huntingwood Drive, Scarb.

Details: For tickets, call (416)439-9009 or visit <http://Eventbrite.com> and then search "Uplifting Spirits"

Councillor Lee's 2017 Community Environment Day

Date: Saturday, June 3, 2017

Time: 10am – 2pm

Location: Nashdene Yard, 70 Nashdene Rd, Scarb.

Details: Join Councillor Lee at the annual Community Environment Day where you can pick up free compost to start/renew your spring garden, drop off hazardous household wastes such as used batteries and ink toners, and engage with City departments on various services offered. For details of the event, please see the attached flyer.

5th Scarborough International Film Festival

Date: June 6th – June 11th, 2017

Details: Scarborough Worldwide Film Festival is an annual 6 day celebration showcasing local, Canadian and world cinema and media projects. Their mission is to change the world by celebrating humanity through the art of international films and multicultural media arts. Since 2013, the festival has screened over 120 feature and short films, from over 50 countries, welcoming over 13,000 guests to World and local premieres, parties, special events and concerts. The 5th Annual celebratory festival, which will run June 6nd to 11th, 2017, and is promising to be the best one yet, with a variety of film programs, parties, concerts, industry meetings, guests, and of course more films! More information is available at <http://scarboroughfilmfestival.com/>. Poster Attached.

Family Fun Fair

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2017

Time: 11am – 3pm

Location: Community Living Scarborough (Lawson Site), 1712 Ellesmere Rd., Scarborough

Details: The 10th Annual Family Fun Fair organized by the Community Living Toronto. This is an event for people of all ages and abilities! Please see the attached poster for more information.

Pre-Construction Open House - New McNicoll Bus Garage

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Mary Ward Catholic Secondary School, 3200 Kennedy Rd., Scarb.

Details: TTC will be hosting an open house to share details on construction of the new McNicoll Bus Garage. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

Scarborough Community Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Time: 9:30pm – 3:30pm

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre – Council Chamber, 150 Borough Dr., Scarb.

Details: Decisions by Community Council on multiple items, including: 73 Agincourt Drive - pool enclosure exemption; 25 Thunder Grove – proposal to add an infill 12-storey rental apartment building to the existing 18-storey rental apartment; and many more Scarborough items.

Multi-Tenant House (MTH) Zoning Approach (Previous knowns as the Rooming House Review) Public Consultation

Date: Wednesday, June 21, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: L'Amoreaux Community Centre, Main Floor, 2000 McNicoll Ave., Scarb.

Details: Learn about the City's proposed zoning approach for Multi-Tenant Houses (Rooming Houses) in the area and share your thoughts. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Luminato 2017

Date: June 14 – 25, 2017

Details: Visit <https://luminatofestival.com/> for schedule and details.

Celebrating Canada's 150th Birthday

Date: Saturday, July 1st, 2017

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre, Thomson Memorial Park

Details: Get ready for Canada's sesquicentennial birthday in Scarborough with celebration activities at both the Scarborough Civic Centre and Thomson Memorial Park. City of Toronto is leading the celebration with activities and performances at both locations. Rotary club will be hosting a citizenship ceremony on this special day inside the Council Chamber at Scarborough Civic Centre. Scarborough Civic Centre & Albert Campbell Square will also be one of the locations for Canada 150 Atlantic to Pacific Celebration, a nation-wide simultaneous drumming celebration that will attempt to set a new Guinness Record, "Most Nationalities in a Drum Circle" – more information at <http://www.canada150drumming.com/>. Join us to witness this powerful moment for new Canadians as well as enjoy family-friendly multicultural performances and activities.

50th Anniversary of Scarborough's Canada Day Parade

Date: Saturday, July 1st, 2017

Location: Brimley Road, from Triton Road to Lawrence Avenue East

Time: Beginning at 4:00pm at Brimley and Triton Roads and ending at 6:00pm at Lawrence Ave E

Details: Come and join in on the fun – Scarborough's Parade is 50 years young, and bigger and better than ever. Bring your family and friends and celebrate with us.

Arts in the Park – The Spirit of Our Park II

Date: July 8th – July 14th

Time: July 8th & 9th – 10am to 5pm; July 10th to 15th – 11am to 8pm (performance & parade on Sat., July 15 at 3pm)

Location: Alexmuir Park, 205 Alexmuir Blvd, Scarb

Details: Shadowland Theater is returning to Alexmuir Park this summer for the second annual Arts in the Park! Performances, workshops and a parade based on the history and stories of the local community will take place and all ages are welcome to take part in this free event! For more information, please contact Shadowland Theatre at shadow@shadowlandtheatre.ca or (416)898-0946. Visit www.shadowlandtheatre.ca.

North American Indigenous Games 2017

Date: July 16 – 23, 2017

Details: The North American Indigenous Games is the largest continental sporting and cultural gathering of Indigenous people, welcoming more than 5,000 athletes, 2,000 volunteers and a number of spectators and dignitaries from across North America. From July 16 – 23, 2017, the City of Toronto will be the proud Host City to the 2017 North American Indigenous Games. For more information, visit <http://naig2017.to/en/>.

Councillor Lee's Community Movie Night

Date: Friday, September 1st, 2017 (*Tentative*)

Time: 8:30pm – 10:30pm

Location: Milliken District Park, 4325 McCowan Rd., Scarb.

Details: A **free** community movie night to get together with family and friends under the stars to enjoy a highly acclaimed, family-friendly film at your neighbourhood park. Bring a lawn chair, a blanket to keep you warm and a non-alcoholic beverage. Popcorn will be provided for **free**! I look forward to seeing you there!

[Upcoming Events](#)
