

Toronto City Councillor

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WARD 41 E-NEWS REPORT



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Dear Neighbour & Friend:

The Multi-Tenant Zoning Approach Review (otherwise known as the Rooming House review) is holding its second round of public consultation in the month of June. There are several sessions scheduled (Listed under **Events**) with the same content. I encourage to you attend one of the sessions to learn more about the City's proposed zoning approach and licensing strategy for multi-tenant (rooming) houses and share your thoughts.

I held my annual Community Environment Day this past Saturday. If you missed this event, please check <https://tinyurl.com/y8zfq2z8> for the next available location. Please remember that City's drop-off depot is always available for you to dispose unwanted items- <https://tinyurl.com/jsfljfu>.

My office has just been informed that Metrolinx will be starting 2 way service on the Stouffville GO line at the end of June, see below.

I just received my final property tax invoice this week, and like you, the property tax on my house has gone up more than average, and that is mostly due to the higher than average increases in value (market value assessment) in our Ward. I remember that back in 2010, some residents complained to me that the value of their properties were rising fast enough, and I reminded them that if value goes up faster than the average, their property taxes will also increase faster than average. So this is what is happening in some Scarborough areas, these areas have become demand areas.

Please follow my website (<https://chinlee41.wordpress.com/>) and other social media outlets (<https://twitter.com/CncllrChinLee> | <https://www.facebook.com/councillorchinlee>) to stay in touch.

Yours truly,

Chin Lee
Your Ward Councillor

FEATURED THIS MONTH:

- **Around the Ward**

- Multi-Tenant House (MTH) Zoning Approach (Previously the Rooming House Review) Public Consultation
- 2017 Property Tax and Water Relief Program for Low Income Seniors and Low Income Persons with a Disability - Application is now available
- Arts in the Park – Alexmuir Park, Shadow Theatre presents The Spirit of our Park II
- Metrolinx announced all-day 2-way service on Stouffville GO line
- Save the Date – Canada 150 Celebration, Scarborough & City-wide

- **Inside City of Toronto**

- Bike Month
- Toronto's Annual Access, Equity, Human Rights Awards
- City seeking input on Multi-Year Accessibility Plan
- Eliminate Surprises with new City of Toronto Tax Calculators

- **Events**

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. East, 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 defined as 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).

Public consultation meetings are being held right now with the following sessions:

- Monday, June 12, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Oriole Community Centre, Multipurpose Room B, 2975 Don Mills Rd., North York
- **Tuesday, June 13, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Stephen Leacock Community Centre, 2520 Birchmount Rd., Scarborough**
- Thursday, June 15, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Elmbank Community Centre, Gym, 10 Rampart Rd., Toronto
- **Wednesday, June 21, 2017 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm, L'Amoreaux Community Centre, Main Floor, 2000 McNicoll Ave., Scarborough**

Same content will presented across the public consultation sessions. I encourage you to attend the session that is most convenient for you.

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

2017 PROPERTY TAX AND WATER RELIEF PROGRAM FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS AND LOW INCOME PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY – APPLICATION IS AVAILABLE

The 2017 Property Tax and Water Relief Program for low income seniors and low income persons with a disability is available for pick up at my Scarborough Office. The application deadline is August 31, 2017. Please call ahead if you would like to pick up a copy.

ARTS IN THE PARK - ALEXMUIR PARK

SHADOWLAND THEATRE PRESENTS THE SPIRIT OF OUR PARK II

We are excited to announce that Arts in the Park is returning to Alexmuir Park this July! Shadowland Theatre has prepared a full program with workshops and activities, all free of charge! Do not miss this opportunity to participate in this community event and march in the most creative parade on July 15th at 3pm! More details is available under.

COMMUNITY NOTICE – METROLINX INCREASING SERVICE ALONG STOUFFVILLE GO LINE STARTING JUNE 26

My office was just informed of Metrolinx's announcement regarding all-day two-way service along the Stouffville Go Corridor starting June 26.

For more information, visit <http://gotransit.com> or contact your MPP. Specific Stouffville info can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/yd2nljhx>.

SAVE THE DATE – CANADA 150 CELEBRATION, SCARBOROUGH & CITY-WIDE

This year, Canada will be celebrating its sesquicentennial or 150th birthday. The City of Toronto is hosting a very special party this year that will encompass a one day festival at Civic Centres in Etobicoke, North York and Scarborough with a four day celebration at Nathan Phillips Square.

Scarborough will be a party destination site unlike the others because of the unique demographic and list of coordinated events to include all day kid-friendly events at Thomson Memorial Park, a Canada Day parade down Brimley Road celebrating its 50th year, and a multicultural and youth focused extravaganza at and around Scarborough Civic Centre.

Albert Campbell Square and neighbouring Borough Drive will be hosts to two stages where top line programming will more than satisfy spectators with performances from near and far, community group champions, food vendors, a beer tent and entertainers to animate and energize the party atmosphere that will be sure to please everyone from 2pm until 11pm, with a culminating fireworks showcase capping off the fun filled national birthday around 11pm.

We hope to see you there!

BIKE MONTH

May 29th to June 30th, 2017 is Bike Month that raises awareness of the benefits of cycling, and to encourage people to ride their bikes more. City of Toronto has been working with the cycling community to deliver various programs that encourage cycling and has successfully transitioned Bike Month into a community-based program, with Cycle Toronto's help. For more information on how you can participate and the programming, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/y7y73uql>.

TORONTO'S ANNUAL ACCESS, EQUITY, HUMAN RIGHTS AWARDS

Residents are encouraged to submit nominations for the City of Toronto's 2017 Access, Equity and Human Rights (AEHR) Awards – the City's highest honour to recognize people or programs that have made a difference in Toronto by working to eliminate discrimination and break down barriers to equality. Nominees must be Toronto residents, groups or programs. Nomination opens until Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 4pm. More information is available at <http://toronto.ca/civicawards>.

CITY SEEKING INPUT ON MULTI-YEAR ACCESSIBILITY PLAN

The City of Toronto is updating its Multi-year Accessibility Plan and is seeking input from the public with regards to the source of barriers faced by people with disabilities, and what we could do differently to reduce the impact of those barriers. Here is how to participate:

Public consultations are held across the city (registration required), where an overview of the framework and approach will be presented and attendees will participate in group discussions on key barriers. There will be a session at Scarborough Civic Centre on Wednesday, June 14th from 6pm to 8pm. Please refer to Events for more details and other sessions across the City.

If you cannot attend one of the public consultation sessions, an online survey is also available: <http://cityoftoronto.fluidsurveys.com/s/TO-Access-Consult/>.

ELIMINATE SURPRISES WITH NEW CITY OF TORONTO TAX CALCULATORS

New [Municipal Land Transfer Tax \(MLTT\)](#) and the enhanced residential [Property Tax](#) calculator have been launched by Revenue Services to better help residents plan and budget for purchasing property in Toronto. Both calculators are available online through <http://toronto.ca/revenueservices> and can be used anytime, anywhere to get instant Municipal Land Transfer Tax and Property Tax estimates.

EVENTS

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.

Rouge Days

Date: June 7 – 11, 2017

Details: During Rouge Days, residents can enjoy 24 community events taking place across the Rouge River watershed in Toronto, Markham, Richmond Hill, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Pickering. For more information, please visit www.rougedays.ca.

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!

Chinese Family Day 2017

Date: Saturday, June 10, 2017

Time: 12noon – 10pm

Location: Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St., Toronto

Details: <http://www.chinesefamilyday.com/>

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

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Oriole Community Centre, Multipurpose Room B, 2975 Don Mills Rd., North York

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

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.

City's Multi-year Accessibility Plan – Downtown Public Consultation

Date: Monday, June 12, 2017

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Location: Metro Hall, 55 John Street

Details: The City of Toronto is updating its Multi-year Accessibility Plan and would like to hear from you. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/2r9mjoW>.

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

Date: Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Stephen Leacock Community Centre, 2520 Birchmount Rd., Scarborough

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

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.

City's Multi-year Accessibility Plan – East Public Consultation

Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Location: Scarborough Civic Centre, Committee Rooms 1 and 2, 150 Borough Dr., Scarborough

Details: The City of Toronto is updating its Multi-year Accessibility Plan and would like to hear from you. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/2r9mjoW>.

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

Date: Thursday, June 15, 2017

Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: Elmbank Community Centre, Gym, 10 Rampart Rd., Toronto

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

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.

Talk on "Ombudsman Toronto" – Free Seminar

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017

Time: 10am – 11:30am

Location: Senior Persons Living Connected, Recreation Room, 3333 Finch Ave East, Scarborough

Details: Learn about services offered by the office of Ombudsman Toronto. For more information, please see the attached flyer and parking permit.

City's Multi-year Accessibility Plan – West Public Consultation

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Location: Etobocoke Civic Centre, 399 The West Mall

Details: The City of Toronto is updating its Multi-year Accessibility Plan and would like to hear from you. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/2r9mjoW>.

Luminato 2017

Date: June 14 – 25, 2017

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

Scarborough Centre for Healthy Community 2016/2017 Annual General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Time: 2pm – 4pm

Location: The Hug – Mid-Scarborough, 2660 Eglinton Ave., East, Room M03/04, Scarborough

Details: Residents are invited to attend Scarborough Centre for Healthy Communities' Annual General meeting. More information, please refer to the attached poster.

City's Multi-year Accessibility Plan – North Public Consultation

Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2017

Time: 6pm – 8pm

Location: North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street

Details: The City of Toronto is updating its Multi-year Accessibility Plan and would like to hear from you. More information is available at <http://bit.ly/2r9mjoW>.

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: June 25, July 2, 8-14, 15, 2017

Time: June 25 – 11am; July 2 – 11am; July 8 – 10am; July 9-14 – 11am; July 15 – 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/>.

City Hall Live

Date: July 19 – August 30, 2017 (Wednesdays, during lunch time)

Time: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Location: Nathan Phillips Square

Details: More information available at <http://www.toronto.ca/music>.

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](#)
