

# Councillor Mark Grimes Ward 6 Etobicoke-lakeshore

November 9, 2012

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#### **Dear Residents**

This week Mayor Rob Ford to officially proclaimed the week of November 12 to 18 Bullying Awareness Week in Toronto. This is the 10th anniversary of Bullying Awareness Week at City Hall

Astral Media Inc.'s Family Channel co-founded Bullying Awareness Week in 2003 and developed the Stand UP! (to bullying) campaign in association with PREVNet, a national network of Canadian researchers, community organizations and governments committed to ending bullying and promoting positive relationships.

The 100<sup>th</sup> Grey Cup festival, running from November 15 to 25 will also be supporting this cause, with some of the festival's events proceeds going towards the Huddle Up Bullying Prevention Program, introduced by the Argos Foundation.

I have been proud to Chair the Argos Foundation Board for the last four years, while it has raised more than 1 million dollars for this worthy cause.

Bullying statistics show in Canada that :

- One in seven Canadian children aged 11 to 16 are victims of bullying which can include punching, shoving, teasing, spreading bad rumours, keeping certain people out of a group, getting certain people to "gang-up" on others
- 25% of children in grades 4 to 6 have been bullied
- Bullying occurs once every 7 minutes on the playground and once every 25 minutes in the classroom
- In majority of cases, bullying stops within 10 seconds when peers intervene, or do not support the bullying behaviour
- Adults who were bullied as children are more likely to suffer from depression in adulthood.
- \* Between 10% and 15% of high school students are victims.
- \* 11% of secondary students bully other youngsters at least once a year.
- 2 in 5 parents report their child has been involved in a cyber-bullying incident;
- 1 in 4 educators have been cyber-harassment victims.
- Educators consider cyber-bullying (76%) as big an issue as smoking (75%) and drugs (75%).

Source: http://www.stopabully.ca/bullying-resources/bullying-statistics

Let's take a moment this coming week to consider what can be done to stop Bullying and make a safer, welcome environment for everyone.

Mark Grimes City Councillor,Ward 6

## The End of an Era - Last Remnants of Lakeshore Motel Strip Disappears

Thursday November 12 at 8:30 a.m. will mark the end of an era in South Etobicoke when the wrecking ball takes down the last remaining motel on the Lake Shore Motel Strip; the iconic Beach Motel.

"It's a sad day seeing something that was part of our memories come down," said Ward 6 Councillor Mark Grimes. "As someone who has grown up in this community, and raised my own family here, the motels were a familiar site. Sadly, over the last decades the demand has declined, and so have the buildings. This new residential community helps revitalize the area and bring new Torontonians to our community and waterfront."

The Beach Motel Toronto is located on a 5-acre property at 2183 Lake Shore Blvd west, approximately five kilometres from downtown in Toronto's west end. Each summer it filled with holiday visitors for special events such as Caribana and the Canadian National Exhibition. On the cleared site, Empire Communities will be erecting one of Canada's tallest and most iconic waterfront condominium communities, making way for the next generation of waterfront living in Toronto.

During the 1950s and 1960s, the motel was the most popular form of holiday resort for people taking road trips. This led to the creation of Toronto's famous "motel strip" along the former Highway 2, now Lake Shore Boulevard, which was the main western route out of the city,

At its height, the strip was lined with motels from Park Lawn to Sunnyside, with art deco architecture, neon lights, gardens and seating areas on the lake, tempting the traveller to stop and rest. The names included the Seahorse, the Cruise Motel, the Rainbow, and the Sunnyside. The Beach Motel anchored the corner of the strip with its well recognized,

Canadian designed, yellow Solair Chairs sitting along the front of the Motel. The chairs were sold earlier this year along with other hotel fixtures.

In 1966, the Gardiner Expressway redirected intercity traffic away from Highway 2 and the motel strip declined rapidly. By the 1980s, the once iconic motel strip was more infamous for hourly room rates than its holiday appeal.

The demand for housing close to the downtown core has led to revitalization of the area and the creation of a new Condominium community, Humber Bay Shores which includes residential units, office space, new stores and beautiful waterfront parks.

Councillor Grimes will be on site this Thursday to watch along with members of the community and representatives of Empire as the last building on the former Lake Shore motel strip comes down.

To see vintage postcard pictures from the old Lake Shore Motel strip visit

http://lost-toronto.blogspot.ca/2011/02/lakeshore-motel-stripvintage.html



Well known clock form the Cruise Motel

## Council Highlights City Council meeting of October 30 , 31 and November 1, 2012

Council Highlights is an informal summary of decisions made by Toronto City Council. The City Clerk provides the formal documentation at <a href="http://www.toronto.ca/council">http://www.toronto.ca/council</a>.

#### **Toronto Community Housing (TCH)**

Council endorsed the Special Working Group's report "Putting People First, Transforming Toronto Community Housing" and its proposal to retain 564 of Toronto Community Housing's 619 single-family homes. Up to 100 of the homes will be converted to affordable ownership in partnership with the non-profit sector. Fifty-five houses will be sold to fund repairs to TCH housing. The report also proposes two-year and five-year plans to assist in reducing the \$751-million repair backlog.

#### City-Metrolinx-TTC agreement on LRT construction

Council authorized next steps to support a master agreement among Metrolinx, the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission defining roles/responsibilities for the construction and operation of the Sheppard East LRT (light rapid transit), the Finch West LRT, the Eglinton Crosstown LRT, and the Scarborough LRT (rapid transit/RT replacement). The province is investing \$8.7 billion, including a \$333-million federal contribution, to construct the new LRTs. The TTC will operate the transit lines on behalf of Metrolinx.

#### **Ombudsman report on appointment process**

Council discussed and voted to receive a report from the Ombudsman pertaining to the City's public appointments process. The City's public appointments policy guides Council members and City staff involved in the selection process to ensure consistency and fairness.

#### TTC construction projects affecting communities

Council adopted the recommendations provided in a report from the Ombudsman in response to a public complaint concerning a Toronto Transit Commission project. The work included the demolition of four houses in 2010 to allow for the construction of new subway exits near the Donlands and Greenwood stations. The recommendations include directing the TTC to create a TTC communication policy for advance notification of area residents.

#### **Extension for Ombudsman**

Council adopted a motion to extend Fiona Crean's appointment as Toronto's Ombudsman to November 16, 2015.

#### Appointments to TTC board

Council approved the appointment of four new citizen members to the Toronto Transit Commission Board for a term of office ending on November 30, 2014 and until successors are appointed. The appointments raise the number of board members from seven to 11.

#### City of Toronto's investment policy

Council approved amendments to the City of Toronto's investment policy. The changes were made to enable the City to manage its finances more effectively in a low-interest-rate environment, as well as to address matters involving the City's investment holdings.

#### Property considered for park

Council authorized staff to attempt to negotiate the acquisition of a piece of property owned by Infrastructure Ontario at 11 Wellesley St. W. for a future community park. The two-acre site was expected to become the site of a ballet and opera house in the early 1990s but the land has, for the most part, sat unused since then. The Ontario Government has recently taken steps to sell it on the open market.

#### Guidelines for councillors' constituency offices

Council adopted recommended parameters/guidelines for councillor constituency offices, including the upper limits for expenses that will be paid from the Council general expense budget. The budget required to implement the guidelines was referred to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2013 operating budget process.

#### Donations to the City for community benefits

Council approved changes to the policy on donations to the City of Toronto for community benefits, adding criteria for disclosure to improve transparency and accountability. The changes adopted also help to align the donations policy more closely with the City's sponsorship policy.

#### Support for children age six to 12

Council adopted a Middle Childhood Strategy to guide the City's out-of-school-time programs for children six to 12 years of age. The strategy - which includes, for example, after-school recreational programming in priority neighbourhoods - was developed with a work group of stakeholders and in consultation with Toronto's Child and Family Network.

#### Medical marijuana in Toronto

Council directed staff to take steps to prepare regulations and report back on how best to address issues pertaining to medical marijuana in Toronto. Issues identified include the local impact of medical marijuana consumption facilities/vapour lounges and proposed commercial growing sites.

#### **Regulations for adult entertainment parlours**

Council approved amendments to the City's regulations covering adult entertainment parlours/clubs. The changes were made in response to issues raised by the adult entertainment industry. The City wants the bylaw to protect entertainers while also balancing the rights of the public and the industry.

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## More than 300,000 people could be part of 100th Grey Cup Festival

It's going to be a great game and a fantastic celebration. Even if you are not going to the game, there's a lot to do. The whole country is invited to come celebrate the 100th Grey Cup in Toronto. The 100th Grey Cup festival is a historic national event with significant economic and cultural benefits for the City of Toronto.

The 95th Grey Cup, held in Toronto in 2007, led to a net increase in economic activity for the city of \$32.4 million, including \$18.1 million in wages and salaries

"The 100th Grey Cup and its festival will be much longer in length and larger in scope and footprint than the 95th Grey Cup," said Chris Rudge. "We are confident that its overall economic impact for Toronto will be significantly greater than what was achieved in 2007."

The 100th Grey Cup Championship game will be the culmination of an 11-day festival running from November 15 to 25. The festival is an official partner in the City's annual Cavalcade of Lights celebration, occurring on November 17 at Nathan Philips Square. Proceeds from some of the festival's events will go towards the Huddle Up Bullying Prevention Program.

More information about the festival and its events is available at http://100thgreycupfestival.ca.

## **Toronto Public Health launches new Mobile Dental Clinic**

With the official launch of the Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC), children 17 years of age and under will have better access to free dental care in Toronto. Dental health has on overall health including nutrition, speech, learning, employment and self-esteem. By bringing the clinic directly to the client, we are hoping to reach our most vulnerable residents, reduce health inequities and improve the health of our whole population.

Toronto's Mobile Dental Clinic is fully funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and is one component of the Healthy Smiles Ontario (HSO) program. Launched in October 2010, this program provides free dental services to children and youth including regular check-ups, x-rays, fillings and more, to promote and maintain good oral health. Toronto is one of five Ontario public health units that received funding for a MDC.

As of October this year, 32,900 children have received dental care thanks to the Healthy Smiles Ontario program, under the Poverty Reduction Strategy. For more information on the Poverty Reduction Strategy contact Laurel Broten's office MPP Etobicoke Lakeshore.

The Mobile Dental Clinic is a 40-foot customized coach that is fully accessible and is equipped with two dental stations, a sterilization centre and a reception area. The clinic is staffed by a dentist, registered dental hygienist and a certified dental assistant.

The bus will travel throughout Toronto visiting neighbourhoods and community agencies Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. to provide free dental care to those who meet eligibility requirements. For more information and to access this service, please call 311.

More information about the HSO program is available at www.health.gov.on.ca/en/public/programs/dental/

More information on Toronto Public Health's dental services is available at http://www.toronto.ca/health/

Toronto Public Health offers free dental services to eligible children and youth (0-17 years), adults enrolled in selected Toronto Public Health programs, and seniors (65 years and older).

Free Dental Clinics are available at <u>L.A.M.P.</u> 185 Fifth Street (north of The Lake Shore Blvd.) 416-252-8576 and the <u>Etobicoke Civic Centre</u> 399 The West Mall, Etobicoke 416-338-1486

If you live in Toronto and cannot afford to pay for a dentist, contact one of our dental clinics near you. To find out if you are eligible for dental care, assessments for eligibility must be done at a Toronto Public Health dental clinic.

## November is Diabetes Awareness Month

**The Canadian Diabetes Association advises that** An estimated **285 million people** worldwide are affected by diabetes. With a further 7 million people developing diabetes each year, this number is expected to hit 438 million by 2030. Today, more than 9 million Canadians live with diabetes or pre-diabetes. This is reaching epidemic proportions.

Approximately 10% of people with diabetes have type 1 diabetes. The number of people with type 2 diabetes is increasing dramatically due to a number of factors:

The Toronto Public Health website offers many suggestions on managing your factors that contribute to diabetes.

Did you know there are Diabetic Alert Dogs that can help individuals with high risk diabetes? These are dogs specifically trained to react to the chemical change produced by blood sugar highs and lows. The dogs are trained using scent detection techniques to identify changes that occur in human body odour when blood sugar levels move above or below normal ranges. The dogs alert their diabetic partners or their partners' or parents so they can take measures to regain normal blood sugar levels. Diabetic Assistance Dogs are life-savers

#### Small changes towards a healthy lifestyle

Even if you have some risk factors that you may not be able to change, such as age and family history, there are some key risk factors that you do have control over.

Small changes in your lifestyle can prevent or delay the start of type 2 diabetes if you are at risk for the disease.

Healthy eating and physical activity are important steps to help you live a healthy life and prevent disease.

#### Make healthy eating a part of your life every day

All foods can fit into healthy eating.

Healthy eating is not about one food or one meal eaten in a day. It is the everyday pattern of the foods you eat that make up a healthy eating lifestyle.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

- Enjoy eating well. Remember to take time to share your meals with family and friends, to make meals pleasurable.
- Balance your meals by choosing foods from each of the four food groups from Canada's Food Guide.
- Go for variety. Make choices from different food groups and try different foods within each group.
- Learn to listen to your body. Eat when you are hungry; stop when you reach your "just full" feeling. If you are
  feeling uncomfortable, you have probably eaten too much. This may take some practise, because it is a feeling
  that many of us usually don't listen to.
- Try to eat more vegetables, fruit and whole grains every day.
- Choose lower fat dairy products, lean meats and food cooked with little or no fat.
- Limit salt, alcohol and caffeine.

#### Let's get moving! Enjoy being active every day

Do you think being active requires a lot of time and effort? Read on to find out how easy it is to enjoy active living:

- Gardening, walking, dancing or playing with the kids are all ways you can enjoy being more active.
- It's never too late to start being active. Start off slowly with as little as 10 minutes at a time. Each week, add more
  minutes to your walk or other activity. Over time, work towards 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical
  activity per week.
- Being active doesn't have to mean going to the gym or taking exercise classes. There are many ways you can be more active. Try different activities and choose what is right for you.
- Every little bit counts park your car and walk, and/or take the stairs more often.
- No time? You can spread out your activity through the day. Add 10 minutes of activity whenever you can, at least three times a day.

#### Excerpt from http://www.toronto.ca/health/diabetes/healthy\_lifestyle.htm

## Did you know that there are Diabetic Care Dogs?

Did you know there are dogs specifically trained to react to the chemical change produced by blood sugar highs? and lows. This is something the Magnus Family in Ward 6 is keenly aware of as they fundraise to provide their daughter Avery with a care dog.

A dog's smelling capacity is 10 -50+ times stronger than a human's. They have the capability of 'tasting' smells, as well as categorizing scents and associating smells with specific human responses.

It is because of their amazing scenting abilities that they can detect the change in blood sugar levels in humans. As a person's blood sugar reaches dangerous lows, these dogs are able to smell the chemical change the body goes through. With meticulous techniques, these dogs are trained through positive reinforcement to search for that scent. The dog will alert the diabetic handler, allowing that person time to take much needed sugar. Without knowing a person is going through a diabetic low, a person risks coma and even death. With a companion, friend and guardian by a diabetic's side, life is just a little more relaxed and free. These care dogs are trained not only recognize the change, but react to the

change, as well. That reaction, in real time, helps a person or caregiver know when a change is actively happening. To a diabetic, that real-time reaction can be crucial.

You can help raise funds for the Diabetic Care Dog by Kicking off your holiday shopping at our Kick Off to Christmas Holiday Bazaar in support of Avery's Angels. Proceeds from the event will help provided a Diabetic Alert Dog for Avery an 8 year old with Type 1 Diabetes. On Saturday Nov. 10 10AM - 3PM at the Royal Canadian Legion, 150 Eighth Street Etobicoke

## Scholarship Fund for Local Youth and a Chance to see Professional Hockey

Russ Ford, Executive Director of LAMPCHC, and an active member in our community operates a scholarship fund designed to give high school graduates much needed financial support. The scholarship is named after Russ late son who at the time of his death was a student at York University. His plan was to become a teacher because he highly valued the importance of education. Brendan was also involved in a number of other activities many focussing on the eradication of poverty. He had a keen sense of the importance of social justice.

In developing this scholarship Russ has attempted to honour both of those interests. Each year they award scholarships based on financial need and on a student's commitment to social justice based on their voluntary activities. We simply want to find a way of rewarding a deserving student who has already given back to their community.

In the event section below is a poster regarding a fund raising event we are doing with the support of the Toronto Marlies hockey team. There are three ways to donate. You can buy a ticket to the game and a portion goes to the scholarship, you can join us before the game for a very non-competitive game of shinny or you can just donate.

If you wasn't to donate directly and not get involved with the hockey event, please make a cheque out to: LAMP and mail to Russ Ford c/o LAMP, 185 Fifth St. Toronto M8V 2Z5

All donations are tax deductible.



## Crews sent to the US to Assist Hurricane Sandy Victims

Toronto Hydro, following the completion of Hurricane Sandy storm restoration efforts in Toronto, has dispatched employees to assist with power restoration in the north eastern United States.

Sixty-five Toronto Hydro overhead power line and underground distribution network trades people, and supervisors, will be joining hydro crews in relief efforts.

"This level of deployment provides the operational flexibility necessary to provide effective maintenance and emergency response services to the citizens of Toronto over the coming weeks," says Ben LaPianta, Vice-President Distribution Grid Operations.

Forty-eight Toronto Hydro employees left early Wednesday morning and headed down to the US to aid National Grid with overhead power line restoration. Crews will check-in to a pre-staging location in Sturbridge, Massachusetts. They will then be deployed, by National Grid, to areas most in need.

An additional seventeen Toronto Hydro employees will be sent at the same time to help Consolidated Edison with its underground electricity network in Manhattan, New York.

Manhattan's underground electricity network infrastructure is of a similar vintage, type, and design to that of Toronto Hydro. Toronto Hydro's underground certified trades people have the necessary skills and experience with this network design.

"This specialized skill set is unique to these types of urban underground distribution systems. Our certified trades people have the necessary skills and experience to aid Consolidated Edison in their efforts and we are pleased that we are able to assist," adds LaPianta.

## Social Media in the Community

#### Mimico Residents Association

Have you visited the Mimico Residents Association web page or liked them on Facebook. Mimico Residents - Visit www.mimicoresidents.ca for more information, and to join! The power of a community coming together is greater than an individual voice. Membership is open to all persons who live within the boundaries of the Mimico community (see map). Those who are 16 years of age or over are eligible for a voting membership in the Mimico Residents Association

#### Humber Bay Shores Toastmasters

Humber Bay Shores Condominium Association (HBSCA) was established in 1997 as a not-for-profit corporation to represent the interests of residents in the Humber Bay Shores area. HBSCA is a volunteer-based organization whose members include the condominium corporations in the area Member Corporations. It creates one voice for the interests of the condominium owners to make positive changes to our neighbourhood, so that politicians, planners, developers and others stop and listen when the HBSCA speak.

If you reside in Humber Bay Shores your condominium corporation may be a member of the association. Visit http://www.humberbayshores.org/ to find out

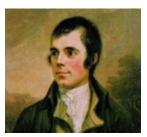
#### **Events**

#### Celebrating Seniors, Every Tuesday!

#### At the Toronto Zoo

Every Tuesday through December 18, 2012, seniors (age 65+) receive FREE PARKING, plus a voucher for ONE FREE coffee, tea or hot chocolate redeemable at any Zoo food outlet! Meet at 11am at the Caribou Cafe for a guided walking tour of the Tundra Trek. Enjoy our fall colours and over 500 species of animals on display at the Zoo!

Visit http://www.torontozoo.com/pdfs/Seniors%20Tuesdays%20at%20Toronto%20Zoo.pdf for details!



Robbie Burns DinnerSaturday November 10, 2012Please join us for a wonderful evening of traditional food, drink (cash bar) and entertainment, plus<br/>a silent auction.\$ 40.00 per person156 Sixth St - St. Margarets Church<br/>Cash Bar & Silent Auction begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

For tickets contact St. Margaret's 416-259-2659 or stmargaretschurch@bellnet.ca<u>Saturday</u> Saturday November 10, 2012 Saturday November 10, 2012

#### Hometown Fair

9 am t0 2 pm 432 Horner Avenue Handcrafts Quits, BBQ etc.

Franklin Horner Community Centre – visit franklinhorner.org for more information

#### Kick off to Christmas Holiday Bazaar

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### Family Sports Night

From 6:30-8:30pm Ken Cox Community Centre 28 Colonel Samuel Smith Park Dr For more information, call 416 392-6355 All ages welcome

#### Saturday, November 24, 2012

#### École Sir Adam Beck Junior School Annual Winter Bazaar

Sir Adam Beck "École Sir Adam Beck Junior School is holding their Annual Winter Bazaar on at 544 Horner SCHOOL COUNCIL Avenue (Brown's Line and Horner) in Etobicoke from 10-2 pm. This event is over 60 years old! There will be tons of activities for the kids including Santa's Gift Shop, photos with Santa and lots of other great stuff. The bazaar also includes local vendors selling their wares, a bake and used book sale, raffle and amazing silent auction. Refreshments are also available. Admission is

free. Come and support our school

#### November 25, 2012

#### 26th Annual Christmas Craft Sale in Victorian Home

Applewood, the James Shaver House 10:00 am to 3:00 pm 450 The West Mall For more information call 416-622-4124 or visit http://www.applewoodshaverhouse.org 26th yearly Christmas Craft Sale presented in a friendly Victorian setting

#### Friday November 30, 2012

#### Holiday Drop and Shop

From 6-9pm Ages 4 years and up Drop off your children and plan to do some holiday shopping. This night will include Pizza, snacks and refreshments. Call Ken Cox Community Centre for more information 416 392-6355 Saturday December 8th, 2012

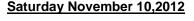
#### First Annual Parangfest.

The evening promises to be an enjoyable one with a live band, DJ, door prizes and more!! Proceeds from this event will be used to provide grants to full-time post secondary students for the 2013 - 2014 academic year. Please help us make this event a success by spreading the word to your friends, family and colleagues.

Doors open at 8:00PM, Band's First Performance at 10:00PM Tickets: \$25 advance, \$30 at the door







#### Holly Bazaar At Mimico Presbyterian

Mimico Presbyterian Church will its annual Holly Bazaar and with something for everyone, 119 Mimico Ave Doors open 9 am

For those hoping to get started on their holiday shopping, there arre many amazing items for sale including books, crafts, attic treasures and of course, homemade goods and baking.

For those who come hungry, there was a delicious meal served and as an extra special treat, the friendly waiters dressed for the occasion.

#### Sunday November 11, 2012

#### Musical concert: The 4 Men - Voices United for a Caring World Singing songs of remembrance, hope and inspiration.

4:30 PM Wesley Mimico United Church, 2 Station Road, Etobicoke Cost : General admission: \$20.00 /Seniors: \$15.00 /Youth (7-18): \$10.00 Children 6 and under: free admission

For Information and Tickets: Call 416-251-5811 or e-mail us at weslevmimico@bellnet.ca

For other information about WMUC: wesleymimicounitedchurch.org **Check out** The 4 Men website at http://www.thefourmen.org

#### Friday November 16,2012

482 Horner Avenue, Etobicoke (Browns Line & Horner) For tickets, please call Roxanne: 416-830-3293, Hyacinth: 416-892-2240 or Joan: 416-209-1481



#### Saturday December 8th, 2012

# Sacred Traditions, a concert of glorious classics and joyous Christmas music

The *Etobicoke Centennial Choir* is launching its 46th season on Saturday, December 8 with *Sacred Traditions*, a concert of glorious classics and joyous Christmas music, including Haydn's *St. Nicholas Mass*, Benjamin Britten's *Ceremony of Carols* and a selection of festive carols to ring in the Christmas season.

Humber Valley United Church 7:30 pm 76 Anglesey Blvd • Etobicoke, Tickets \$) • Call 416-769-9271 www.etobicokecentennialchoir.ca



## **Civic Engagement**

## Be a part of Making Space for Culture!

What kind of space does your neighbourhood need to make art, music, dance? To film, play, practice and perform?

Succementations Committees Commit

We're coming to your neighbourhood to hear your thoughts. We want to know what's needed, who needs it, and how we might work together to help make space for culture in your community.

Public consultations are being conducted across the City Twenty ward consultations will be conducted in 2012 with the remaining 24 wards being surveyed in 2013 and beyond.

Ten sessions were held in the spring with 10 more to follow in October (see schedule below). Our ward (Ward 6) has not yet been given a date for the public meetings but in the meantime you can contribute to the

discussion. When a meeting date has been set Lakeshore Arts will ensure that the date and place is well advertised.

An online survey is being conducted as part of the consultation process, dubbed *Making Space for Culture: Ward Planning for Vibrant, Sustainable Cultural Infrastructure.* 

Please take a moment to fill out the survey and join us at any of the consultations below. Go in person or fill out the survey today, http://www.toronto.ca/culture/cultural-spaces.htm Town Hall - Public Meeting TTC

An opportunity to share your experiences and priorities with the TTC and help us get better. We're listening.

#### City Hall-Council Chambers – 100 Queen St W

- Date: Thursday, November 15
- Time: 7:00pm 9:00pm
- Location: 100 Queen Street West (North-west corner of Queen Street West and Bay Street) Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

#### **Prince of Wales Park**

Mark your Calendars

Tentative Date December 7, 2012 7pm - more information to follow

Public Meeting Re: retrofit of Prince of Wales Park

Discussion on possibilities for retrofitting the playgrounds etc.

Location not yet confirmed.

## Public consultation November 14: shaping the future of TDSB

The TDSB is embarking on the largest public consultation in its history. You are invited to have your say on the changes needed to be made to better meet the needs of students in the future. We know the world is changing and our school system must change as well to ensure the success of each student. These consultations will ensure future plans are based on the programs that best support our students. Simply put, we need the right programs in the right spaces in the right places. Your voice is important.

You are invited to attend the local consultation:

When: Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 7 to 9 pm

here: Library of Islington JMS, 44 Cordova Ave (just west of Islington and north of Bloor St.)

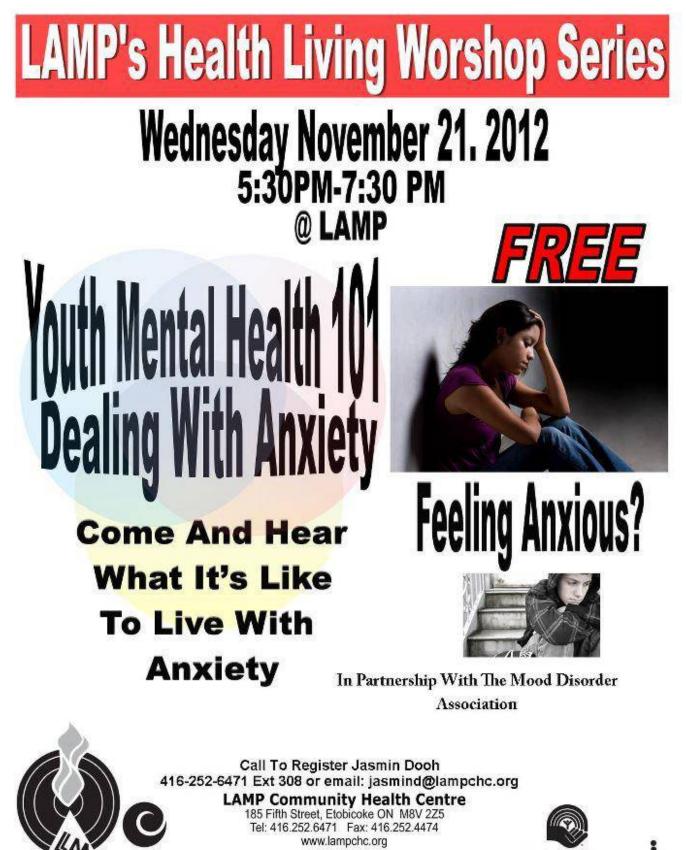
Child minding is available. For those unable to make the meeting, an online survey is available and a virtual information session will take place on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Details can be found at http://schoolweb.tdsb.on.ca/strategyplanning/home/haveyoursay-shapingourfuture.aspx

#### Mimico 20/20 Report

An Open House was held to present the community with the key findings and conclusions of the sub-consultant reports now under preparation. At the event, the consulting team and the multi-disciplinary City staff and agency team were on hand to discuss their findings and answer any questions you might have.

The report can be found on the city website at http://www.toronto.ca/planning/mimico2020.htm Should you wish to review the report and submit your comments you can obtain a comment sheet on the site. Comments must be submitted by November 19, 2012.

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Ontario's Community Health Centres

"Building a Healthy Community"

United Way

