



# Councillor Mark Grimes

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### Toronto's Ski and Snowboard Centres Now Open

The City of Toronto's Centennial Park and Earl Bales Ski and Snowboard Centres opened for the season on Monday, December 31.

Both centres are located near public transit and have affordable lift, equipment and instruction rates and great hours. Both sites feature ski and snowboard schools, snowboard and downhill ski rentals, helmet rentals, snowmaking equipment, night skiing and a snack bar.

#### Centennial Park Ski and Snowboard Centre

256 Centennial Park Rd., 416-394-8754

For the opening on Monday, this location will have one run open, serviced by a carpet lift.

Centennial Park centre's holiday hours:

December 31 and January 1: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

January 2 to 4: 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Regular hours of operation (in effect starting January 5):

Monday: Noon to 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday to Friday: 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

#### Earl Bales Ski and Snowboard Centre

4169 Bathurst St., 416-395-7931

This location is serviced by a chair lift and a rope tow. The building has a fireplace.

Earl Bales centre's holiday hours:

December 31: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

January 1 to 4: 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Regular hours of operation (in effect starting January 5):

Monday to Friday: 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The use of helmets is mandatory at City of Toronto ski and snowboard facilities for participants of all ages in the following groups: school board programs and group participants, instructional program participants, freestyle and ski race program participants and instructional staff, on-hill supervisors and ski patrol members.

## 2013 Budget Process – Let Me Know

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On January 15 Toronto City Council will begin debating the 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets. I am looking for feedback and suggestions from local residents as we head into budget season. Please email me your thoughts and comments at [councillor\\_grimes@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_grimes@toronto.ca) and I will keep them in mind as the process moves forward.

Sincerely,

Councillor Mark Grimes

## Toronto 2015 Mascot Contest

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TO2015 invites kids 16 and under for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to design the mascot for the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am and Para pan Am Games.

Parents, educators and group leaders can join us on December 13, 2012, at 4:00 pm (ET) for a teleconference to review the mascot program. **Visit [toronto2015.org/mascot](http://toronto2015.org/mascot) for more details.**

Group submissions will be accepted starting January 7, 2013.

## Work In Culture's Crash Courses

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### Business-Skills-Shortcuts for the Cultural Workforce

With support from the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities' Sector Initiatives Fund, **WorkInCulture** is pleased to announce the launch of the first E-Learning Crash Course. This course will introduce basic marketing concepts and how to apply the concepts to your career in the cultural sector. The result of the course will give you a lead to create your own marketing plan, better understanding of how to use marketing techniques, expand your audience and customers, etc.

To register for this e-learning course, please visit: [www.workinculture.ca/The-Course-Board](http://www.workinculture.ca/The-Course-Board)

## No changes to Toronto's holiday shopping regulations

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Changes were proposed earlier this year to Toronto's shopping regulations with regard to public holidays. City Council did not adopt any changes and the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 510, Holiday Shopping, remains in force without any modifications.

The code, which regulates the types of retail establishments that can be open on public holidays and specifies the types of services that can be provided, generally requires (with exemptions noted below) retail businesses to be closed on nine public holidays. Those holidays are New Year's Day, Family Day, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Victoria Day, Canada Day, Labour Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

There are a number of exemptions to the regulation, including:

- small retail businesses of less than 2,400 square feet (223 square metres), provided they are only selling a select list of items
- pharmacies offering the dispensing of prescription drugs and using less than 7,500 square feet (697 square metres) of space
- art galleries
- gas stations
- nurseries, and
- retail businesses licensed under the Liquor Licence Act.

In addition, retail stores larger than 2,400 square feet (223 square metres) and pharmacies larger than 7,500 square feet (697 square metres) are able to open on public holidays (also known as retail holidays) provided a

section of the store/pharmacy is roped off to meet the maximum allowable size, and that the store/pharmacy only offers for sale the types of products outlined in the regulations.

A complete list of exemptions to the regulations is available in the Municipal Code, Chapter 510, Holiday Shopping, at [http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184\\_510.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_510.pdf).

## **Gift Basket Drive a Success**

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Congratulations to everyone on your support to the Annual Gift Basket Drive. This year was successful again with approx 2,000 women in shelters across the GTA and surrounding areas receiving a gift this year!!!! In all we were able to support 50 shelters and their outreach programs.

Your incredible support has not only provided gifts for these women during the holiday season, but your commitment gives these women hope and strength for the future by showing them that someone cares.

To view photo's from this year's Basket Drive visit our website at [www.annualbasketdrive.ca](http://www.annualbasketdrive.ca)

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual "Bowling for Baskets" Fundraiser in the spring.

Wishing you a happy and safe holiday from the Annual Gift Basket Drive.

Best wishes,

Shelley Porritt

## **Toronto Zoo Upcoming Events !**

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### **The 2012 Toronto Zoo Adopt-An-Animal Holiday Package Is Here!**

This beautiful, White Lion Adoption Holiday Package makes this year's shopping a breeze and includes a keepsake portrait of our three adorable White lion cubs, a delightful plush (keep it yourself or give it as part of your gift!), an invitation to the Zoo's Annual Parent's Day, and more. Bonus for 2012-a chance to win a VIP Behind The Scenes Tour for you and up to five guests!

### **City Museums Holiday Happenings December to January 6**

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You do not have to leave Toronto to experience an old-fashioned Christmas - The City's museums offer a variety of programs and special events. They can even help you with your holiday season shopping at gift shops at the various museums. In addition, Colborne Lodge and Montgomery's Inn are hosting holiday-theme workshops. Details: [www.toronto.ca/holidays](http://www.toronto.ca/holidays)

Please note: For a complete listing of events organized by Holiday Season theme go to [www.toronto.ca/holidays](http://www.toronto.ca/holidays) and for events listed by site, please visit [www.toronto.ca/museum-events](http://www.toronto.ca/museum-events)

[Christmas in the Park at Colborne Lodge](#) Until Sunday, January 6, 2013

Tuesdays to Sundays, Noon to 4 p.m.

Discover the magic of Christmas in the winter wonderland surroundings of High Park and enjoy a tour of Colborne Lodge, the picturesque home of the founders of High Park, which is decorated for a Victorian Christmas. You will discover festive traditions, decorations and foods enjoyed during the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Toronto. Toast the season with a glass of hot mulled cider by the wood stove and nibble on special holiday treats. Holiday admission prices apply.

Get the most up-to-date information on accessing Fort York during the construction of our new Visitor Centre by visiting: [http://www.toronto.ca/culture/museums/fort\\_york\\_access.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/culture/museums/fort_york_access.htm)

[A Victorian Christmas at Mackenzie House](#) Until Sunday, January 6, 2013

This festive season take a step back in time to Victorian Toronto and experience the magic of a traditional Christmas in an 1859 row-house. Escape from the hustle and bustle while you enjoy a sample of mulled cider

and a biscuit in the warmth of the historic kitchen. Discover the story of how families celebrated Christmas in 19th century Toronto as you tour the Mackenzie home that is dressed in greenery for the holidays. Included with holiday admission.

### NEW! Road to Rebellion – An Exhibit at Mackenzie House

This new exhibit examines the personalities on both sides of the conflict: Sir Francis Bond Head's government, determined to preserve the status quo; William Lyon Mackenzie and the Reformers, equally determined to force change. Over twenty years after the War of 1812 had ended, what defined a Canadian patriot? Was it unswerving loyalty to England - or striving for a more independent Canada? Included with holiday admission. Please note:

### A Roaring 1920s Christmas at Spadina Museum Until Sunday, January 6

Tuesday to Friday, 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday: 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. (Except Dec. 16)

Enjoy a guided tour of a 1920s Christmas at Spadina. At this festive time of year, holly wreaths, garlands of evergreens and mistletoe adorn the house the way it looked back then, based on the memories of the Austin family grandchildren. The 1920s Christmas tree and accompanying poinsettias fill the Palm Room with Christmas cheer. Nestled in the 1930s kitchen, visitors will enjoy holiday treats made from original recipes and sip mulled cider warmed on the Art Deco gas range. Included with holiday admission. Paid parking next door at Casa Loma.

### Christmas Cookie Creation for Children (8 to 12 year olds) at Colborne Lodge

Sunday, December 23 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Children will have fun making unique and tasty treats for the holidays in this historic baking workshop that uses a Canadian gingerbread recipe from the 1830s. While their cookies bake, participants will tour the house and discover Victorian Christmas traditions and stories. Participants will then take home the Christmas cookies they've made. They might even want to save a few for when Saint Nick comes to visit! Pre-registration and pre-payment required. \$22.50, plus tax (includes supplies and a dozen cookies to bring home).

### Kids' Crafts at Mackenzie House

Thursday, December 27 to Sunday, January 6, 2013 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Bring the family to visit the last home of Toronto's first mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie, which has been decorated for the holidays. During their visit, children are invited to make and decorate a 2013 calendar, using engravings and the 1845 printing press. Included with holiday admission. Please call 416-392-6915 for further details. any or all of them online at <http://www.toronto.ca/parks/prd/facilities/complex/954/> or call 416-338-4FUN.



**TWELFTH NIGHT  
DANCE PARTY**

**Saturday, January 5**  
4:30 Dance Workshop  
6:00 Cold Supper  
7:30 Ball

**Tickets \$50**  
(Seniors/Students \$40)

**Montgomery's Inn**  
4709 Dundas St. W.  
(at Islington)  
416-394-8106  
Visit [janeaustendancing.ca](http://janeaustendancing.ca)

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### At Montgomery's Inn ; 4709 Dundas Street West at Islington Avenue, 416-394-8113

**Twelfth Night Dance Party Saturday January 5, 4:30 to 10:30 p.m.**

- 4:30 to 6 p.m. - Dance Workshop
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. - Cold Supper
- 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. - Ball

Explore English holiday customs of another era -- dance to traditional music played by piano and violin, sample seasonal treats, play games and tour the Inn decked in all its festive decorations. All dances are taught and led. No dance experience or partner are

required but the afternoon dance workshop is mandatory and will allow you and the other guests to enjoy the evening dance party to its fullest.

Perhaps you will find the bean in the Twelfth Cake, as they did in old England, and become King or Queen for the night. Learn more about that tradition when you join us on January 5th. Adults \$50, Seniors/Students \$40 (plus tax). Pre-registration required at [www.janeaustendancing.com](http://www.janeaustendancing.com) or call 416-394-8106. Please note: Not wheelchair accessible

## Health & Wellness Programs for Seniors

(ESS) Etobicoke Services for Seniors is offering FREE Health & Wellness Programs for seniors aged 55+ in 2013. Programs available in 2013 include weekly exercise classes for different levels and abilities, a Nutrition Workshop to learn about healthy eating for the heart, and a confidential counselling session for individuals and family members coping with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Space is limited, for more information or to register please call Yvonne Ng at 416-243-0127 ext. 271.

Funding for ESS Health & Wellness Programs has been provided by the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

## Local Events



**Wednesday, February 6th, 2013**

**Latin Jazz Night at the Lakeshore Campus - Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning**

Hear the sizzling, salsa-drenched sounds of our two top student Latin groups, as they take the chill off of a mid-winter evening.

Humber Latin Jazz Ensemble led by Hilario Duran

Humber Latin Jazz Big Band led by Luis Mario Ochoa

is at 8 pm in Humber's Auditorium.

General Admission \$10 Students and Seniors \$5

Free parking behind 3199 Lake Shore Boulevard West, just off 23rd Street.

The invitation card features a light blue background with white snowflake patterns. On the left, there is a small crest logo for the Etobicoke-Lakeshore riding. To its right, the name "Laurel Broten, MPP" is written in a red serif font, with "Etobicoke-Lakeshore" in a smaller black font below it. Underneath, it says "Invites you to the annual" in a small italicized font, followed by "New Year's Levee" in a large, elegant red script font. The event details are listed in a simple black font: "Sunday, January 6, 2013", "2:00 pm - 4:00 pm", and "Royal Canadian Legion Hall Branch 210, 110 Jutland Rd". At the bottom left, contact information is provided: "416-259-2249 | lbroten.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org", "701 Evans Avenue, Suite 100, Etobicoke M9C 1A3", and "www.laurelbroten.onmpp.ca". On the right side of the card is a portrait of Laurel Broten, a woman with shoulder-length brown hair, wearing a grey textured blazer over a white top, smiling at the camera.

## Announcements

“Join a beginner class in January and February at the Etobicoke location of Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi at 35 Chauncey Ave. An open house will be held on the first day of each beginner class on the following dates:

Wednesday, Jan 9 from 7 to 9 pm  
Thursday, Jan 10 from 9:30 to 11:30 am  
Friday, Jan 11 from 10 am to noon  
Saturday, Feb 2 from 10 am to noon  
Tuesday, Feb 5 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm

Please call 416-236-0720, email [etobicoke@taoist.org](mailto:etobicoke@taoist.org) or check [www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org) for further information.”

## Public Consultation on Alternative Voting Technologies

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From the Elections Ontario website at [http://www.elections.on.ca/en-CA/Accessibility/alt\\_voting\\_tech.htm](http://www.elections.on.ca/en-CA/Accessibility/alt_voting_tech.htm)"

*"Since August 2010, Elections Ontario has been reviewing alternative voting technologies. This includes extensive analysis and research on voting technology solutions with a particular emphasis on internet and telephone voting. The Chief Electoral Officer will submit a report on this issue to the Legislative Assembly before June 30, 2013.*

*An important component of this work is the need to engage key stakeholders and to provide a broader opportunity for Ontarians to provide input into this important initiative.*

*A public consultation on this issue closed on December 2, 2012. The information provided will assist in evaluating our principles and research conclusions. Key themes from the input will be included in our final report.*

*You can download a copy of the Network Voting Research Summary to read about our research to date. (pdf 225KB)*

*Requests for alternative formats may be made by emailing [info@elections.on.ca](mailto:info@elections.on.ca), by calling 1-888-668-8683, or by TTY at 1-888-292-2312."*

## Food Alerts

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Get the latest recalls and Health Food Alerts on the Government of Canada website at: <http://www.healthycanadians.gc.ca>. You can also see the results from the latest inspections of Toronto restaurants and eateries at the City's DineSafe website <http://www.toronto.ca/health/dinesafe/>



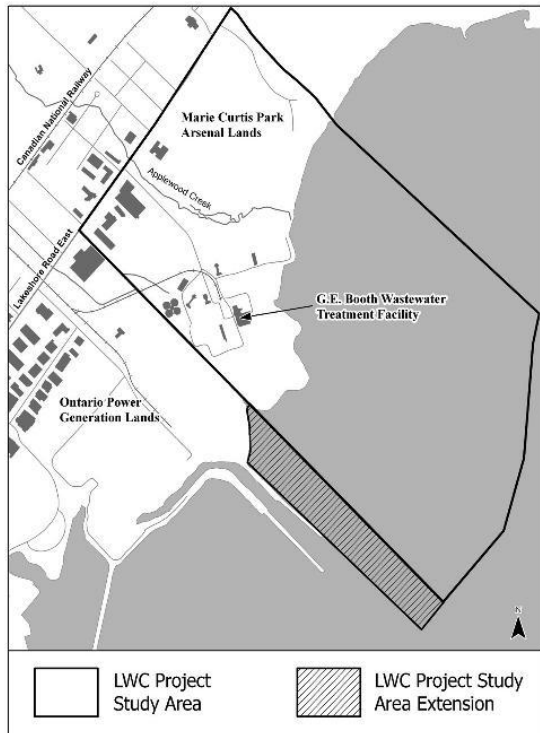
# NOTICE OF COMMENCEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

## Lakeview Waterfront Connection Project

### Credit Valley Conservation and Region of Peel

The Region of Peel and Credit Valley Conservation, with support from Toronto and Region Conservation and the City of Mississauga, are undertaking an environmental assessment to create a new natural waterfront park on the eastern Mississauga waterfront. The park will provide ecological habitat and enhanced public access to the lakeshore.

The environmental assessment is in accordance with the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The Lakeview Waterfront Connection (LWC) Project is an element of the Inspiration Lakeview initiative that was initiated in 2010.



#### THE PROCESS

On December 5, 2012, the Minister of the Environment approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the LWC Project. The approved ToR and all project background information can be viewed on the project webpage: [www.creditvalleyca.ca/lwc](http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/lwc).

The environmental assessment will be carried out according to the ToR and the requirements of the Environmental Assessment Act. Results will be submitted to the Ministry of the Environment for review. When the environmental assessment is completed, the public and interested stakeholders will be informed when and where the environmental assessment can be reviewed.

#### CONSULTATION

Members of the public, agencies and interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate in the environmental assessment process by attending public meetings or contacting staff with information, comments or questions.

#### FIRST PUBLIC MEETING - Tuesday January 22, 2013

Mississauga Senior's Centre, 1389 Cawthra Rd, Mississauga, ON

Open House.....	4:30 – 7 p.m.
Presentation.....	7 – 7:45 p.m.
Break-out groups and collective feedback.....	7:45 – 9 p.m.

This and other public consultation opportunities will be advertised on the project webpage, in local newspapers and through the project mailing list. If you are unable to attend but would like to learn more and/or comment on the LWC Project, please visit [www.creditvalleyca.ca/lwc](http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/lwc) on or after January 22, 2013.

To be added to the project mailing list or if you have project-related questions, contact:

Brooke Erickson, Resources Planner, Waterfront  
Toronto and Region Conservation - 70 Canuck Ave, Toronto ON, M3K 2C5  
Phone: 416 661 6600 ext 5581, Email: [berickson@trca.on.ca](mailto:berickson@trca.on.ca)

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