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Toronto launches Feeling Congested? Transportation Consultation

The City of Toronto launched a public consultation campaign with the aim of engaging Torontonians on a range of issues related to transportation planning, priorities and funding.

This engagement, called Feeling Congested?, will support and inform the comprehensive review of Toronto's Official Plan transportation policies, as well as the development of a new long-term transportation plan, and a funding and investment strategy.

The City would like to hear from users of all transportation modes (driving, transit, walking, cycling) in all parts of the city. The City Planning Division has planned in-person events (open houses and expert panel sessions), online consultation tools, social media, and do-it-yourself consultation opportunities intended to achieve broad participation.

The following in-person consultation meetings will be held in the coming days:

- February 4 - York Civic Centre, 2700 Eglinton Ave. W. (Foyer)
- February 6 - Scarborough Civic Centre, 150 Borough Dr. (Rotunda)
- February 11 - North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge St. (Members Lounge)
- February 13 - City Hall, 100 Queen St. W. (Rotunda)

The meetings will consist of an afternoon session (4 to 6:30 p.m.) and an evening session (6:30 to 9 p.m.), which will both contain the same content. The meeting format will consist of open house display boards, a powerpoint presentation and a table/group discussion/question-and-answer period.

In addition to the in-person consultation, residents will also have the opportunity to provide feedback online at <http://www.feelingcongested.ca>. The interactive survey will allow users to rank transportation priorities and funding methods. This data will be collected and integrated with the assessments generated at the in-person events.

The results of these consultations will culminate in a recommendation to Council on the City of Toronto's feedback to Metrolinx on its next wave of priority projects and on Torontonians' opinion of Metrolinx funding options. The results will also provide greater clarity to public and private sector partners on the direction of the City's transportation infrastructure investment.

Toronto recognized as one of the world's top seven intelligent communities

Toronto has been named one of the world's top seven intelligent communities of the year by the Intelligent Community Forum (ICF).

The top seven intelligent communities are being recognized for creating local prosperity and inclusion using broadband and information technology to attract leading-edge businesses, build skills, generate economic growth, and improve the delivery of government services. Toronto's robust post-secondary cluster, innovative business incubator initiatives and programs that use technology for enhancing social inclusion were among the many reasons for Toronto being named a top seven.

The top seven community recognition is the second step in the international 2013 intelligent community of the year award process. Joining Toronto on the list are Stratford, Ont.; Columbus, Ohio; Taichung City, Taiwan; Taoyuan County, Taiwan; Oulu, Finland; and Tallinn, Estonia. Further information is available at <http://www.intelligentcommunity.org>

The ICF also seeks to share the best practices of the world's intelligent communities in adapting to the demands of the broadband economy to help communities everywhere find sustainable renewal and growth.

"The ICF recognizes, in part, the catalytic work underway by Waterfront Toronto to build and promote the waterfront as a world-leading intelligent community," said Councillor Michael Thompson (Ward 37 Scarborough Centre), Chair of Toronto's Economic Development Committee. "Waterfront Toronto is creating new intelligent neighbourhoods that revolutionize how services are delivered to residents, promote economic growth, and enable innovation through an advanced telecommunications network."

As part of the intelligent community strategy for the area, Waterfront Toronto has partnered with Beanfield Metroconnect to create Canada's first open-access, ultra-high speed broadband community network. East Bayfront and West Don Lands, Toronto's new waterfront communities currently under construction, will feature one of the most advanced fibre-optic networks in the world, delivering Internet connection speeds up to 500 times faster than typical North American networks.

"The ultra-high speed broadband community network will help establish Toronto's waterfront as the new centre of innovation and stimulate economic growth by helping the city remain competitive," said John Campbell, President and CEO of Waterfront Toronto.

The top seven communities of the year were drawn from the Smart21 of 2013 by a team of independent academic experts. The intelligent community forum of the year award will be announced in New York City in June 2013.

Taxicab industry review launches survey for taxicab riders

The City of Toronto has launched an online survey to gather information from taxicab passengers. The results will be used as part of an analysis of the appropriate number of taxicabs in the city.

The survey looks to gain information about how often people use taxicabs, when and where people usually get taxicabs and how long people typically wait for their ride.

The information collected will feed into Toronto's ongoing Taxicab Industry Review.

Toronto taxicab riders are encouraged to take part in improving Toronto's taxicab industry by participating in the online survey at <http://www.torontotaxistudy.com>.

The survey is being conducted by Taxi Research Partners. This research firm was hired by the City to produce an independent report that will examine the appropriate number of taxicabs and its economic impacts, including the potential for changes to Toronto's taxicab fare system.

To be kept up to date on the review and other upcoming consultation opportunities, please sign up for the Taxicab Industry Review mailing list at <http://www.toronto.ca/taxireview>.

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.

ESS is also hosting a Seniors Information and Active Living Fair. The Fair runs all day and will highlight important issues and services available to Elderly residents living in Etobicoke.

Location: **Etobicoke Civic Centre**
Date: **Thursday, March 21, 2013**

This Year at Franklin Horner Community Centre

Ongoing activities in 2013

Jazzercise Lite for Seniors Every Friday starting **January 11th** at 10 am – 11 am

Low Impact Exercise - Stay healthy and active while protecting your joints with this session, followed by a healthy 'happy hour' with fruits and snacks from 11 am – 12 pm. \$15.00 for 9 weeks - sign up in office.

Chair Yoga for Older Adults - Starting Monday January 7th from 12 pm - 1 pm **OR** at 3 pm – 4 pm with a wellness seminar following the class featuring a delicious cuisine! You must be a member. Register in main office. \$15.00/per 9 week session. Beginners welcome.

Mat Yoga for Older Adults – Starting Wednesday January 9th from 3 pm - 4 pm with a wellness seminar following the class featuring a delicious cuisine! Must be a member, register in main office. \$15.00/per 9 week session. Beginners welcome.

Line Dancing – Resumes Wednesday January 9th at 10:00 – 11:30 am

Latin/Ballroom Dancing - Resumes Wednesday January 9th at 12:30- 1:30 pm

Meet friends, have fun, keep fit. Partner not necessary. Sign up in the main office. Membership required.

Shuffleboard \$2

Tuesday afternoons at 1:00 pm - stay active and have fun!

Lunch and Learns – Wednesday January 23rd 2013, February 27th, April 24th, May 22nd 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Join us each month for a new topic in our health and wellness series. Must be a member and register in main office. Free!

Wednesday Night Dances resume on January 16th. Come out and enjoy an evening of dancing, refreshments and fun for only \$3. No partner required.

Wednesday Afternoons

Movie and popcorn on January 16, February 6, March 6th and May 1st

Tea and books on January 30, February 20th, March 20th and May 15th

Starting January 16th at 1 pm - \$2 for members \$3 for non-members

Upcoming Events in 2013

FEBRUARY

Theatre & Lunch – Wednesday February 20th Lunch at 1:00 pm, Show at 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Enjoy a hearty meal right before a production of **Old Love**, a wonderful warm-hearted comedy by Canadian playwright Norm Foster. It's all about rekindling love between two seniors twenty-five years after their first meeting. Tickets are just \$10.00 and available in the main office.

Spaghetti Night - Monday February 25th at 5:00 pm

Enjoy all you can eat Primo spaghetti with meat sauce, Caesar salad, bread and butter. Tea & coffee included. \$5.00.

MARCH

Women's Spa /Goddess for a Day - Saturday March 2nd 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Spend the afternoon enjoying wine and canapés, hair, nails, facials, make-up, and massage for women 55+ \$20.00

Chili Night – Tuesday March 12th 5:00 pm \$5.00

St. Patrick's Day Brunch – Sunday March 17th at 10:30 am

Buffet featuring pancakes, bacon, eggs, home fries, sausages, ham, hash browns, pastry and fruit table.
Tea, coffee and juice. \$10.00

Health Fair - Wednesday March 27th 11:00 am -3:00 pm

This year's health fair theme is Laugh Out Loud featuring storytelling and comic relief. Free lunch, trade show, prizes and draws. Douglas Gibson and stand up comic Charlie. You must register to attend. Please sign up in the office. Must register in advance. Space is limited.

MAY

FHCC/Great Lakes BBQ – Saturday May 25th 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Enjoy live music, kids' entertainment, maybe have a beer or two. The proceeds from the beer sales are donated to FHCC so tell your friends and make a day of it. Contact Navina/Susan for volunteer opportunities.

Franklin Horner's Golf Tournament – Monday May 27th

8th Annual Charity Golf Tournament 11:30 am BBQ Lunch, 1:00 pm Shot Gun, 6:30 pm Dinner
First prize: set of handcrafted cedar muskoka chairs (each). \$150.00

JUNE

Garage Sale - Saturday June 15th - 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

BBQ lunch, coffee/tea, soft drinks and of course Sno-Kones, candy floss and popcorn! Vendor tables \$25.00.
We are not accepting any donated items this year

Strawberry Social – Thursday June 27th 12:00 pm

Enjoy tea sandwiches, strawberry shortcake, ice cream and entertainment. Must register in the office. Free!

JULY

BBQ lunch – Friday July 19th

Hot dogs, burgers, salad and dessert, all for just \$5.00.

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

Tuesday February 12, 2013

St. Margaret's Church Pancake Supper

PANCAKE SUPPER PLUS Book Sale, Deli & Bake Table

At St. Margaret's Church, 156 Sixth Street

Tuesday February 12, 2013

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Adults \$7.50 Children \$4

Serving: Pancakes, Crepes, Waffles, Toppings, Sausages, Desserts & Beverages

Art and Photography Short Courses at Humber's Lakeshore Campus

Humber College is expanding its visual arts and photography Continuing Education programs to the Lakeshore Campus, with a series of short courses in February, March and April.

The highly practical courses are cost-effective and time-efficient. Whether you're a beginner or have advanced skills, you'll receive hands-on guidance from a variety of industry-renowned instructors. Humber also offers a course targeted to emerging artists looking for help navigating Ontario's galleries, co-operatives and publicly-funded arts organizations, led by a leading Toronto gallerist.

Each short course is three-weeks in length and costs \$150.00. All take place on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-9:30 pm at the Humber Arts and Media Studios, 300 Birmingham Street (one block north of Lake Shore Blvd at 21st St.):

- February 13, 20 and 27 offerings include: *Drawing Basics*, *Getting to Know Your DSLR Camera*, and *Understanding Contemporary Arts Organizations*.
- March 6, 20 and 27 offerings include: *Springboard to Abstraction Drawing*, *Collage Explorations*, and *A Flat Surface- Dry Materials and Monochromatic Techniques*.
- April 3, 10 and 17 offerings include: *Printmaking without a Press*, *Illustration and Where it Can Take You*, and *Studio Portrait Photography*.

The practical courses are led by working professional artists who will spur your creativity and help bring your ideas to life. Humber's short courses are a great opportunity to learn new techniques or to add variety and quality to your portfolio.

To find out more, or to register, please visit:
<http://mediastudies.humber.ca/ce/arts>
Or call 416.675.6622 ext. 4508/ext. 4678

Upcoming at the Toronto Zoo

Saturday, February 2, 2013

10:00 am to 4:00 pm, Americas Pavilion

Visitors are invited to join us and celebrate the wonderful and wacky world of wetland creatures with the Adopt-A-Pond Programme on World Wetlands Day! Experience activities for kids of all ages, and don't forget to get your picture taken with "Bobbers" the turtle mascot!

Join our conservation team and help make a difference for wetland species across the province and around the world. Event is **FREE** with admission!

Saturday, February 9 & Sunday, February 10

[Chinese New Year- Toronto Zoo Celebrates the Year of the Snake](#) 9:30am to 4:30pm

Join us as we celebrate the 2013 Chinese New Year - Year of the Snake! Visit some of our fascinating snakes in indoor tropical pavilions and learn more about these amazing creatures! **Snakes need love too! Bring a valentine for your favourite snake and kids (aged 4-12) receive FREE admission!**

Saturday, February 16 to Monday, February 18

Family Day Weekend

9:30am to 4:30pm

Celebrate Family Day Weekend by visiting with some of the Zoo's featured families such as the Western lowland gorillas, orangutans, Komodo dragons and hairy-nosed wombats, to name a few. There's no better way to spend quality time with the family than a visit with our Zoo family!

Food Alerts

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/>

News and Events from the TCDSB

View the February Edition of *It Starts in the Schools*, a monthly newsletter from the TCDSB, here:
<http://tinyurl.com/bfq9ds5>

Seniors Health FAIR



FREE

Trade Show

Wednesday March 27th
11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Laugh Out Loud

Canadian Comedian Charlie McCarthy
Canadian Storyteller Anna Kerz

Franklin Horner Community Centre
432 Horner Avenue

Must Register - Call 416-252-6822

LUNCH & REFRESHMENT



SURPRISE!

Franklin Horner Community Centre



8th Annual Charity



Golf Tournament

\$150.00



Monday May 27

11:30 a.m. - BBQ Lunch
1:00 p.m. Shot Gun
6:30 - Dinner

Silent Auction Prizes & Draws



1st prize:
set of handcrafted cedar muskoka chairs (each)

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Condo Consultation

Please Join Us

The City of Toronto is conducting a consultation with condominium occupants.

We want to find out about issues and problems with the way people are living in Condos

The purpose of this consultation is to engage with condo residents, condo boards, businesses located in condo buildings, property managers, City staff and others to identify possible changes to City policies related to condo living in Toronto. We are already aware of some issues that have been raised, such as:

- Access to parks and dog parks;
- Recreational and community amenities;
- Parking , bike parking and visitor parking; and
- Childcare options in the neighborhood.

The consultation will focus on:

1. Identifying the issues that condo residents are currently experiencing;
2. Developing a set of ideas to help the City of Toronto address these issues.

We are hosting four public meetings where you can learn more about this study and share your thoughts. The meetings will begin with a brief overview presentation from the project team, followed by discussion to identify the issues and ideas to address them. The meeting time and venues are provided below. We will also be launching a survey in March 2013 – keep an eye on the project website (below) for updates.

All Public Meetings are from 7-9 pm

Central

Tues Feb 12, 2013

Bram & Bluma Appel Salon
Toronto Reference Library
789 Yonge Street
(At Yonge and Bloor)

Scarborough

Wed Feb 20, 2013

Scarborough Civic
Centre
150 Borough Drive
(At Ellesmere and
McCowan)

Etobicoke

Thurs Feb 21, 2013

All Saints Kingsway
Anglican Church
2850 Bloor St. W
(At Royal York and
Bloor St. W)

North York

Wed Feb 27, 2013

Congregation Darchei
Noam
864 Sheppard Ave W
(At Allen and Sheppard
Ave W)

We Would Like To Hear From You

Public consultation is an important part of this project. Looking forward to seeing you there! For more information, please contact:

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Visit the project website for updates at: http://www.toronto.ca/planning/condo_consultation.htm

COMMUNITY NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY UPDATE: TRACK AND SIGNAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

January 2013

Dear Neighbour,

GO Transit is committed to keeping communities informed about our construction activities. As part of GO Transit's regular track maintenance program, we are planning to weld more than 200 track joints along the Lakeshore West corridor over the coming months. This work will take place between Port Credit GO Station and Dufferin St.

RESIDENT IMPACTS

In order to complete these improvements safely, tracks must be taken out of service. As a result, the work can only be carried out following the evening rush hour, when there is less train traffic. Construction work will remain within the area indicated on the map below; however, residents may experience noise from the welding/track work and construction equipment.

SCHEDULE

The work has begun at Port Credit GO Station (30 Queen St. E., Mississauga) and will move eastward along the Lakeshore West corridor to Dufferin St. This work is expected to be completed by the end of April 2013. To help minimize disruptions, the work will be completed in cycles. There will be eight days of construction (Wednesday to Wednesday between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m.) followed by six days off (Thursday to Tuesday).

GO Transit recognizes that this work can be disruptive to our neighbours. We apologize for this inconvenience and are doing our best to carry out this essential construction with the least disruption possible.



We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience as we complete these improvements.

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January 14, 2012

Lake Shore Boulevard Bridge Reconstruction

Expected Project Start Date: January 16, 2013

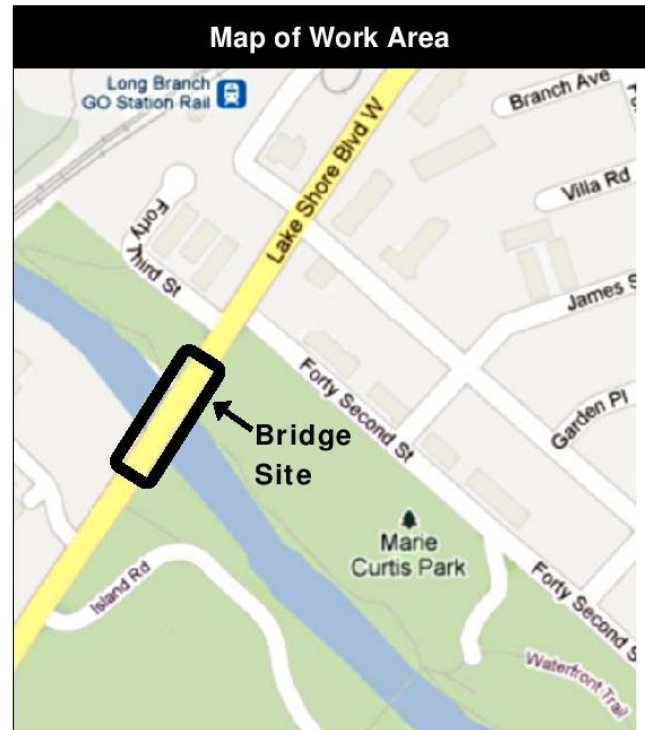
Expected Project Completion Date: November 2013

This year, the City of Toronto will be reconstructing the Lake Shore Boulevard West Bridge over Etobicoke Creek. The bridge is located on the border of the City of Toronto and the City of Mississauga, and approximately 100 meters west of Forty Second Street on Lake Shore Boulevard West.

The bridge reconstruction work includes road surface, deck, sidewalk, abutment, installation of a new bike lane in both directions on the bridge, and improvements to the walk/bike pathway under the bridge, which connects to the trail through Marie Curtis Park.

This bridge requires reconstruction in order to extend its service life and remain safe for vehicles and pedestrians in to the future.

This project is part of the City of Toronto Bridge Rehabilitation Program.



Construction Schedule

Bridge reconstruction will be carried out in two stages:

- **Stage 1: South side - Expected: January 16, 2013 to June 2013**
- **Stage 2: North side - Expected: June 2013 to November 2013**

Disruptions

As with all construction projects, there will be noise, dust and temporary inconveniences. In order to complete the work effectively and in a safe manner, some pedestrian and traffic restrictions will be necessary. During each stage of the work, traffic on Lake Shore Boulevard will be reduced to one lane in each direction, with one sidewalk on the bridge opened at all times and the other sidewalk replaced with a temporary walkway to accommodate pedestrian movement.

From January 16 to February 25, lane closures will be generally limited to business hours. There after lane closures will be continuous.

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Pedestrian and vehicle access across the bridge will be maintained at all times. Access to driveways and cross streets shall be maintained at all times. Every effort will be made to reduce the inconvenience. The City appreciates your understanding and co-operation.

Walkway and Bike Trail Closed for Repair (starting last week of January 2013)

The walk/bike pathway under the bridge will be closed to the public during construction. Trail users will be provided with a signed detour route along Forty Second Street and Forty Third Street, including temporary pedestrian traffic signals to cross Lake Shore Boulevard West.

Temporary Pedestrian Traffic Signals

A temporary pedestrian traffic signal will be installed east of the Forty Second Street to facilitate north south pedestrian movement across Lake Shore Boulevard West.

Work Hours

Construction work will take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday to Friday. Extended hours and weekend work may be required in order to complete the construction on schedule.

Construction Details

The project will include the following:

- Removal and replacement of existing bridge superstructure, including asphalt and waterproofing, parapets and railings, sidewalk and concrete deck slab and beams
- Removal and reconstruction of bridge abutments and footings
- Construction of new approach slabs, sidewalks and parapet walls complete with new aluminum railings
- New bike lanes in both directions on the bridge
- Reconstruction and improvements to the walk/bike pathway under the bridge along the east abutment, including widening of the pathway and installation of railing



Existing under bridge pathway (looking south) to be upgraded

Your co-operation and patience during the construction period is crucial and appreciated.

For More Information

Project Website:	www.toronto.ca/improvements	
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