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Feeling Congested – Transportation and Congestion Study Starts Phase 2

July 5, 2013

Phase 2: Making Sound Decisions www.feelingcongested.ca

In early June, the City of Toronto officially kicked off Phase 2 of the "Feeling Congested" transportation public consultation campaign, which focuses on: (A) an introduction to the concept of designing "Complete Streets" in Toronto; (B) a draft bicycle policy framework; and

(C) a decision-making framework to help identify Toronto's rapid transit priorities.

The goal of "Feeling Congested" is to engage Torontonians on a range of issues related to transportation planning, priorities and funding. This work will continue to support and inform the ongoing comprehensive 5-Year Review of the city's Official Plan transportation policies, the development of a new long-term transportation plan, and the development of a funding & investment strategy.

The deadline for Phase 2 public feedback is on July 30th.

Watch the YouTube Video!

Learn more about Phase 2 and why it's so important that we make sound planning decisions about how to tackle Toronto's transportation congestion. <u>http://www.feelingcongested.ca/#whats-at-stake</u>

Download the Engagement Toolkit!

Learn more about what's being discussed Phase 2 with the information toolkit and info-cards. Hard copies are also available at local Community Centres and Civic Centres.

http://www.feelingcongested.ca/#have-your-say/toolkit

Complete the Online Feedback Tool!

Fill out the survey and have your say to help us build a great city together! <u>http://www.feelingcongested.ca/#have-your-say</u>

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Project Website: <u>http://www.feelingcongested.ca/</u> Twitter: https://twitter.com/@congestedTO Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/feelingcongested E-mail Address: <u>feelingcongested@toronto.ca</u> E-mail Updates: <u>http://www.toronto.ca/e-updates/index.htm</u>

City of Toronto welcomes 39 firefighters and other new Fire Services staff

Thirty-nine of the City of Toronto's newest firefighters, as well as 20 new fire prevention officers and seven dispatchers, graduated from the Toronto Fire Services recruit training program this afternoon.

"This is indeed a proud moment for the new members of our team and their families," said Chief Sales. "They have come a long way in their training and will proudly serve the residents of Toronto."

The training that the new firefighters received will enable them to perform fire ground and rescue operations. Those operations include hazardous materials calls, response to medical emergencies and motor vehicle accidents, performance of emergency patient care, education of the public about fire prevention and fire safety practices, inspections and, while in station, maintenance of firefighting apparatus.

The training of the fire prevention officers ensures their understanding of the Ontario Fire Code as it applies to the various structures, industrial sites and human occupancies in Toronto. The officers will also represent Toronto Fire Services in court when charges have been laid for contravention of the code.

The call taker/dispatcher training prepares those staff to operate console equipment, including dispatch systems and to analyze emergency calls while following established procedures to dispatch emergency vehicles.

Feline Fiesta cat adoption blitz extended to July 20

The City of Toronto is extending Feline Fiesta, a cat adoption blitz, until July 20. Residents can adopt a kitten or cat for only \$25 (plus HST and a licence if applicable) from one of the City's four animal shelters.

More than 120 cats and kittens were adopted during the first two weeks of the blitz but there are many more felines waiting for permanent homes.

While most adoptions occur at one of the City's four animal shelters, Toronto Animal Services also works with off-site pet adoption partners (such as local pet supply stores) to showcase animals that need homes in local communities. A list of the City's adoption partners can be found at <u>http://www.toronto.ca/animal_services/retailers.htm</u>

Good preparation can ensure that the first few days with your new pet are stress-free, making this time a great starting point for your new pet to build strong bonds with your family that will last a lifetime. Get tips and information about preparing for your new pet at <u>http://www.toronto.ca/animal_services/information-resources.htm</u>.

If you wish to adopt a kitten or cat, visit a Toronto Animal Services shelter in your area, seven days a week, from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.:

North - 1300 Sheppard Ave. W. (east of Keele Street) East - 821 Progress Ave. (west of Markham Road) South - 15 Nova Scotia Ave. (Exhibition Place) West - 146 The East Mall (Hwy. 427 and Dundas Street West)

Summerlicious 2013 starts today

Today is the first day of Summerlicious presented by American Express. The 2013 promotion runs from July 5 to 21, with Toronto's finest restaurants offering three-course prix fixe (fixed price) lunch menus priced at \$15, \$20 and \$25, and dinner menus priced at \$25, \$35 and \$45.

Since the City launched Winterlicious and Summerlicious in 2003, participating restaurants have served nearly four million meals as part of the program and generated more than \$178 million in economic activity.

An Ipsos Reid survey conducted during Summerlicious in 2012 shows there is near unanimous support for the program, with 95 per cent of restaurants and 99 per cent of diners agreeing that it is a valuable program provided by the City of Toronto. The data also shows that customer satisfaction with the program is at an all-time high and the program is a boon for business during otherwise slow periods.

"This year we anticipate that \$24 million will be directed to the City's restaurant industry as a result of the 'Licious programs," said Councillor Michael Thompson (Ward 37 Scarborough Centre), Chair of the Economic Development Committee. "By offering an opportunity for diners to experience great restaurants at a great price, everybody wins and the City prospers as a result."

American Express returns as presenting sponsor for the program for the 10th consecutive year. The company has supported the restaurant promotion since 2004, even offering extra incentives to its card members. New for this year, diners can receive a \$10 credit on their monthly account statement when they use their Amex card to pay for their meal.

"With Summerlicious, our continued goal is to highlight Toronto's diverse restaurant industry, while also providing our card members a great benefit with their American Express Cards," says Abhijeet Rege, VP Merchant Marketing, American Express Canada. "Summerlicious has certainly become a treat that Torontonians look forward to and it gives many of our city's smaller restaurants a chance to shine among the best of Toronto."

Reservations are strongly recommended and can be made directly with the participating dining establishments. The complete list of participating restaurants is available at <u>http://www.toronto.ca/summerlicious</u>. Diners can also get updated information on cancellations and open reservations, as restaurants will be posting their availability daily.

Volunteer at Etobicoke Support Services for Seniors

Volunteers Making a World of Difference

"To the world you might be one person, to one person you might be the world." -Kim, ESS Volunteer.

Are you ready and willing to make a world of difference in the lives of seniors?

- ✓ Help us with our lunch programs on Fridays prep, serve, and clean up while chatting with our senior group
- ✓ Deliver meals or assist with dishwashing for our group lunch program on Mondays and Tuesdays mileage reimbursement available
- ✓ Provide a ride to a doctor appointment use of our own car needed and availability during the weekday

Are you a student? You can make a difference over the summer months. Spots are filling up, so don't delay and contact us today!

ESS Support Services is a not-for-profit agency committed to supporting seniors in their desire to remain in their own homes and community.

Please call 416-243-0127 ext. 242 or visit www.esssupportservices.ca to join our team of volunteers!

This Month at the Assembly Hall

Forgotten Voices: Beyond the Conflict of the War of 1812: presented by Sirius Theatrical Company and Lakeshore Arts In Partnership with the Assembly Hall July 6 & 7 at 7 pm, in parkland at the Assembly Hall Based on historical records, letters, diaries and family histories, stories of the courage, loneliness, and perseverance of those left behind the lines will be woven into a theatre piece that will be performed this summer. For more information, please contact us at siriustheatrical.com/contact.

Musical Theatre Summer Camps Full Day Musical Theatre Summer Camp (Ages 9 – 16) July 8 – 12, 9 am – 4:15 pm Half Day Musical Theatre Summer Camp (Ages 9 – 16) July 15 – 19, 12:30 pm – 4:15 am Half Day Broadway Babies Summer Camp (Ages 6 – 9) July 15 – 19, 9:30 am – 11:45 am

Presented by The Music Studio, students will learn singing, acting, dance, movement and scene skills. Take a trip to Broadway this summer! Cost (per person): Full Day - \$590; Half Day (AM) - \$185; Half Day (PM) - \$305. For more information or to register, please call 416-234-9268 or visit themusicstudio.com.

Happening Now at Lakeshore Arts

Lakeshore Arts is excited to announce its fantastic summer camp line up!

July 8-12. Photography Camp; from pinhole to digital. Ages 11-14. \$225

Location: Lakeshore Collegiate Institute. 353 Kipling Avenue.

This hands-on camp will teach budding photographers how to create a pinhole camera, develop photos in a darkroom and manipulate them in Photoshop. Participants have access to LCI's state of the art media studios, dark room and Mac lab! Also includes a final exhibition for family and friends. *Subsidies and family discounts available! Contact bebhinn@lakeshorearts.ca or visit our website www.lakeshorearts.ca

July 15-26. ARTiculate, youth leadership in the arts. Ages 13-17. By donation*

Location: Mimico Presbyterian Church

ARTiculate is an innovative program for youth ages 13-17 featuring workshops with professional artists, field trips to art destinations, leadership training, a volunteer placement and a final exhibition and event. ARTiculate registration is by application and interview process. download registration at www.lakeshorearts.ca or contact bebhinn@lakeshorearts.ca

Local Events

Saturday, July 20

Lake Shore Music Festival

Join the Lake Shore Village BIAs in celebrating their first annual music festival in New Toronto at a multitude of venues. For more information, venues and bands check out their website at http://enjoytheshore.ca/Music_Festival.html

August 2nd - 5th

Lake Shore Mardi Gras

Stay tuned for more details on the 10th annual Lakeshore Mardi Gras at Colonel Samuel Smith.

Toronto Road Closures

For a full list of road closures please click here: http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/road_info/index.htm

Taste of Lawrence, Lawrence Avenue East from Warden Avenue to Birchmount Road will be closed at 10 a.m. on Friday to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday.

Benvenuti a Corso Italia, St. Clair Avenue from Lansdowne Avenue to Dufferin Street will be closed from 5 a.m. on Saturday to 2 a.m. on Monday.

Festival of South Asia, Gerrard Street East from Coxwell Avenue to Glenside Avenue will be closed in both directions from 10 a.m. on Saturday to 2 a.m. on Monday.

Toronto Public Health DineSafe

See the latest inspection results of any City of Toronto dinning establishment online at http://www.toronto.ca/health/dinesafe/

Public Consultations

For a full list of consultations please visit http://www.toronto.ca/civic-engagement/consultations.htm



