



ROSEWOOD TAXPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

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Spring 2012

Message from the President

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

After the unusually warm winter spring is upon us and summer isn't far behind. Both seasons are shaping up to be very busy for your Association. Spring is the season for our General Meeting and our annual Community Clean-Up Day. Summer is when we launch Project 1000, our 2012 membership campaign. Project 1000 is your Association's effort to make 2012 the year that our membership grows from our current 856 to 1000.

In addition to increasing our membership, we are hoping to improve communications. Our canvassers will be asking members for email addresses. Of course for this to happen, in addition to our loyal canvassers, we need more canvassers to join their ranks. Canvassing takes only 3-5 hours in total over several months from April to June. It involves going door to door to ask neighbours to renew their memberships (only \$5 for the year), or to join the association. We invite current members, former members, and new residents of the community to come on board and help us achieve our goal of 1000 members in 2012.

This year we are launching a couple of new initiatives. In June, two Association awards: the *School and Community Leadership Award* in honour of Valerie Plunkett, former long-time Association President, and the *Community Service Award* in honour of Jane Morrison, former long-time Vice-President, will be presented to deserving students from Alexmuir Public School. In the fall we will present *Rosewood Green Certificates* to recognize residents who maintain exemplary lawns and gardens.

I look forward to meeting with you at our General Meeting and again at our Community Clean-Up Day.

Sincerely,

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會長的話

親愛的朋友和鄰居，在這個特別和暖，充滿陽光的冬天，我希望各位能享受各樣的寒假

春天到，夏天距不遠。這兩個季節協會的工作是非常繁忙。

春季是我們舉行社區大會 和 社區清潔日 的季節。

夏季是我們開始計劃1000，招收2012年新會員行動的時候。計劃1000是協會希望在2012年把當前856會員數字增長到1000。除增加我們的會員外，我們更希望加強互相溝通，因此我們要求各會員的電郵號碼。為了達到這個計劃1000的目標，我們希望邀請到更多義工以招收新會員加入。招會員行動從4月到6月，每次只需要3-5個小時。招收會員義工將按戶邀請居民加入，多數居民已經知道我們是誰和已經是協會成員。我們邀請新的社區居民和當前成員繼續加入協會，幫助我們在2012年達到1000名會員的目標。

夏天也是執行一些新動議的季節。在6月，我們會以 Valerie Plunkett 和 Jane Morrison 名義給 Alexmuir 公立學校內該當的學生二個獎項；分別為學校和社區領袖獎和社區服務獎。

另外，在秋天我們提出將獎證書給維護高標準水平草坪和前庭院的居民。

我盼望在社區大會上和社區清潔日見到您。

懇切地

Courtney Fisher

General Meeting Wednesday, April 18, 2012

7:00 p.m. Refreshments. 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. Meeting

Alexmuir Jr. Public Lunchroom, 95 Alexmuir Blvd

Guest speaker on Preventing Identity Theft.

Officer Gary Gomez, 42 Division Crime Prevention

Rosewood Community Clean-Up Saturday, April 21

Starts 9:45 a.m. promptly, for one hour.

**Meet in the parking lot of Alexmuir Jr.
Public. Please come out and make a
difference!**

Reminders and Initiatives

- ☐ Please place garbage and recycling bins out of sight in your garage or at the side of your house.
- ☐ Parking on the apron of driveway (between the walkway and the street) is illegal. If reported, your car may be ticketed.
- ☐ With Victoria Day not far away, ensure that your children do not light fireworks near homes or buildings or in the street.
- ☐ Cyclists are reminded to wear light coloured clothing after dusk and use lights and reflectors. Cyclists should also use a bell to alert pedestrians to their approach, especially from behind.
- ☐ Residents can sign up with TPS links Community automated Notification System to receive security information (threats to school safety, missing person notifications, suspicious person notification, etc.) Register at www.torontopolice.on.ca (click on the TPlinks icon), email TPSlinks@torontopolice.on.ca, or pick up a registration form at the 42 Division office.
- ☐ City of Toronto could lose nearly all of its 860,000 ash trees to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) by 2017. To learn more visit <http://www.toronto.ca/trees/eab.htm>. We must act now to spread the word about this invasive insect pest and to start planting new trees. With the support of the Live Green Toronto Capital Projects Fund, LEAF offers a subsidized Backyard Tree Planting Program. To find out more, visit www.yourleaf.org or call 416-413-9244 today!

时间

2012年4月18日, 星期三 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.

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地點 Alexmuir Jr.公立学校, 95 Alexmuir大道.

主題: 保護個人身份资料, 特邀演讲者42分部防止犯罪案組, 加利戈麥斯警官

玫瑰園社區清潔日

**时间是4月21日, 星期六, 集合地方在Alexmuir Jr.
公立学校的停车场, 開始時 間在上午9:45。**

提示

- ☐ 請安置垃圾桶和廢物回收桶放在車庫或在房子的旁院
- ☐ 在城市街道上停車, 超出三個小時是非法的. 並且在自家車道界限內, 停車在行人路和市街道之間的地方停車也是非法.
- ☐ 騎自行車者被提醒穿着淡色的衣物和安裝反光片和響鈴
- ☐ 居民可以報名參加與TPSlinksCommunity的自動化信息通知系統, 以收到有關. :例如對學校安全有威脅、失蹤者通告, 可疑人物通告等重大信息。可在www.torontopolice.on.ca (点击TPlinks像) 登記, 電子郵件地址為TPSlinks@torontopolice.on.ca或從42分部拾取登记表。
- ☐ 根據估計直到2017年為止, 因為(EAB) 害蟲入侵影響, 導致多倫多市將幾乎丟失所有 860, 000個樹木(細節可參考<http://www.toronto.ca/trees/eab.htm>)。緊急關頭時刻, 我們必要傳播開這害虫入侵已非常嚴重的信息, 並且種植新的樹木替換我們丟失的。在綠色多倫多項目資金的支持下, 他們提供一個給津貼的後院樹木種植計劃。要欲知更多細節, 可登入www.yourleaf.org或電416-413-9244!"

Message from Rathika Sitsabaiesan, MP

Dear Neighbour,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful start to spring and taking advantage of the many outdoor activities and festivities that have already begun in our community. This is a busy time in Scarborough-Rouge River as well as in Ottawa. Over the past month, I have been talking to Scarborough residents who were eager to share their views on issues such as public transit in our city, OAS and Pensions. I, along with my colleagues MP Olivia Chow, the Official Opposition's Critic on Transit, Infrastructure and Communities, and MP Irene Mathysen, the Official Opposition Seniors Critic, hosted community conversations to discuss the need for a National Transit Strategy and the state of OAS and Pensions in Canada.

On March 29th the Conservative government will have introduced their budget for 2012. We have been increasing pressure hoping that we see investments and not cuts to vital services and programs like public transit, Old Age Security (OAS) and healthcare. I am working hard to make sure that the Conservative government hears the voices of Scarborough residents and considers the needs of all Canadians across the country who rely on these vital services and programs.

With the warming weather comes gardening season and I hope to see you at tree planting events in Rouge Park and Milliken Park coming up this month, as well as at the Rosewood Community Clean-up Day on April 21st.

I hope to see you all out and about in Scarborough!



MP, Scarborough-Rouge River



Message from Councillor Chin Lee

Dear Neighbour:

Recently, I was advised that Bell Canada is seeking to install a telecommunications tower of just under 15 metres in height at the plaza at 125 Montezuma Trail. While these towers are required in order to operate our cell phones, wireless computers, etc., the City believes that they should not be installed directly in residential communities (at present there is conflicting evidence as to the safety of radio waves emitted from these telecommunications towers).

Currently, telecommunications towers come under the sole jurisdiction of the federal government through their Industry Canada ministry. The City of Toronto has no authority over the final placement of telecommunications towers. Nevertheless, I have contacted Bell to see if they would voluntarily move the tower to a more suitable location (at the time of writing this report I have yet to receive a response). You may also wish to contact your Member of Parliament to request that federal regulations be changed to give residents and municipalities greater say in any future placement of telecommunications towers.

If I can be of assistance with any municipal matter please contact me at 416-392-1375 or via email at councillor_lee@toronto.ca.

Councillor Chin Lee

Ward 41 – Scarborough-Rouge River

Important Issue – Tower planned

Bell Mobility Corporation has served notice to the City of Toronto of their intention to construct a communication tower at Rosewood Plaza, 125 Montezuma Trail (see Councillor Chin's message). Rosewood Taxpayers' Association and Councillor Chin have informed Bell Corporation that we feel it is inappropriate to place a communication tower in a residential neighbourhood. In addition, the Association is organizing a community petition to Bell, the City of Toronto, and Industry Canada in Ottawa. Residents are urged to come to the General Meeting on April 18 and sign the petition. If you are unable to attend, please call the association President and arrangements will be made to get your signature on the petition.

Rosewood Taxpayers' Association President, Courtney Fisher, presents a donation to Mr. K.C. Chan, Program Manager, Wellness Centre, Dept. of Psychiatry, Mount Sinai Hospital, guest speaker at the 2011 Fall General Meeting. Facilitating Mr. Chan in his presentation was Ms. Connie Yip, nurse practitioner in the mental health field.

Report from Bas Balkissoon, MPP

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

On Tuesday, March 6, 2012, Tim Hudak, leader of the opposition introduced the following motion on public transit.

“I move that the Legislative Assembly calls upon the government of Ontario to endorse the Sheppard subway extension and honour its \$8.4-billion commitment to the city of Toronto for construction of the entire Eglinton crosstown line underground.”

As I stated during the debate, ever since I was elected first to city council in 1988 and up until today, I have always been in favour of an underground transit system in Scarborough.

Here is my reasoning. An underground transit system would:

- Encourage more people to leave their cars at home benefiting the environment
- Reduce grid-lock
- Support Scarborough as a business hub
- Be beneficial for our riders especially during the winter months
- Position us for future economic growth

Background

- The province offered \$8.4 billion to the City of Toronto for transit infrastructure. Although the committed funds were not for specific routes, the Province did provide guidelines and principles. The City must work with Metrolinx which was created to coordinate the implementation of transit plans. The goal of the project is to ensure timeliness, efficiency and seamless transfer of passengers between systems and to improve travel time for passengers.
- The province has no intention NOT to honour the \$8.4 billion already committed.
- As a former City Councillor, City Councillors are duly elected to represent the voters and make decisions on all local matters including transit for the residents within the boundaries of Toronto.
- On March 31, 2011 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between Metrolinx, the Province and the Mayor for underground LRT. This was conditional on Council approval.

Mr. Hudak failed to mention that his resolution would cost an additional \$7 billion and did not indicate where the funding would come from.

Mr. Hudak's motion disrespects the democratic process that City of Toronto Council and/or TTC make decisions for transit within its boundaries.

I did not support Mr. Hudak's motion for the reasons stated above.

On March 22, 2012, City Council voted 24–19 in favour of building the light rail line on Sheppard Avenue instead of a subway as per the Memorandum of Understanding. It must now go to Metrolinx for consideration of the technical issues and then requires final approval from Ontario government cabinet.

If you have any questions, please call my constituency office at 416-297-5040 or send an email to bbalkissoon.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

Sincerely,



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