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Dear Ward 35 Resident,

It's hard to believe, but it's already halfway through this term! So much has happened in the ward over the last two years, and I thought it might be good idea to ponder over the various events, and more importantly look ahead as we plan for the next two years. Whether it's your professional or personal life, it's sometimes a good idea to take stock of where we are, and see how things can be improved for the future.

Thanks to all those who have phoned over the last two years. In fact we answered and solved over 3000 thousand enquiries from across the ward. Many of you have shared your views or asked for an explanation on a wide variety of topics you have read or heard about and for that we thank you and offer one caveat of information. There are over 15 full time media who cover city hall and while they offer a valid opinion, I always encourage residents to not use them as the only source of information. In fact, many of the calls we receive at the office are to ask for a full explanation to which residents often reply "Why, that wasn't included in the item I read..."

Our ward has experienced some tremendous growth over the last 24 months. Homes have been built, the finishing touches have been put on the design for the new community centre, work has commenced on the \$28 million Victoria Park Subway station renovation, parks opened and soccer fields and splash pads have been welcomed. Many of you have been involved with the numerous planning and community meetings as we take advantage of the new additions to various parts of the ward. Thanks to all of you who took the time to participate and share your valuable views.

While these new amenities are naturally important, it's what we do with them and how we utilize these facilities that truly make a difference in our lives. With this in mind; in November, I had the rare opportunity to give a speech to over 200 people at the new street sign unveiling. These new signs are the first in a series honouring fallen soldiers with the poppy symbol. At that time I spoke about Canada, Toronto and our community being "a gift that we should never forget..." and we should always remember the people who fought and sometimes died for those ideals."

Over the next two years our office, in conjunction with many groups around the ward, have several events and activities for all of us to enjoy and cherish. For the summer, we are planning Family Outdoor Movie nights, our 3rd annual Ward 35 Carnival at a location to be announced, and a regular schedule of informal "Meet and Greets". These are just a few of the events to be announced in the spring newsletter.

Please take the time to become involved. Your time in the community is an investment in the future of the ward,

As usual please feel free to contact my office. If you wish to speak to me directly, we will find a mutual time to speak with each other. For those on the internet, you may contact me through my website.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at upcoming events.

Regards,

ADRIAN HEAPS
Councillor, Scarborough Southwest – Ward 35

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ward 35 Community Centre Open House

November 26th – 7pm
Toronto Community Living Building
50 Fairfax Crescent
(off of Warden Avenue north of St. Clair)

Join Councillor Adrian Heaps in the Community Centre Open House, where the architects will show off renderings of the new community centre. This state-of-the-art building will offer several unique features to serve the community including many 'green' initiatives. The evening will also mark the launch of the Community Centre naming process. Anyone interested in submitting their choice for the name, will be invited to submit a nomination that must satisfy a number of criteria for the name to be considered.

Councillor Heaps Valentine's Day Free Skate

Saturday February 14, 2009
Don Montgomery Recreation Centre
2467 Eglinton Avenue East
3pm to 5pm

DID YOU KNOW?

Here is a little Oakridge history as told on a historical plaque.



On the south side of Danforth Avenue between Pharmacy and Warden Avenues, are the remains of the old Oakridge Public School. A 1993 City of Scarborough plaque embedded in the wall states: "Oakridge Public School was built on this site in 1913 to replace the former one room school, S.S. No. 12, which had been gutted by fire. Two rooms were added in 1916 and four more rooms in 1922. As the population of the township of Scarborough continued to grow, a second building, consisting of six rooms, was built. This 1925 datestone was taken from the second building when both structures were demolished in 1967 and replaced by a modern school on Byng Avenue."



Michael 'Pinball' Clemons joins Councillor Heaps in the launch of the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon.



STREET SIGN UNVEILING TO HONOUR FALLEN SOLDIERS

In November, Councillor Heaps was joined by Mayor Miller in a street sign unveiling ceremony to honour fallen soldiers from the Second World War. These special edition signs will bear the symbolic poppy and are the first of more than 60,000 street name signs that the City will replace over time. In Ward 35, we are proud to have 15 new streets named after WWII fallen soldiers.

Over 200 people attended this historic ceremony, including Frank Seminoff, a brother of the two fallen soldiers. Seminoff Avenue pays tribute to Edward and Leonard Seminoff, both of whom served with the Royal Canadian Engineers. Edward was killed on October 16, 1944 at the age of 24. His brother Leonard, was killed on May 26, 1944.

Oates Drive is named after Raymond J. Oates who was a trooper who served in the Elgin Regiment of the Royal Canadian Armoured Corps. He was killed on September 12, 1944, at the age of 22.

For a list of all 15 new streets and their origin, please visit my website at www.adrianheaps.com



It's that time of year again. Winter.

And a Canadian winter means snow - sometimes a great deal of snow, as we saw last year.

Here are a few things that you can expect as we gear up for another winter in Toronto.

As many of you know, the City's first priority during a major snowfall is to keep the main roads clear for emergency and TTC vehicles. You can do your part by not parking or stopping on these routes during or following a major snowstorm.

Once the main roads are clear, then our crews can get to the side streets. Ploughing on side streets will usually be completed within 15-25 hours after the snow stops falling. An additional 24 hours is often required to plough difficult areas where snow has not been completely cleared.

Sidewalks, bus stops and transit shelters will generally be ploughed within 48 hours after a snowstorm.

Here's an important tip about shovelling snow. Please don't push snow back onto the road. It's

against the law, hampers snow clearing efforts and is very dangerous for motorists.

Remember, you can get current snow ploughing information at 416- 338-SNOW (416-338-7669) This telephone line will be available during snow ploughing operations. Residents can call this number to find out how snow ploughing operations are progressing,

Winter, and the snow that comes with it, is a part of what makes us Canadians. By working together, we can make sure that Toronto continues to be a safe and accessible city in which to live, work and play.

THE PLANNING FILE

Currently there are several active developments, at various stages in the planning process, across Ward 35. Regardless of the size of the development, my main interest will always be the quality of each project. I am encouraged when I see concerned residents attending community meetings and offering their input. If the community works together, we can ensure our neighbourhood retains its unique character while providing enhancements at the same time.

- **240 Danforth Road – Ranka Enterprises**
five two-storey townhomes (rezoning application under review, severance applications on hold)
- **250 Danforth Road – Patterson Properties Inc.**
48 townhouse units contained within 5 blocks. (rezoning and subdivision applications being reviewed)
- **300 Danforth Road – Ranka Enterprises**
348 units consisting of semis, townhomes and retirement apartments. (zoning approved, subdivision and site plan under review)
- **350 Danforth Road – Goldman Group**
446 singles, semis and townhomes (zoning and subdivision approved, under construction)
- **3520 Danforth Avenue- 1579669 Ontario Inc.**
(formerly Icon Developments Ltd.) - preliminary stages requesting by-law amendment and site plan approval proposing condo building with ground floor commercial uses. Appealed to OMB – pre-hearing Dec. 3, 2008, Hearing March 2, 2009
- **25 Herron Avenue – Caliber Homes**
10 single residential homes (under construction)
- **41 Lebovic Avenue – T. Junction Developments**
two-storey mixed commercial and office development (site plan approved with conditions)
- **3595 St. Clair Avenue – St. Clair Investment Group** -
167 singles and townhomes (Official Plan / Rezoning subdivision applications under appeal/review)
- **556 Danforth Road** - Birchdan Animal Clinic and 2nd floor residential units (site plan under review)
- **641 Danforth Road – Georgian Cliffside Inc.**
388 residential development consisting of two ten-storey buildings and three blocks of 3.5-storey townhouses. Applicant presented revised proposal of 208 units in 3 four-storey buildings – April 2006. File closed due to inactivity
- **60 Fairfax – Norstar** – 7 storey condominium apartment building with 198 units (site plan application under review)
- **Former CNR line north of St. Clair Avenue just east of Mattamy – Rexton Developments**
proposed subdivision with 42 townhomes. (Zoning and subdivision applications recommended for approval)
- **678 Kennedy Road** - addition of Tim Hortons to the Kennedy Park Plaza (site plan approved)
- **744 Kennedy Road – Kennedy Birch Properties Inc.**
9 condominium townhouse units (site plan approved with conditions)
- **544 Birchmount Road – Medallion Corporation**
zoning by-law amendment application to permit the intensification of the site with a second apartment building (zoning approved in principle by City Council, site plan application under review)
- **651 Warden Avenue – Goldman Centennial**
229 units both semis and townhomes. (zoning approved, subdivision approved, 2 site plan applications approved, one under review, under construction)
- **671 Warden Avenue – Stafford Homes**
115 units including 2 singles and 83 townhomes as well as 30 stacked condominium townhomes. (zoning approved, subdivision approved with conditions, site plan under review)

- **675 Warden Avenue – Ina Grafton Gage Nursing Home** - 128 beds (under construction)
- **685 Warden Avenue – No Frills**
plans for a new grocery store with additional retail on the property. (rezoning and site plan applications approved by OMB)
- **800 Warden Avenue** – proposed Lowe’s building plus garden centre (site plan application approved)
- **725 Warden Avenue – Mattamy Homes**
mixed subdivision with a total of 563 units including semis, townhomes and condominiums. (zoning, subdivision and site plans approved, under construction)
- **743 Warden Avenue – (former Samuel Strapping plant) Zahavish Developments**
retail commercial on the part of the site fronting on Warden Avenue including supermarket and drug store, industrial uses on the interior (zoning amendment application under review).
- **750 Warden Avenue – HMO Ltd.**
five separate one-storey public storage buildings consisting of 221 units. (site plan approved)
- **TTC Warden Station**
commuter parking replacement and associated modifications (site plan under review)
- **Ward 35 Community Centre**, east side of Warden Avenue north of St. Clair Avenue (site plan under review)
- **TTC Victoria Park Subway station**
Bus terminal replacement project (site plan under review)

It is my intent to keep our community informed of issues that impact our ward. I will continue to update this list as information becomes available.

ANNOUNCING THE NEW CLAIRLEA REGENT HEIGHTS NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

The ‘Clairlea Regent Heights Neighbourhood Association’ (www.crhna.com) represents a merger of two former neighbourhood advocacy groups, the Clairlea Neighbourhood Association and the Warden Woods West Resident’s Association.

Located in Southwest Scarborough, our geographic boundaries are defined by Eglinton Avenue to the north, Taylor Massey Creek to the south, Warden Avenue to the east and Victoria Park Avenue to the west. In this day and age, when boundaries are becoming less relevant, everyone is welcome to join us and be part of our community activities no matter where you reside.

As an association, our goal is to keep the community informed and to be a point of reference for neighbourhood issues. To achieve this we work with a variety of organizations, including police, health and safety authorities, environmental groups, community groups, and the Ward 35 Councillor’s office. We also have a profound respect for the ecological and historical significance of the area we are proud to call our home.

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TORONTO ACCESSIBLE SPORTS COUNCIL Adrian tries his hand at wheelchair tennis



Councillor Adrian Heaps, Chair of the Disability Issues Committee, participates in wheel chair tennis in one of the first projects that TASC will undertake. It is the delivery of 10 accessible sport programs which started on May of 2008, which is open to people of all ages and abilities. Programs include bocce, wheelchair tennis and basketball, track and field, adapted sailing and gliding and more.

The Toronto Accessible Sports Council is a new initiative aimed at building access and equity through sport. The vision of TASC is to unite disability organizations that provide sport and active living opportunities for people with physical disabilities to share resources, collaborate in program planning and delivery, and create a stronger unified voice to advocate for change and equity on behalf of athletes with a disability in Toronto.

2008 ENVIRONMENT DAY — NO MESSING AROUND!

Over 1300 residents attended the successful 2008 Ward 35 Environment Day. Our experienced staff provided residents with advice and information on water efficiency, tree planting and other solid waste questions.

Thanks to you, Ward 35's Environment Day has become one of the most successful Environment Days in the city! In 2008, we diverted 11,424 kilograms of household hazardous waste and exchanged over two hundred compost and recycling bins. The event has resulted in a total of 24,655 kilograms of waste being diverted from our landfills. Next year's Environment Day will include some extra information booths and collections. Look for our ad and ward-wide flyer in late spring.

Congratulations Ward 35 and thank you for making Toronto a greener place to live!

UPDATE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE

As Chair of the Toronto Cycling Committee, Adrian has worked hard with the Transportation division and communities across the city to implement the bike plan. Approved by Council in 2002, the actual plan is finally seeing results as Toronto catches up to other North American cities.



Police Chief Bill Blair joins Adrian in the launch the Share the Road – Share the Responsibility program.

Of course this is more than just cycling. It's about

addressing the problems of childhood obesity, alternative transportation, climate change and the fact that every year we have over 1,800 people who die in our city as a direct result of pollution.

In 2008, under the leadership of Councillor Heaps, the annual Bike Week was extended to a month long cycling festival. This year's Bike Month was kicked off by a mass bicycle commute to the Toronto City Hall. Hundreds of cyclists rode with Mayor David Miller and Councillor Heaps from across the city to Nathan Phillips Square where they were served a hot pancake breakfast.

Along with a host of Bike Month activities, professional cycling returned to Toronto for the first time in 17 years with the Toronto Criterium bike race in the St. Lawrence Market neighbourhood. Over 10,000 spectators watched as two hundred professional racers, from across Canada and abroad, participated in the race.

2008 also marked the expansion of the cycling information and education strategy. Headlined by the award-winning Can Bike program, which trains

young people how to ride a bike safely, the City's Kids Can-Bike camp will be introduced at Gordonridge Place in Ward 35 starting summer 2009.

There are many other exciting new projects to promote cycling for 2009. Please visit www.toronto.ca/cycling regularly for up-to-date information.



Left to right: Federal MP Olivia Chow, Mayor David Miller, Councillor Anthony Perruzza, Councillor Heaps, Councillor Janet Davis and Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker led hundreds of cyclists from Yonge Street and Bloor Street to Nathan Phillips Square to enjoy a hot pancake breakfast.

THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF OATES PARK

Residents of the newly constructed Upper Danforth Village joined Councillor Heaps as he opened the new Oates Park on Saturday the 25th of October. The clouds parted just in time to allow the ribbon cutting ceremony on this lovely new addition to Scarborough Southwest. Guests enjoyed freshly roasted corn-on-the-cob and refreshments at the event, courtesy of the developer; (the Goldman Group.) This new public space will be a great attraction to an already growing and vibrant neighbourhood. The new park has a soccer field, splash pad and playground.



Residents collected compost for their garden at the Ward 35 Compost Day on May 23rd.

WARD 35 COMMUNITY GARDENS



Councillor Heaps with the group of volunteer farmers at Byng Towers.

This year, the recently formed community garden at Gordonridge Place has doubled in size due to the

overwhelming demand from residents. In its 2nd year of operation, this garden has served as an inspiration to other communities in Ward 35 to start their own community garden.

The spring of 2008 heralded two more groups of enthusiastic residents from Byng Towers and Woodland Acres North. With the help from our office and Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) staff, the new community gardens have been a huge success for both of these buildings.

From tomatoes to okra, a wide variety of vegetables were grown and harvested. The 2 gardens provided a menu of naturally grown vegetables, and brought residents – young and old – together in a common cause.

THE REBIRTH OF HORTON PARK

June 25th marked the revival of Horton Park. Councillor Adrian Heaps succeeded in turning this park from an unused, sometimes troublesome space, into an active and valuable mini soccer field. The Scarborough Blizzard played their season opener on the new field after a ribbon cutting ceremony in the afternoon sun. In its first year, the new field was booked from May to October, where young children played to cheering parents and relatives.



WEST SCARBOROUGH SUMMER ACTIVE TRIATHLON

West Scarborough Neighborhood Community Centre joined forces with the Crescent Town Club to host the first annual Summer Active Triathlon for children and youth in the community. Children of all ages participated in this special event, which finished in Birchmount stadium to cheering parents and supporters. Ribbons were handed to all participants who finished the swimming, cycling and running on this beautiful day filled with energy and enthusiasm.



Councillor Heaps, the WSNCC mascot and event organizers Amanda Bailey, Cynthia DuMont and Simon Easton.

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