

# **Election Year Policies**

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# 2014 is an Election Year

Key Dates:



**January 2** – Candidates may start filing nomination papers

**August 1** – Key date in Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy

**August 27, 28** – Last Council meeting

**September 12** – Nomination Day

**October 27** – Election Day

**December 1** – New term of office commences

**The Municipal Elections Act sets out the rules to be followed by both the City and candidates**



**The Code of Conduct guides Member behaviour and includes specific provisions for election years.**



# Code of Conduct & Election Provisions: “At a Glance”

## Article VII – Election Campaign Work

- City resources are not to be used for election campaign or campaign-related activities
- No campaign activities on City Property during work hours unless permitted by City policy
- No services by persons receiving City compensation during hours of work

## Article XII – Conduct Respecting Staff

- City staff are not to be compelled to engage in partisan political activities

## Article XV – Adhering to Council Policy

- Donations to Member-Organized events
- Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy

# City-funded materials may not reference name or photograph of a candidate

Source: Use of Corporate Resources During an Election; MEA, Code of Conduct

## Our Toronto

VOL. 4 ISSUE 1 SPRING 2011 Building a great city – together

### CLEAN TORONTO TOGETHER Join us and help keep Toronto clean!

**THE** City's annual spring cleanup event is a great way to get together with friends, neighbours and co-workers to reduce everyday litter and rubbish on the city after a long winter. City crews will be working together to remove illegal graffiti and the waste left behind after the snow melts. Help us make the spring housekeeping and together we can make a difference – our communities clean and beautiful.

Ready to take initiative to make a difference – participate in the 30-Minute Toronto Makeover and help plan a public clean for 30 minutes on Friday, April 15 at 2 p.m. Mayor Rob Ford's Community Clean-up Day is the start day. Saturday, April 16, get together with family, friends and neighbours and clean a public space that is important to you – it could be a park, local street or a ravine. Once again this year, Glad is the lead sponsor for the cleanup event.

For an expense for other events or an expense information website or by calling 311. The City also groups or agrees to that we can coordinate where collection crews can find and load away the garbage bags. Let's work together to keep Toronto clean.

### Mayor Rob Ford's COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY

Get together on **Friday, April 15** with family, friends and neighbours to clean up your neighbourhood. **Sign up** for a free City Clean-up Day kit. **Sign up** for a free City Clean-up Day kit. **Sign up** for a free City Clean-up Day kit.

### Spring clean up underway in Toronto's parks

Solid Waste Management and Toronto Wren. If the ground is dry enough, the first cycle of grass cutting at the City's 1,122 named parks will be completed in early May. Lawn-mowing or weeding lawns is not for the faint of heart and begins the morning on top.

City crews will be performing maintenance for the grass season, which starts on May 14. Staff will get park walkabouts ready by flushing the lines and repairing any damage or equipment that occurred over the winter. Walkabouts in parks are cleaned and spaced to coincide with the start of the grass season.

There are more than 700 drinking fountains and 45 ornamental fountains in City parks. Water quality testing begins in April, with spot checks continuing throughout the season. Typically, there is a water change to approximately three per cent of fountains, but the majority of park drinking fountains will be operated by the end of May.

Spring cleanup would not be complete without flowers of course. Each year, about a million flowers pop up in park gardens and botanical beds across the city. Planting begins when weather conditions are right, usually just after the Victoria Day weekend.

### Spring cleaning collection tips

**ARE** you cleaning up your basement, garage or storage area this spring? If so, ask yourself: Can any of the items be reused? If not, how do I get rid of them properly?

The City of Toronto provides free pickup service of bulky items such as hot springs, mattresses, sofas, furniture, lamps, huggies, paint, fixtures, A/Cs, milkers, etc. The City will either eliminate items for recycling or work with organizations to provide items needed in good condition for reuse. Check our web page [www.toronto.ca/cityservices](http://www.toronto.ca/cityservices) for a list of organizations that accept donations of household items.

Remember, oversized and metal items can be left next to your College Bus for free regular pickup, without requiring any special arrangements. If you live in an apartment or condominium, check with your building manager about how and where to put out oversized and metal items. Items such as stoves, freezers, propane tanks, bathtubs, cribs, etc. need more oil and many cleaning products are examples of household hazardous waste that cannot be placed in your garbage bin. These items contain toxic ingredients and should be used and disposed of with caution. Take household hazardous waste to any Drop-off Depot (all except household hazardous waste except Detergent). The Toxic Tent provides free pickup of 10-50 litres or kilograms of household hazardous waste. To book an appointment, visit [www.toronto.ca/311](http://www.toronto.ca/311) or call 311. If you don't know where your items go, see [www3.toronto.ca/311/311/311/311/311/311/311/311/311/311/](http://www3.toronto.ca/311/311/311/311/311/311/311/311/311/311/) for more information.

### Flame proof your home for spring

**WITH** spring just around the corner, it's a good idea to inspect your home for any damage that may have occurred over the winter months. This is also the time of year to prepare your home for potential fire events and help reduce the risk of basement flooding.

- Inspect your walls, doors, windows, doors and foundations for any cracks or leaks, and make repairs.
- Ensure downspouts are disconnected and drain water properly away from the basement and foundation walls (also check to make sure your downspout does not drain directly into neighbouring properties, lanes or sidewalks).
- Clean out your eaves troughs and window wells and check for leaks.
- Consider soil surface landscaping that allows water to soak into the ground away from your house.
- Examine the gassing of your property. The ideal soil for property to slope away from the house for at least two to three metres.
- Inspect your home for flood-prevention devices, such as sump pumps, floor drains or backwater valves, to make sure they're working properly.
- When in doubt, contact a professional such as a licensed plumber or drainage contractor.
- Make sure your flood insurance is up to date.

## CITY UPDATE WINTER 2011

E-NEWSLETTER

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



# Councillors may not use their websites or newsletters to refer to any candidates

Source: Code of Conduct

**COUNCILLOR**  
Ward 12 • York South - Weston

**FRANK DI GIORGIO**

**WARD UPDATE • MAY 2009**

What's Inside...  
West Toronto Crime Task Force P2  
Toronto Budget P2  
Development Update Transportation P3  
Community News & Information P4  
Tax Relief For Seniors P4

Dear Neighbour:  
With the arrival of the spring weather, I am once again pleased to provide an update of activities in our community and our City. As your Councillor, I remain committed to improving our neighbourhoods.

The introduction of the City of Toronto Act has given the City of Toronto new powers but it also placed greater demands on the residents of our City. Essentially, the City was left to manage the downloading from senior levels of government. Consequently, the City has been pushed to introduce new taxes and fees on top of property taxes to generate the flow of funds necessary to balance their books.

The City of Toronto at the south end of the York Community Centre

**Dam McConnell**  
2009 Spring Newsletter  
Volume 11 • Issue 1

**WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD FOR THE FUTURE**

A New Co-op Coming to Our Community  
Co-op housing builds strong and diverse neighbourhoods

The award-winning design is certified to LEED Silver standards and includes a living wall with vines, terrace gardens, and a large atrium in the centre of the building. The units will have low flow fixtures and energy efficient appliances and lighting.

The co-op will be ready for occupancy by August 2009. The 60 Richmond co-op is part of the off-site Regent Park replacement housing.

Part on a site visit to 60 Richmond in December.

Martin Goodman and parking will remain in the north lanes, ensuring that Queens Quay is used as a local road and not as a commuter

along the water's edge with bridges and decks spanning the slips and quays. This design will link with the new East Bayfront neighbourhood that has begun construction with the Corus building, Sugar Beach and Sherbourne Park.

I have worked closely with the waterfront initiative and visitors.

Farm Market

**Councillor**

**Joe MIHEVC**

Ward 21 St. Paul's West Report

SPRING/SUMMER 2009

**Councillor**

**Mike Del Grande**

WARD 39 • SCARBOROUGH - AGINCOURT

**"Working With You and For You"**

Dear Friends and Neighbours:  
While we are fully aware of the global economy and the impact on every country including Canada, we need to remind ourselves that nothing has changed with my advocating on your behalf at City Hall. Given that these are cautionary times, I know that coping strategies are a must with the Cost of Living.

You need City Services without having to complain about lack of them or the way they are delivered. On your behalf, I always look for alternatives and suggestions to make City Hall more fiscally responsible to your needs. I know the struggles; I hear the concerns. Some do not get it, but as your representative, I do. I am able to review and suggest ways to curb spending and also come up with ways of saving your money. I want to ensure that you continue to receive the services paid for by your taxes.

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**UPDATE ON GROW OPS**

While I continue to be vigilant in Ward 39, Grow Operations continue to exist even though very minimal. I need your assistance to keep our neighbourhoods safe by being aware

**COUNCILLOR**

**Ron Moeser**

Spring 2009

**COMMUNITY REPORT**

Ward 44 • Scarborough East

**Port Union Waterfront Festival**

Saturday, June 13th, 2009 • 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

When the Organizing Committee railway tracks. The Festival will of construction for the new GO and community organizations.

# Councillors may not receive donations for their community events once they register to run

Source: Donations to Council Member-Organized Events Policy

*Councillor Frances Nunziata & the Weston Village Residents' Association present...*

 WVRA

## MOVIE NIGHT AT THE PARK

**LOCATION:** LITTLE AVENUE MEMORIAL PARK  
**DATE/TIME:** SATURDAY AUGUST 24 @ 8PM  
**MOVIE PLAYING:** THE SOUND OF MUSIC

MOVIE NIGHT IS *FREE!*

- A NIGHT IN THE PARK FOR THE FAMILY
- SNACKS & DRINKS SOLD FOR LOCAL FUNDRAISING
- BRING BLANKETS AND OR LAWN CHAIRS



For more information, contact Councillor Nunziata's office at 416-392-4091 or by email [councillor\\_nunziata@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_nunziata@toronto.ca)

Recipe for Community Weston-Mt. Dennis

 TORONTO     

Movie Night at Little Avenue Memorial Park is part of the Recipe for Community program in Weston-Mt. Dennis. Recipe for Community is an exciting initiative led by Toronto Community Foundations and the City of Toronto in partnership with other funders to engage local residents to improve safety and a sense of belonging in their community.

To learn more about the Recipe for Community program in Weston-Mt. Dennis, Email: [recipeforcommunity@wmtd.ca](mailto:recipeforcommunity@wmtd.ca)

**You are cordially invited  
to a community BBQ**

**Sponsored by  
Councillor Joe Mihevc**



**Free Hotdogs!**

**Free hamburgers!**

**Shallmar Parkette  
Sunday September 8  
4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Tichester Park  
Thursday September 12  
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm**



**Come by to chat with Councillor Joe Mihevc & neighbours!**

[councillor\\_mihevc@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_mihevc@toronto.ca)

416-392-0208



# August 1, 2014 is the cut-off date for organizing any community events or printing and distributing newsletters.

Source: Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy



# Social Media, Robocalls and Other Technologies

See Application of 4.7(b) – Constituency Services and Office Budget Policy on Election Years



# City Staff are Required to Follow Election Policies



Use of City resources during an Election

<http://www1.toronto.ca/staticfiles/City%20Of%20Toronto/City%20Clerks/Councillors/Files/pdf/UseOfCityResourcesElection.pdf>



Employee participation in Municipal Election Campaigns

<http://wi.toronto.ca/intra/hr/policies.nsf/9fff29b7237299b385256729004b844b/65b7b2a823965ea085256944005b5a7c?OpenDocument>



Employees Seeking Election to Political Office

<http://wi.toronto.ca/intra/hr/policies.nsf/9fff29b7237299b385256729004b844b/16093429d6c1c208852573530064fbbb?OpenDocument>

# Lobbying Activities with Councillors During An Election Year

1. **Members of Council continue to be bound by the Code of Conduct for Members of Council (Article XIII –Conduct Respecting Lobbyists)**
2. **Lobbyists must comply with Lobbying By-law (Municipal Code Chapter 140):**  
[http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184\\_140.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/municode/1184_140.pdf)
  - a) **Lobbyists must register and report lobbying**
  - b) **Lobbyists must comply with the Lobbyists' Code of Conduct.**
    - i. **must not place members of Council in conflict of interest**
    - ii. **must not exert improper influence**
    - iii. **must not bestow improper benefit**

# Complaints against Members seeking re-election may not be filed as of Civic Monday



# Advice is Available

## Contact :

- Janet Leiper, Integrity Commissioner  
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