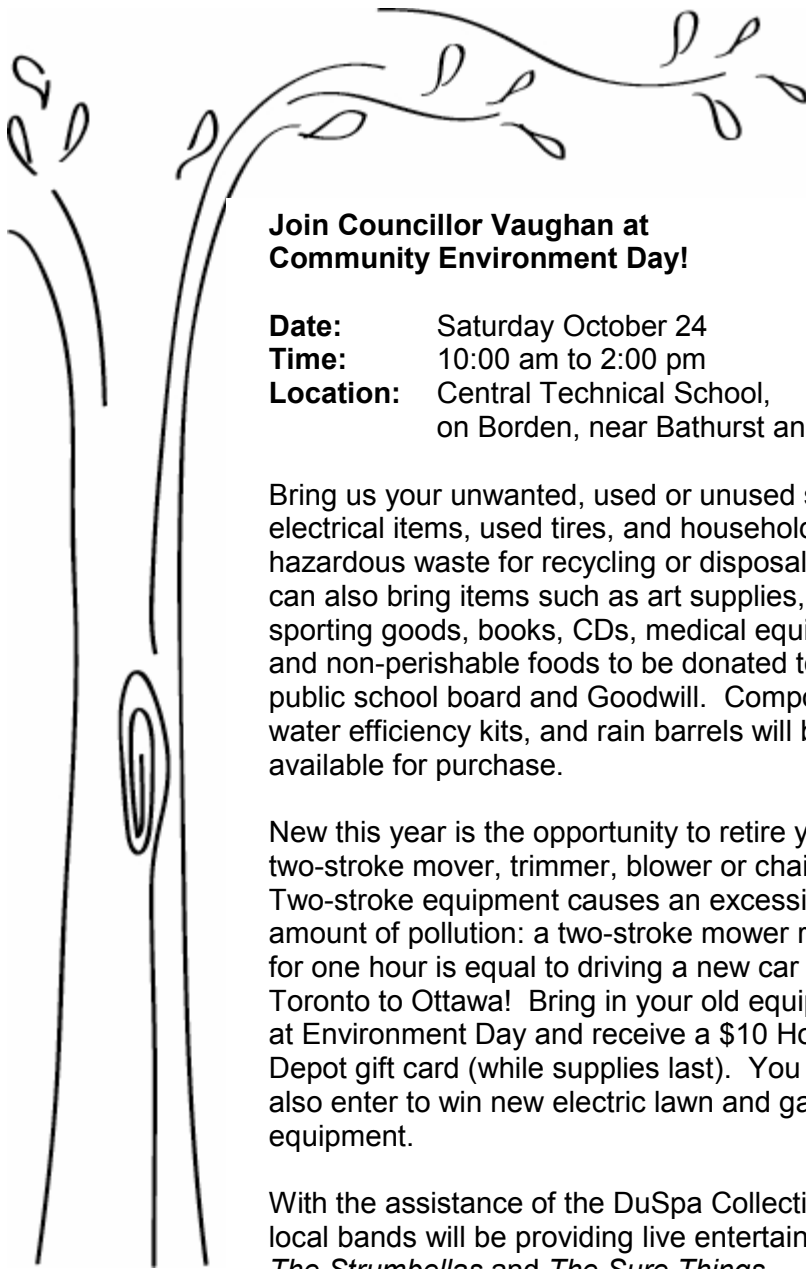


# Adam Vaughan

Toronto City Councillor: Ward 20 ~ Trinity-Spadina

## Community update

October 19, 2009



### Join Councillor Vaughan at Community Environment Day!

**Date:** Saturday October 24  
**Time:** 10:00 am to 2:00 pm  
**Location:** Central Technical School,  
on Borden, near Bathurst and Bloor

Bring us your unwanted, used or unused small electrical items, used tires, and household hazardous waste for recycling or disposal. You can also bring items such as art supplies, sporting goods, books, CDs, medical equipment and non-perishable foods to be donated to the public school board and Goodwill. Composters, water efficiency kits, and rain barrels will be available for purchase.

New this year is the opportunity to retire your two-stroke mower, trimmer, blower or chainsaw. Two-stroke equipment causes an excessive amount of pollution: a two-stroke mower running for one hour is equal to driving a new car from Toronto to Ottawa! Bring in your old equipment at Environment Day and receive a \$10 Home Depot gift card (while supplies last). You can also enter to win new electric lawn and garden equipment.

With the assistance of the DuSpa Collective, two local bands will be providing live entertainment *The Strumbellas* and *The Sure Things*.

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## Harbord Village Heritage Conservation District

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Phase 2 of Harbord Village's Heritage Conservation District (HCD) is on the agenda for the October 22 meeting of the Preservation Board. Upon receiving approval, it will go on to be considered by the Toronto and East York Community Council on November 10, 2009.

Sponsored by the Harbord Village Residents' Association, phase 2 of the HCD focuses on properties on Robert Street between College Street and Bloor Street West, as well as a number of adjoining properties on Sussex Avenue and Russell Street from Spadina Avenue and Crescent to Robert Street. The district also includes a number of properties on the west side of Spadina Crescent.

Most of the houses in this area were constructed between 1880 and the turn of the century. Boasting examples of "Bay-n-Gable" style houses, as well as "Second Empire" row houses and "Annex Style" homes, this area of Harbord Village contains a large number of original Victorian buildings with the majority of their heritage attributes present or capable of being restored.

You can view the October 22 Preservation Board agenda here:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pb/agendas/2009-10-22-pb28-ai.htm>

To learn more about heritage preservation in Harbord Village, please visit the Harbord Village Residents' Association's website at: <http://harbordvillage.com/heritage-conservation>

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## Harmonized Zoning By-law

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Over the past 5 years, City of Toronto staff have been working on a consolidated zoning by-law. This project seeks to harmonize the 43 different zoning bylaws inherited from the six pre-amalgamation municipalities.

The new bylaw is being drafted to facilitate more efficient day-to-day management of licensing, building permit and planning applications by City staff and a quicker response to City-wide land use planning issues from both staff and City Council. It should also be easier for the public and other stakeholders to understand and work with just one zoning bylaw rather than 43 different bylaws.

The new zoning bylaw will govern land use and development standards within the City of Toronto using a common zoning language. It will also bring the City's zoning bylaws into conformity with the new Official Plan, which has been in effect since July 2006.

The new harmonized by-law may also change certain permissions and restrictions for land-use that currently exist in some neighbourhoods. The impact of developing common definitions of what is permitted in residential versus commercial, institutional or mixed may actually result in a changes that could effect your neighbourhood. An example might be new limitations to where a daycare or long-term care facility may locate... These changes are important. That is why I am inviting all Ward 20 residents to come and learn more about the draft by-law before it is presented to the Planning & Growth Management Committee.

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## Ward 20 Information Meeting and Consultation on Zoning By-Law Project

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**Date:** Wednesday, October 28th  
**Time:** 5 - 7 pm  
**Location:** Toronto City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Committee Room 4

Residents who would like to make a presentation to the committee about the proposed zoning by-law can call 416-392-7337 or e-mail [pgmc@toronto.ca](mailto:pgmc@toronto.ca) by noon on the day before the meeting to be on the scheduled list of speakers.

To find out more about the Zoning by-law project: <http://www.toronto.ca/zoning/>

Read what people are saying about the Zoning By-law project:

<http://www.eyeweekly.com/article/73211>

<http://spacing.ca/wire/2009/09/10/torontos-new-unified-zoning-bylaw-project/>

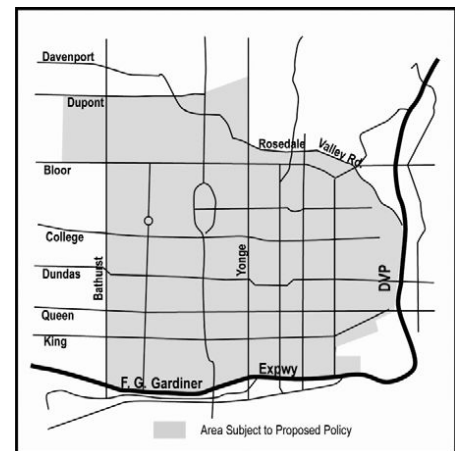
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## Family Housing Policy

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After three years of advocacy, the City of Toronto is finally proposing an official plan amendment to encourage more dwelling units suitable for households with children and families. To give you some context, in Ward 20, from January 2005 to December 2006 only 73 of the 2551 residential units approved contained 3 bedrooms. Since taking office, I have asked developers to voluntarily provide a minimum of 10% of their units as 3-bedroom units. Between 2007 and 2008 this approach generated approvals for 516 3-bedroom units out of a total of 4864 units.

The amendment involves two changes to the official plan: a general policy change to the Housing Policies; and a more specific change to the Site and Area Specific Policies. The general change would include the term “dwelling units suitable for households with children” as part of a full range of housing. The specific change would require that 10% of all dwelling units in larger developments (with 100 or more dwelling units) in the downtown area be built either with three or more bedrooms, or offer the potential to be easily converted to three or more bedrooms. The policy would apply to developments in Wards 20, 27 and 28. *See map ->*



You are invited to attend the public meeting to make your views known regarding the proposal.

### **A Public Meeting regarding this Proposal to Amend the Official Plan to Encourage the Development of Dwelling Units for Households with Children**

**Date:** November 4, 2009  
**Time:** 10:15 a.m. or as soon as possible thereafter  
**Place:** City Hall, Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor  
100 Queen Street West, Toronto

Detailed information regarding the proposal, including background information and material and a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment may be obtained by contacting either of the following planners:

David Spence,  
416-392-8124  
[dspence@toronto.ca](mailto:dspence@toronto.ca)

Deanna Chorney  
416-392-0421  
[dchorney@toronto.ca](mailto:dchorney@toronto.ca)

City Planning Division  
Metro Hall  
55 John Street, 23rd Floor  
Toronto, ON M5V 3C6  
Fax: 416-397-4080

A copy of the report will be available by October 27, 2009 on the City's web site at [www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2009/agendas/pg.htm](http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2009/agendas/pg.htm)

If you wish to address the Planning and Growth Management Committee or to submit written comments please notify the City Clerk:

Merle MacDonald, Administrator, Planning and Growth Management Committee,  
Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 10th Floor, West Tower, Toronto, ON M5H 2N2  
416-392-7340 or by fax: (416) 392-1879 or by e-mail to [pgmc@toronto.ca](mailto:pgmc@toronto.ca)

## Development Updates

If you are reading this - it likely means you are already on my circulation list for information about City programs, services and planning matters.

The Planning Act of Ontario requires the City of Toronto to give notice to the public of applications City Council will be considering for zoning amendments or official plan amendments. These notices are mailed to property owners within 120 metres of the subject site, sent to anyone who signed in at the Community Consultation meeting, and anyone who is on the mailing list for the project. The notices are also published in the newspaper by City staff.

A significant challenge I am aware of is with respect to notices getting to residents. Official City notices are mailed to property owners. In Ward 20 - we know that 62% of residents are renters. If you live in or own a condominium unit, notices are only sent to the Condominium Corporation on behalf of all owners. We rely on the condominium corporations to post the notices within their buildings, and pass the notice onto their members using their email lists or other notification methods. I know that often times the information does not get into the hands of the people who may be most directly affected.

This is one of the reasons why, in addition to this "official notice," I maintain a website where I post current information about the status of current and proposed development projects. You can access this information at [www.ward20.ca/communitymaps](http://www.ward20.ca/communitymaps). There is a video tutorial on the site that will guide you through the mapping features. Information about public meetings and community events are also posted on my web calendar and emailed to a subscriber list of about 4000 people.

## Upcoming Community Consultations

### Community Meeting on 15-27 Beverley Street

Councillor Adam Vaughan invites you to a public meeting hosted by the City of Toronto, City Planning Division, about a development application at 15-27 Beverley Street.

**Date:** Tuesday, October 20, 2009  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen St W  
2nd Floor, Committee Room 2

The site is located on the east side of Beverley Street, north of Queen Street West. The site area is 1,173 square metres and is currently occupied by 2-3 storey buildings.

## Proposal

This application proposes a 8,274 square metre, 14 storey (41 metre) residential building at 15-27 Beverley Street. The density is proposed to be 7.1 times the area of the lot. Townhouses with separate entrances will be located at-grade along Beverley Street at the base of a 3-storey podium, with a residential tower above. Access for parking and loading is located off the public laneway at the south end of the site. 70 parking spaces and 87 bicycle parking spaces are provided in a three level underground parking garage.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the community to have input on this project, view the plans and ask questions. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can still make your views known by sending a fax (416) 392-1330 or by writing to Raymond David, Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, City Planning Division, 100 Queen St W, Floor 18E, Toronto, M5H 2N2.

If you would like further information about the proposal, please contact Sarah Phipps, Planner, at (416) 392-7622 or my office at (416) 392-4044 or [Councillor\\_Vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_Vaughan@toronto.ca).

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## **Canada Malting Silos**

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Over the years there have been a number of meetings, ideas and plans about the Canada Malting Silos site. Recent discussions about a Toronto Museum at the silos have concluded. Some new ideas are now emerging about the Malting Silos and we want your input.

Councillor Adam Vaughan invites you to attend this public meeting to provide your feedback about the future of the Canada Malting Silos.

**Date:** Wednesday October 21  
**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
**Location:** Harbourfront Community Centre  
627 Queens Quay West (Queens Quay and Bathurst)  
Medium Assembly Room

City staff from City Planning, Heritage Preservation Services, and Urban Design will be in attendance to provide updates about the current condition of the Malting Silos and receive your feedback about next steps. For more information, please call 416-392-4044 or e-mail [Councillor\\_Vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_Vaughan@toronto.ca).

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## **Alexandra Park Revitalization**

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Over the next few months, Toronto Community Housing will be working with the community to create a revitalization plan for Alexandra Park, to improve housing and green space and to find ways to create more recreational and economic opportunities in the community. The plan will also look for ways to make the neighbourhood more environmentally sustainable.

The revitalization planning process was launched on August 19, 2009 at a community barbecue where residents were given the opportunity to meet the consulting team that are working with Toronto Community Housing and the residents to explore what revitalization could look like for the community.

## Community Workshop & Design Charette for Alexandra Park Revitalization

**Date:** Saturday November 7  
**Time:** 1:00pm to 4:00pm  
**Location:** Alexandra Park Community Centre

*Child care, interpreters and refreshments provided.*

### Alexandra Park Youth Get Involved in Revitalization

Over the next couple of months, youth from the community will be working with the revitalization planning project team and the National Film Board to create a documentary about their ideas for future of the community. Contact [alexandra.park@torontohousing.ca](mailto:alexandra.park@torontohousing.ca) or 416-981-4372 to get involved.



Get more information about revitalization planning at:  
<http://torontohousing.ca/alexandrapark>  
[alexandra.park@torontohousing.ca](mailto:alexandra.park@torontohousing.ca) or 416-981-4372

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## John Street Public Meeting

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Save the date! The Entertainment District BIA is planning a public meeting on the following date to provide updates about the plans for John Street as part of the BIA's Master Plan for the neighbourhood.

**Date:** Monday November 16  
**Time:** 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Room 308/309

Check back for updates with further details on this meeting. Feel free to contact the Entertainment District BIA at 416-926-1337. You can also contact Councillor Vaughan's office at 416-392-4044 or [Councillor\\_Vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:Councillor_Vaughan@toronto.ca) for further details.

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## Fort York Visitor Centre – Design Open House

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**Date:** Friday December 4 – Sunday December 6  
**Time:** Noon – 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Toronto City Hall, Member's Lounge

*Residents are welcome at any time during the open house, however a special reception for residents will be held on **Sunday December 6 from 3-5 pm***

During this public open house, designs by the five competing architectural firms for the new Fort York Visitor Centre will be on display at Toronto City Hall.

This will be the first opportunity for the public to learn about the new building that will help us achieve our goal to renew and transform the entire 43-acre Fort York National Historic Site.

As part of the design competition process the public are invited to comment on the designs before a final decision is made.

Here is a bit more information about the Visitor Centre. Not only an orientation centre intended to improve the visitor experience to the fort, the Fort York Visitor Centre will have programs for all ages, and community and artistic events outside public hours.

The timing for the construction of the Fort York Visitor Centre is motivated by the City's bicentennial commemoration of the War of 1812, which will launch in June 2012. The innovative urban renewal project will be the heart of the new Fort York Neighbourhood, which by 2012 will be home to 20,000 residents, including those in 600 new units of Toronto Community Housing, and the 100th branch of the Toronto Public Library.

It will be a hub of the new pedestrian cycling corridor running north south from an expanded Stanley Park, to the new Fort York Pedestrian/Cycling Bridge, June Callwood Park, and the Martin Goodman Trail. It will also connect to a new east west trail through Northern Linear Park. Fort York will once again have an important role in community and city building, a high profile connection to the city it once protected, and a connection to the waterfront. It is the birth place of our city. We want everyone to share in our excitement.

## Recent Meeting Summaries and updates

### 431 Fort York Boulevard (Railway Lands West Block 31)

On October 14<sup>th</sup> Toronto Community Housing Corporation (TCHC) presented plans and received feedback about a proposed development in the Railway Lands West at a public meeting hosted by the City of Toronto City Planning division. TCHC is a city-owned corporation that manages the city's portfolio of publicly owned, affordable rental housing.

About 150 residents attended the meeting where Peter Zimmerman of TCHC and architect Peter Clewes of architectsAlliance presented the proposal for the site, which is a large block of land in the Railway Lands West, located immediately to the east of the new community park designed by Douglas Coupland.

The proposal includes two schools (TDSB and TCDSB) that would serve students between Junior Kindergarten and Grade 7, a daycare centre that would be operated by the City of Toronto, a community centre, and two residential buildings with 322 housing units [9-storey, 60 unit seniors' housing building, and a 43-storey tower that would be composed of 262 affordable rental units].

This meeting was a formal community consultation on the re-zoning application submitted by the developer. In most cases discussions at this type of meeting focus on the built form design and potential shadow impacts of the structures proposed. Due to the public uses and public investment in the site participants raised many questions about the internal uses of the proposed buildings which



are outside the jurisdiction of the planning process.

Block 31 is a large parcel of land. The design includes mid-block connections and view corridors throughout the site. The interior of the site would include a courtyard that would also serve as a school yard.

East-west pedestrian connections mid-block through the site will allow people to easily cross through the site to reach the community park, and also to continue the existing view corridor from the community park to Spadina Ave to the east.

A north-south view corridor from north of the railway tracks to the lake would also be maintained on the west side of the site.

The Southern Linear Park just to the north of the Gardiner Expressway would continue through the site, allowing pedestrians and cyclists to travel through to the park.

The entire project is being designed with very sustainable buildings, which include green roofs, geothermal wells under the site, and opportunities for solar harvesting. They are aiming for LEED Gold certification on this project.

The proposed 43-storey tower is very thin with a small floor plate. The units are being designed for families, with 111 one-bedroom units, 92 two-bedroom units, and 119 units that have three-bedrooms or larger. The tower would be located at the south-east side of the site. Within the building design “sky gardens” have been organized around the elevator cores, to provide natural ventilation and a social hub for residents to interact. These gardens would stretch over 3-4 storeys at various points in the building.

In this design, balconies are only located on the west side of the building facing the park. The balconies proposed are much larger than balconies in most buildings, with depths ranging from 10 – 12 feet. The balconies have tall glass walls to protect against the wind and for safety, and the glass is translucent in sections for privacy.

Parking and loading for the site would all occur below grade, with a single point of entrance at the south-east corner of the site, at the south end of Brunel Court. There would be an underground drop-off location for the daycare, and a school bus turning loop at the south end of Brunel Court.



**View from Fort York Blvd. and Brunel Ct., looking south-west**

Many questions have been raised about the designation of the building as “affordable housing”. While this was a meeting to receive feedback about the planning aspects of the proposal, some time was dedicated to discussing this issue.

In general zoning approvals do not provide tools for affecting the occupancy, tenancy or tenure of a structure beyond a category of “use” – such as commercial, residential or institutional. The exception is on sites where the City of Toronto’s Official Housing Policies come into play – for example where there is existing rental housing on a site or where the City is securing new affordable housing.

Since the early 1980s, the planning for this site included plans for affordable housing. This was incorporated in a 1994 by-law for this site, which included specific directives about what would be built on this site, including schools, community centre, and affordable housing.

**The City of Toronto’s Official Plan definition of “affordable housing” is:**

**Affordable rental housing and affordable rents** means housing where the total monthly shelter cost (gross monthly rent including utilities – heat, hydro and hot water

– but excluding parking and cable television charges) is at or below one times the average City of Toronto rent, by unit type (number of bedrooms), as reported annually by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

**Affordable ownership housing** is housing which is priced at or below an amount where the total monthly shelter cost (mortgage principal and interest – based on a 25-year amortization, 10 per cent down payment and the chartered bank administered mortgage rate for a conventional 5-year mortgage as reported by the Bank of Canada at the time of application – plus property taxes calculated on a monthly basis) equals the average City of Toronto rent, by unit type, as reported annually by the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation. Affordable ownership price includes GST and any other mandatory costs associated with purchasing the unit.

In Canada, there are limitations on the kind of decision making that can be shared through a democratic process. For example, a neighbour cannot intervene on a real estate transaction or interview potential tenants at a neighbouring property. Residents do not have the right to choose or limit who lives in their neighbourhood. This is protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

That being said, in a spirit of transparency, TCHC as the developer, City staff and my office have openly shared information about the future tenancy and tenure for the proposed buildings.

In the development proposed by TCHC for this site all of the units would be affordable rental units. Rents would be set at about 80% of average rental rates for the City of Toronto, as determined as the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC). All of the units are being planned as “market rental units,” there will be no rent-geared-to-income units planned in this building. This means that in order to qualify for a lease in these units, future residents would need to have an annual income in the range of \$35,000 to \$65,000.

Numerous other concerns were raised about the proposed height of the tower on the site.

In 1994, all of the sites were zoned as low-rise perimeter block buildings. Since that time, Concord Adex, which has developed most of the Railway Lands, has rezoned their sites and built tall and thin point towers set out in urban design guidelines that TCHC is now following for Block 31. Block 31 is the only site that has not been rezoned in the Railway Lands West. The proposed development would constitute a 12% increase in density over the existing zoning on the site.

City of Toronto Official Plan Rent Thresholds for 2009: Affordable Threshold	
Unit Type	Affordable Maximum Limits
Bachelor	\$ 767
1-bedroom	\$ 929
2-bedroom	\$1,104
3-bedroom	\$1,292
2-bedroom townhouse	\$1,078
3-bedroom townhouse	\$1,304
4+ bedroom townhouse	\$1,417

The planning issues that were raised and included the shadow impact of the tower on the courtyard and common spaces of neighbouring buildings, the impact on townhouse units on Brunel Court, and traffic congestion on Brunel Court.

Volunteers stepped forward to participate on a working group, to work with TCHC and Councillor Vaughan on the planning concerns about the proposal. Feedback from the public meeting will also be used by City of Toronto planning staff to prepare a report to City Council with recommendations on responses to the application.

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## **200 Bloor St. W.**

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At a public meeting held on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the developers presented a revised proposal for this site. The proposed development was changed from 32 stories to 30 stories and it will have between 150 and 170 units. In addition, the parking garage will now be located above grade at the back of the building over two stories of retail at grade. Previously, the developers had intended to install an automated underground parking lot that cars would access using an elevator as opposed to ramps (which were impossible to incorporate due to the subway tunnels directly beneath the site.) Unfortunately, the automated parking lot will also not be feasible as it was discovered that it would take too long to respond to problems with the automated system.

The eighth storey podium would provide for a substantial outdoor rooftop garden on top of the parking garage. The building's exterior will incorporate architectural concepts from the surrounding neighbourhood. In addition, the building will also mirror the height of the building across the street at 27m tall. The developers are currently considering the most appropriate balcony style and exterior wall patterns and hopes to present these to representatives of the Annex Residents Association in the coming weeks.

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## **Factory Theatre, 125 Bathurst Street**

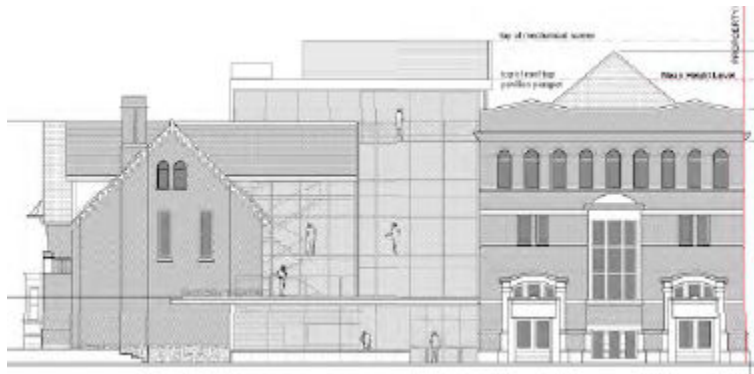
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At a community meeting on September 1, Factory board member Ron Struys, Artistic Director Ken Gass and architect Phil Goldsmith presented plans for a proposed addition to Factory Theatre at Bathurst and Adelaide St W.

The proposal would create an addition and improve the facilities at the Factory Theatre site, as well as make the site wheelchair-accessible.

Through the proposed project, the 1860s house on the Bathurst Street side of the site would be moved closer to the street, and the intermediate space would be used to construct an addition to the site, with lobbies, facilities, an elevator, and café. The addition would be 3 storeys tall, with a green roof and space that could be used for outdoor events. The addition would be a contemporary and transparent glass design.

Factory Theatre is making an application for federal infrastructure funding for this project.



**South Elevation – Adelaide St W**

No concerns were raised at the meeting about the proposal, which was approved by the Committee of Adjustment later in September.

**560 Front St W**

Michael Smith, Director of Development for Tridel, and architect Rudy Wallman presented plans for Tridel’s residential project at 560 Front St W at the community meeting on September 1. The site of this proposal was previously approved by the Committee of Adjustment to permit a 380 suite Aloft hotel. Excavation have been completed at the site and the P3 and P2 parking levels have been constructed, however the hotel project ran out of funding and has halted.

Tridel has purchased the site and is proposing a condominium building generally within the same building envelope as the hotel previously approved for the site. Tridel’s proposal is for a condominium building that would be 13 storeys on Front St W, and would step down to 9 storeys on the Niagara Street frontage. The design of the building on Front would be a glass façade bounded by a copper-coloured metallic frame. The units on Niagara St at grade will have their own front yards. There would be a screened amenity space at the 12<sup>th</sup> floor.



**North Elevation – Niagara St**



**South Elevation – Front St W**

The ground floor area of the condo would be about 5000-6000 square feet less than the hotel. Because of the 9-foot ceilings and taller height on the amenity space at grade, the proposed building will be slightly taller than the hotel proposal.

Vehicular access would be only off of Front St W, and pedestrian access through the site from Front St W to Niagara Street will be maintained. Janet Rosenberg, the landscape architect for the project, would like to animate the pedestrian space at grade through coloured pavers, lighting in the ground and overhead.

The proposed condominium would have 307 units, of which 11% will be 3-bedroom, 25% 1 bedroom plus den, 50% 1 bedroom, and 10% bachelor units. Units will range in size from 500-1400 square feet. There will be 3 levels of underground parking, with space for 163 vehicles.

## Neighbourhood News

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### Bathurst Street Track Reconstruction – Road Closure & Streetcar Diversion

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From October 19, 2009 to early December 2009, the TTC is conducting rehabilitation work on the Bathurst streetcar tracks between Fleet St and Front St W.

During this work, **Northbound traffic on Bathurst Street will be fully closed to traffic from Lakeshore Blvd West to Fort York Blvd.**

The southbound curb lane on Bathurst Street will be maintained for general traffic throughout the project.

The following diversions of the 511 Bathurst Streetcar will be in effect as a result of the work:

**511 Bathurst Streetcar Route:** Northbound / Southbound: Streetcars will be diverted both ways via: Bathurst Street, King Street, Spadina Avenue, Queens Quay, Bathurst Street and Fleet Street to route.

**310 Bathurst Bus Route:** Northbound: From Fort York Boulevard; east on Lake Shore Boulevard, south on Bathurst Street, east on Queens Quay, north on Spadina Avenue, west on Front Street and north on Bathurst Street to route.

Southbound: Regular routing.

Further information is available on the TTC website at:

[http://www3.ttc.ca/Service\\_Advisories/Construction/Bathurst\\_Street\\_Track\\_Construction.jsp](http://www3.ttc.ca/Service_Advisories/Construction/Bathurst_Street_Track_Construction.jsp)

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### Toronto's Walking Strategy – Pedestrian Zones

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In September, I passed a motion that directed Transportation Services staff to consult with the University of Toronto, area residents and myself to review the feasibility of closing portions of Willcocks, Devonshire Place and St. George Streets to vehicular traffic in order to implement a pilot pedestrian street project. Transportation Services will report back on the results of the pilot project in the third quarter of 2010. I will be meeting with representatives from the University of Toronto, affected residents associations, Planning, Urban Design and transportation in November to discuss what the pilot project might look like and the process for moving forward.

This motion came out of the Toronto Walking Strategy, which was recently adopted by City Council. The aim of the Walking Strategy is to build a physical and cultural environment that supports and encourages walking, including vibrant streets, parks, public squares and neighbourhoods where people will choose to walk more often. By envisioning a city where high-quality walking environments are seamlessly integrated with public transit, cycling and other sustainable modes of travel, the Strategy sets out a plan that will produce tangible environmental, health and social benefits for residents and visitors to Toronto.

For more information on Toronto's Walking Strategy, visit:

<http://www.toronto.ca/transportation/walking/index.htm>

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## **Seaton Village traffic**

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In response to concerns expressed by the local community about the safety of Barton Avenue, particularly for children, I have supported the installation of a left hand turn restriction from Christie Street to Barton Avenue. Informing this decision was a petition signed by residents throughout Seaton Village and a letter from Palmerston Avenue Public School, which were sent to my office. The Seaton Village Residents Association also raised concerns and worked to help bring the turning restriction into place.

The overall goal of this turn restriction is to make the area safer for pedestrians – this is a concern that I take very seriously. In seeking solutions that would make the street safer, it was suggested that restricting left hand turns from Christie to Barton between 7am and 7pm would help reduce traffic on this well-used street. I believe that this is an idea worth testing.

On September 15, the Toronto and East York Community Council supported the community's request to test this idea by approving the restriction, however, if it is found that the turning restriction has a negative impact on other streets, we can either remove the sign or implement necessary measures to protect other neighbourhood streets.

One of the reasons that Barton is a popular route for motorists is because it is a two way street connecting Christie to Bathurst and beyond. There are no other streets that directly connect Christie to Bathurst.

The intended result of the turning restriction is to deter drivers from using Barton as an alternate route to Bloor Street. All other routes through Seaton Village would involve a series of stops and turns and street changes that are unlikely to save time or be desirable.

That said, because changes to one street often affect others close by, the plan is to study how the no-turning change affects other streets over the course of the next year. Based on what is found, we can then make adjustments as the neighbourhood sees fit.

The overall goal that I believe myself everyone in the community shares is that our neighbourhood streets remain safe. I look forward to working with you to ensure that all the streets in Seaton Village are safe for all.

If you have any follow up questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to let me know.

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## **Restaurant Row Designated**

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Located on the south side of the street between John Street (east) and Blue Jays Way (formerly Peter Street, west), is a series of eight three-storey late 19<sup>th</sup> century commercial buildings that contribute to the historical character of King Street West. The properties at 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301 (303), 315 and 327 (333) King Street West have been included on the City of Toronto Inventory of Heritage Properties for their cultural heritage value. Their inclusion on the City's heritage inventory enables staff to monitor the sites and encourage the retention of their heritage attributes and values.

In the same block, the properties at 287 King St W (William Barber Buildings), 319-325 King St W (Hughes Terrace), and 355 King St W (Canadian Westinghouse Building) are listed on the City's heritage inventory, and the property at 355 King St W is also designated under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

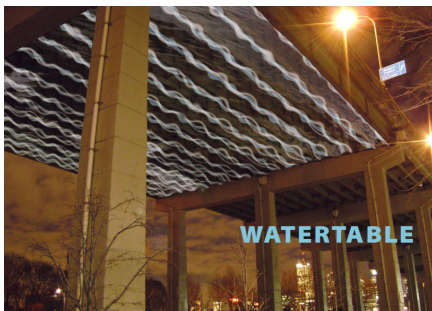
Read the report: <http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/te/bgrd/backgroundfile-23839.pdf>



## Upcoming Events

### You are invited to attend the unveiling of Watertable

A permanent public art commission by Lisa Steele and Kim Tomczak

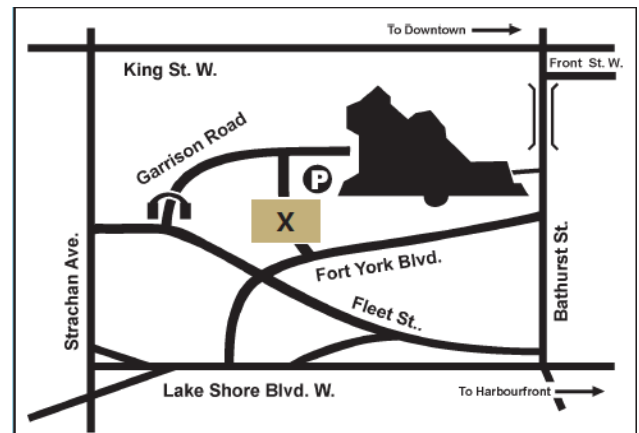


Watertable is a new media sculpture that uses the architecture of the Gardiner Expressway to echo the natural condition of the site when it marked the water's edge in the early days of the city's history.

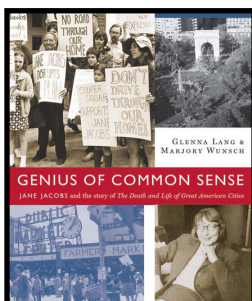
Winners of the 2005 Governor General's Award in Visual and Media Arts, Lisa Steele and Kim Tomczak developed Watertable as part of an International open competition held in 2007.

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2009  
Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
Location: Fort York Boulevard,  
North side, west of Bathurst,  
@ the new pedestrian entrance  
to Fort York

Watertable is a lighting and audio installation that will create the look and sound of moving water: undulating LED lights accompanied by the sound of lake waves will respond to current wind conditions at the site. This will be the first new media artwork in the City of Toronto's permanent Public Art Collection.



## Genius of Common Sense Book Launch



Join the authors for the launch of a new book - written for young adults aged 10 to 100 - about one of the great public intellectuals of our time: Jane Jacobs. With special guests: the Honourable **Kathleen Wynne** (MPP for Don Valley West and the Minister of Education) Councillor **Adam Vaughan** (Ward 20, City of Toronto), among others.

Date: Thursday October 22, 2009  
Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM  
Location: Urbanspace Gallery, 401 Richmond Street West (at Spadina)

If you are planning to attend this event please RSVP to [rosanna@urbanspace.org](mailto:rosanna@urbanspace.org)

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## Toronto Cyclists Union Cocktail and Masquerade

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The Toronto Cyclists Union has been working hard to: grow the culture of cycling in our city, have the voice of cyclists heard where it counts, help motivate the political will needed to get bike lanes onto our streets and bikes better incorporated into the overall transportation mix. We want to keep doing this good work, but we need your support to help keep up this momentum. So, get your mask on and cocktail it up for the bike union – join us at for a cocktail and masquerade at the Steamwhistle Brewery Roundhouse! Raise your spirits and some support during our silent auction and raffle, enjoy performance by top Canadian performers and take in the bike expo, featuring Toronto's top bike shops. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit:

<http://bikeunion.to/sites/tcu/files/fundraiser-2009/emailer.html>

**Date:** October 28th, 2009 6:00 PM  
**Time:** 6:00 – 9:00, open bar, finger food and silent auction;  
9:00 – 1:00am cash bar and raffle  
**Location:** 255 Bremner Blvd., Steamwhistle Brewery Roundhouse

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## Public Discussion on Clean Trains

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The Metrolinx plan will send 464 diesel trains through our neighbourhoods each day. They will emit the equivalent exhaust of 9000 trucks!

On October 29, Trinity-Spadina MPP Rosario Marchese will host a discussion on the benefits of electric trains. A Q & A and an Action Plan brainstorming session will follow.

### Why the Electric Train Option is Best for Trinity-Spadina by Mike Sullivan

Mr. Sullivan is Chair of the Weston Community Coalition and a member of the Clean Train Coalition. Mike has been one of the earliest and most active proponents of electric over diesel trains for the Union-Georgetown and the Air-Rail Link corridors.

### Electric Train Technology by Dr. Avrum Regenstreif

Dr. Regenstreif is a resident of Trinity-Spadina, a retired architect, urbanist and consultant in energy management. He has written extensively on railway electrification in Canada and Europe.

**Date:** October 29, 2009  
**Time:** 6:30 pm Registration  
7-9 pm Discussion  
**Location:** Array Music Studios, 60 Atlantic Ave. Suite 218 (Liberty Village)

RSVP [rmarchese-co@ndp.on.ca](mailto:rmarchese-co@ndp.on.ca) or call 416.603.9664

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## Centre Stage, Front Row and Back Alleys – A walking tour with Adam

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Join local City Councillor Adam Vaughan's walking tour through the alleys and communities that are home to Theatre Passe Muraille and Factory Theatre. The tour will link the two theatres not by walking along nearby main streets, but rather by strolling through the neighbourhoods that surround them. Other cultural and arts organizations that form the inspiration and the audience for work that makes its way to

the stage will be explored and looked at from a unique urban perspective. You've seen the shows, now meet the neighbourhood!

**Date:** Saturday October 31, 2009  
**Time:** 1 pm  
**Location:** Theatre Passe Muraille, 16 Ryerson Avenue

The walk will start at Theatre Passe Muraille and wind its way toward the Cameron House, passing Alexandra Park and neighbourhood fabric stores. From there we will cross Queen Street West and explore Toronto's best open air art gallery. New projects on Richmond Street and the Toronto Arts Council will be highlighted as we move south to Factory Theatre. The walk will weave together how neighbourhoods and the arts flourish in tandem.

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## **Ward 20 Farmers Markets**

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The weather may be getting chilly, but there are still opportunities to buy fresh, locally-grown produce from markets in Ward 20!

### **Bloor-Borden Farmers Market**

**Dates:** Wednesdays until October 28  
**Time:** 3:00 – 7:00 pm  
**Location:** Green P Parking Lot, Borden Street just south of Bloor

Wednesday October 28 will be the customer appreciation day and pumpkin fest! For more information contact [bloor.borden@gmail.com](mailto:bloor.borden@gmail.com).

### **Historic St. Andrew's Farmers Market**

**Dates:** Saturdays until October 31  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Location:** Adelaide St. W and Maud St.

For more information contact [standrewsmarket@gmail.com](mailto:standrewsmarket@gmail.com).

### **The Waterfront Good Food Market**

The Waterfront Good Food Market, which has been operating over the summer in the courtyard of 679 Queens Quay West, will be moving indoors during the cooler weather.

**Dates:** Tuesday evenings  
**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 pm  
**Location:** 25 Bishop Tutu Blvd, Common Room  
(enter through the glass sliding door just past the building entrance off the courtyard)

After a successful summer in its outdoors location in the courtyard of 679 Queens Quay West, the Bathurst Quay community's non-profit fresh food market is now open every Tuesday evening in the Common Room at 25 Bishop Tutu Blvd. Everyone is invited to do their weekly shopping for same-day fresh fruits, vegetables, bread and a selection of cheeses, preserves, maple syrup and more. The prices are great and the volunteer helpers are friendly and helpful. Save money and meet & mingle with your neighbours every Tuesday at your Good Food Market.

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## Ward 20 Cycling Committee

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Comprised of concerned citizens who are familiar with cycling in the ward, the Ward 20 Cycling Committee has been meeting regularly since early spring of 2009 to discuss cycling issues and ways to improve the state of cycling in the city. The committee has a vision of a safer and more bike friendly environment in Toronto. By making streets safer and more appealing for cyclists of all ages, it hopes to both reduce car usage and improve pedestrian safety. The overall goal is to create a more sustainable and healthier city for future generations.

The Ward 20 Cycling Committee has been busy pulling together a report outlining suggestions for improvements to current cycling infrastructure and conditions in the Ward. The purpose of the report is to provide feedback to Councillor Vaughan's office and City staff who can work to implement changes that reflect the needs of cyclists travelling in this section of the city. The Committee looks forward to working together with Councillor Vaughan's office, City staff and community stakeholders, including residents associations, to explore the priorities listed in the report in greater detail.

If you would like to provide feedback on the draft report, please contact Councillor Vaughan's Constituency Assistant Dale Duncan at 416-392-4044 or [dduncan@toronto.ca](mailto:dduncan@toronto.ca).

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## New Park in Cityplace

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You may have heard some press or even been by the new park on Fort York Boulevard that was built by Concord Adex. This spectacular new park in the downtown core, whose design was inspired by the vision of noted Canadian writer and artist Douglas Coupland was recently unveiled by developer Concord Adex Inc. The \$8 million, 8-acre park in the City Place neighborhood, the first new major downtown public park to be opened in over a decade, is the culmination of over five years of planning and construction.



The new park features tree-lined paths, a range of public art, and water features. It also includes the Terry Fox Miracle Mile, a track that winds through the park and is punctuated by glass-encased pedestals commemorating milestones in the Canadian hero's cross-Canada run to raise awareness and money for the fight against cancer. The southern border of the park is a stretch of open space allowing visitors to enjoy the vistas of the City to the north. In keeping with its central theme of celebrating Canada and particularly Toronto and connection to its roots, the park is highlighted by the giant red canoe feature which is clearly visible from the nearby Gardiner and is fast becoming a Toronto icon.

Although this new green space, which is located between Spadina and Bathurst on the north side of Fort York Boulevard, has not been formally named - The City of Toronto, Ward 20 City Councillor Adam Vaughan and Spacing Magazine teamed up to host a park naming contest. More than 150 submissions were received and a name will be announced by December 1<sup>st</sup>!

The park hasn't opened yet – the developer and the City have some legal details to finalize, but we will keep you posted and let you know when you can visit.

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## **H1N1 influenza virus – Toronto prepares for a different kind of flu season**

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This fall and winter, there will be two types of flu viruses circulating in the community—seasonal flu viruses and the new H1N1 flu virus. H1N1 is a respiratory virus that causes symptoms similar to those of regular seasonal flu. These include: fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, muscle aches, fatigue, and possibly nausea, vomiting or diarrhea.

The vast majority of people who become ill with H1N1 flu recover without medical treatment, but young children, pregnant women, the elderly and those with chronic health conditions are at higher risk of serious illness.

To protect you and your family, there are two flu vaccines being developed against these viruses. The seasonal flu vaccine will be available as usual in the fall, while the H1N1 flu vaccine will be made available later in the year. For information, visit [www.toronto.ca/health](http://www.toronto.ca/health) or call 416-338-7600.

Both the regular flu and H1N1 are transmitted from person to person through coughs and sneezes. Everyone in the community can help reduce the spread of the flu by taking basic precautions, says Dr. Barbara Yaffe, Director of Communicable Disease Control at Toronto Public Health.

The best ways to reduce the risk of getting the virus include:

- Frequent and thorough hand washing with soap and hot water, or use of an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Sneezing or coughing into the arm or sleeve, when a tissue is not available
- People who are ill should stay at home, with the support of family, friends and employers
- Not sharing items like cups and utensils that can pass the virus between people

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## **New Home Renovation Grant Program**

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The City of Toronto today launched Home Energy Assistance Toronto (HEAT), a new incentive program offering residents up to \$1,000 when they upgrade their home insulation. HEAT is open to residents of low-rise residential properties, such as detached and semi-detached houses, and townhomes, and is designed to encourage Torontonians to undertake improvements to increase their home's energy efficiency and reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions.

Providing financial support to improve the energy efficiency of Toronto homes benefits the city in many ways. Grants like this help create green jobs, decrease our overall energy demands, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

There are approximately 450,000 low-rise residential buildings in Toronto today, which account for 19 per cent of electricity and 36 per cent of natural gas consumption in the city. According to research from Ontario Power Authority (2006), residents who retrofit their insulation and use electricity to heat and cool their homes will save, on average, more than 2000 kWh of energy, over \$150 on their annual energy bill, and 0.5 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. Residents who use gas will save 600 cubic metres, more than \$250 on their annual energy bill, and an estimated 1.2 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the air.

Home Energy Assistance Toronto is a partnership with Federal ecoENERGY Retrofit-Homes, and means that homeowners can now access insulation grants of up to \$8,750 in total from all three levels of government. Residents who undertake other important energy efficient upgrades (such as improving

toilets, doors, windows or heating and cooling systems) can leverage even more funds - up to a combined \$11,000.

To be eligible for HEAT funds, homeowners must follow the steps outlined by ecoENERGY Retrofit-Homes. The steps include hiring a Certified Energy Advisor to conduct a Home Energy Assessment, both before and after renovations.

Toronto is committed to combating climate change. In 2007, City Council unanimously adopted the Climate Change, Clean Air and Sustainable Energy Action Plan, an environmental framework aimed at reducing Toronto's greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050.

Home Energy Assistance Toronto is an important tactic in this aggressive plan, which is why \$9 million has been earmarked for HEAT, which will run until March 2012. It is estimated that approximately 9,000 to 12,000 householders will access these home improvement grants during this period.

For more information about HEAT and other City of Toronto environmental programs, visit <http://www.livegreentoronto.ca>. This one-stop website is filled with tips, success stories, learning opportunities, information updates - even rebates and grants that will inspire residents to keep taking the small steps that lead to a healthier planet.

### Check out our website!

For up to date information on community events, news and developments, check out our website at <http://www.ward20.ca>. If you are interested in finding out about the latest developments in your area, be sure to check out the Development Map where you can find information about a specific project in Ward 20 and its construction status.

### Contact us

If you have a concern about your community or the ward you would like to discuss with Councillor Vaughan or our staff team, please call the office at **416-392-4044** or contact us by email: [councillor\\_vaughan@toronto.ca](mailto:councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca)

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