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If you live in Ward 20, by now you should have received Ward 20's print newsletter, which was sent out to residents in the beginning of August. This print newsletter provides an update on parks throughout the ward, efforts to revitalize the Sonny Atkinson Co-op and Alexandra Park, the naming of our lanes, the move towards creating complete streets, and much more.

My website (www.ward20.ca), this e-newsletter, and my print newsletter are important ways for me to keep in touch with residents, to let you know what's going on in Ward 20 and City Hall, and to inform you of upcoming meetings.



Haven't received a newsletter, but would like a copy? Contact our office at 416-392-4044 or councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca, and we will be sure to send one your way!

You can also find a PDF version of the print newsletter here:

<http://ward20.ca/files/2010-07-23%20Newsletter%20Proof.pdf>

Goodbye and best wishes to Dale Duncan!

Dear Residents,

After two wonderful, action-packed years working for Councillor Vaughan as a constituency assistant for Ward 20, I have decided that it is time to move on. My last day is Friday, September 3.

I couldn't have asked for a better experience working at City Hall. Ward 20 is full of some of the most engaged, creative and socially-conscious citizens in the city who have kept me on my toes on a daily basis. It has been a pleasure working with you to help bring improvements to your parks, to help ensure that proposed developments respect your neighbourhoods, to help advocate for improvements to your streets and sidewalks, and, yes, even to help make sure that you have the right sized garbage and recycling bin.

Every day has been a learning experience. My knowledge of how the City works and how local citizens can make a difference in their neighbourhood has grown exponentially. I would like to thank you, my colleagues in Councillor Vaughan's office, and Councillor Vaughan for helping to make this experience so rewarding.

Sincerely,

Dale

311: The City of Toronto's customer service hotline

Whether you want to report a property standards concern, inquire about a City service, or find out why your garbage wasn't picked up, the City of Toronto's customer service hotline, 311, can help.

You can reach the City of Toronto's 311 customer service hotline via phone, e-mail, and also through the web.

You can connect with 311 in three ways:

Phone: Dial 3-1-1 from any phone
Outside of Toronto: call 416-397-CITY (2489)
E-mail: 311@toronto.ca
Web: www.toronto.ca/311

Through the new website form, you can easily report issues such as missed garbage collection, potholes, pay for on-street parking permits, and more. You can also get updates on your service requests through the website's tracking feature.

Gwendolyn MacEwen Park Re-opening

On July 21, Councillor Vaughan joined representatives of the Annex Residents' Association and area residents to celebrate the re-opening of Gwendolyn MacEwen Park. This small neighbourhood park, located a block north of Bloor Street West, was both beautified and enlarged by reclaiming a portion of Walmer Road, which surrounds the park. Speakers included Linda Deshman, a local resident who was involved in the park's redevelopment process, and Stan Bevington, who is a local resident and the founder of Coach House Press. Novelist and playwright Claudia Dey recited a poem written by the park's namesake, the late Gwendolyn MacEwen.



Thank you to everyone who participated in this event and helped to make it a success. The redesign of this much-loved neighbourhood park marks the beginning of a parks renaissance in Ward 20, during which a number of community green spaces will be rejuvenated with local residents leading the way.

Cecil Street Parkette renamed in honour of Julius Deutsch



On Thursday, September 2nd, Toronto Mayor David Miller and Councillor Vaughan joined members of the community to celebrate the life and work of Julius Deutsch with a sign unveiling. Also present at the ceremony was a special guest speaker, Bob Hambly, the life partner of Julius Deutsch.

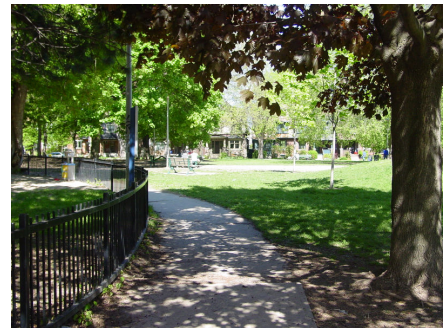
Julius Deutsch was a respected social justice activist who worked diligently on many labour issues and bringing equity to Toronto's many diverse communities. Deutsch encouraged local unions to create green jobs and organized the 'Good Green Jobs for All' conference bringing together union

workers and environmentalists to work together to ensure a sustainable future.

This parkette is currently being renovated. The old playground is being replaced with exercise equipment designed for parks, geared in part to the large number of seniors in this neighbourhood.

Vermont Square Park Renewal

The Seaton Village Residents Association (SVRA) has been hard at work engaging area residents in efforts to renew Seaton Village's local park: Vermont Square. This fall, community meetings will be held to gather further input from local residents on the details of the redesign. If you have ideas you would like to share and input you would like to provide, please contact the SVRA at seatonvillagetoronto@gmail.com. For updates on upcoming meetings, please visit www.ward20.ca.



Little Norway Park update

In past newsletters we have provided updates about the revitalization of the playground at Little Norway Park. Our office worked with area residents and park stakeholders, and neighbourhood children cast votes on the winning design for this space. The beloved Lion will remain in place, but the playground will be replaced with two playgrounds, for both younger and older children. A giant storytelling chair that was part of the original park design has been re-created and will be installed.

The contractor will be starting construction at Little Norway Park after the Labour Day weekend. They will begin demolition of the labyrinth and old play equipment. The work is scheduled to be complete by the middle of November.



Pedestrian Pilot Projects at the University of Toronto

With a new school year about to kick off, two streets within the University of Toronto's St. George campus have been made pedestrian zones for students, faculty and local residents who walk to and through the campus.

At its meeting on September 15, 2009, Toronto and East York Community Council directed Transportation Services to consult with the University of Toronto on the feasibility of closing streets to vehicular traffic for pedestrians. As a result of this consultation, it was decided that Willcocks Street between Huron Street and St. George Street would be closed from August 23, 2010 to September 30, 2011. Devonshire Place will also be closed in both directions between Hoskin Avenue and a point approximately 125 metres north of Hoskin Avenue from August 23, 2010 to September 30, 2011. Emergency vehicles are exempt.

The idea to implement pedestrian zone pilot projects is part of the Toronto Walking Strategy, which City Council adopted in May 2009. It was suggested that pedestrian zone pilot projects should be implemented in locations with significant pedestrian activity, such as busy downtown university campuses.

In partnership with the two universities, the pilot projects will create streets that are both destinations as well as travel routes. Maintenance of the pilot pedestrian zones will be the responsibility of the universities.

The University of Toronto will report back to Toronto and East York Community Council on the effectiveness of the pilot projects by the fourth quarter of 2011.

Compensation for Loss of Business or Wages Due to the G20

The Federal Government has extended the deadline to submit for compensation claims for loss of business or wages as a result of the G20. The eligibility period, the security perimeters, and the external affected areas as outlined in the guidelines for payments on an ex-gratia basis have been revised. If you are a business or individual and feel that you have a legitimate claim for compensation please visit:

<http://g20.gc.ca/payments-on-an-ex-gratia-basis/>

Canada Malting Silos update

My office has been meeting with area residents and City staff through a working group to develop a vision for future of the Canada Malting Silos site. We are envisioning retail uses to serve the Bathurst Quay neighbourhood, walkways through the site to improve access to Ireland Park, and more. Ideas and plans will be brought to a community meeting in the future to receive feedback.

In the meantime, work is taking place to improve the site, with the malting sheds west of the silos planned for demolition. An environmental clean-up of the site is underway to remove hazardous materials from the buildings prior to demolition.

Demolition will be starting up this week. The remainder of the project should be complete by early November 2010.

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**

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