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Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to the Fall 2004 issue of my Community Update. As promised, this Update will focus on Ward 39 issues that YOU have told me are important to you.

The response to my Spring Report and my hard work over the past year has been encouraging and vindicating. Your telephone calls, faxes and emails of thanks tell me that I'm on the right track. More than anything else, I love hearing people say that our community looks better and feels better – something I promised I would deliver. I ran for the office of City Councillor because I felt that Ward 39 was being neglected by its City representative and was not getting its fair share of City services. I am working hard to change this and it is encouraging that my efforts are being recognized.

In the past 12 short months, almost 200 'suspected rooming house' complaints have been investigated and countless Property Standards, Zoning and Fire Violations have been issued in response. Police have raided and shut down 22 grow houses and my office has dealt with close to 600 other complaints and issues. I have also personally delivered hundreds of "friendly reminder" letters on issues ranging from garbage collection to property maintenance and people are starting to see the result – a cleaner community.

People who watch City Council meetings on television have called to thank me for asking tough questions and for saying what needs to be said on a variety of issues. I am proud of my attendance and voting records and am always available to discuss any issue with any constituent wherever and whenever it is most convenient for you.

I wish to remind you that, as City Councillor, I am a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits. I can sign Name Change applications, Motor Vehicle Transfers, Passport documents and Permanent Residency Cards, among others. If you need a signature, please call my office and I will be glad to meet you at your convenience in your home.

Thanks for your continued support and for the privilege of representing you and your interests at City Hall.

Your Neighbour,

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School Zone Parking Regulations

My goal is to improve safety for children, parents and motorists at every school. I met with Traffic Operations staff and parents at Brookmill Public School and, as a result, new parking regulations are in place on Brookmill Boulevard.

Parking is now permitted on the school street (south side), for 30 minutes – long enough to drop off or pick up kids. Together with new 'No Stopping' regulation on the opposite (north side) of

Brookmill, this change is designed to improve through-traffic flow and increase visibility for motorists. When in use, the pedestrian crossing has new flashing signals to highlight its location. Finally, the speed limit in the entire school zone is lowered from 50 km/h to 40 km/h.

These changes represent the most progressive "cross section" used today by our Transportation Engineers and will be enforced by Parking Enforcement and 42 Division Officers. Traffic Operations staff

recommend similar improvements for Silver Springs Boulevard. Investigations are pending for Fundy Bay Boulevard and Huntmill Boulevard.

I hope to have every school location thoroughly investigated and changes recommended for safety. PLEASE – when you are driving through a school zone – SLOW DOWN for your sake and our kids' sake.

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Ward 39 Developments

New advance green lights – Steeles & Warden
Worked with City staff to add advance green signals for east and westbound drivers to improve traffic flow.

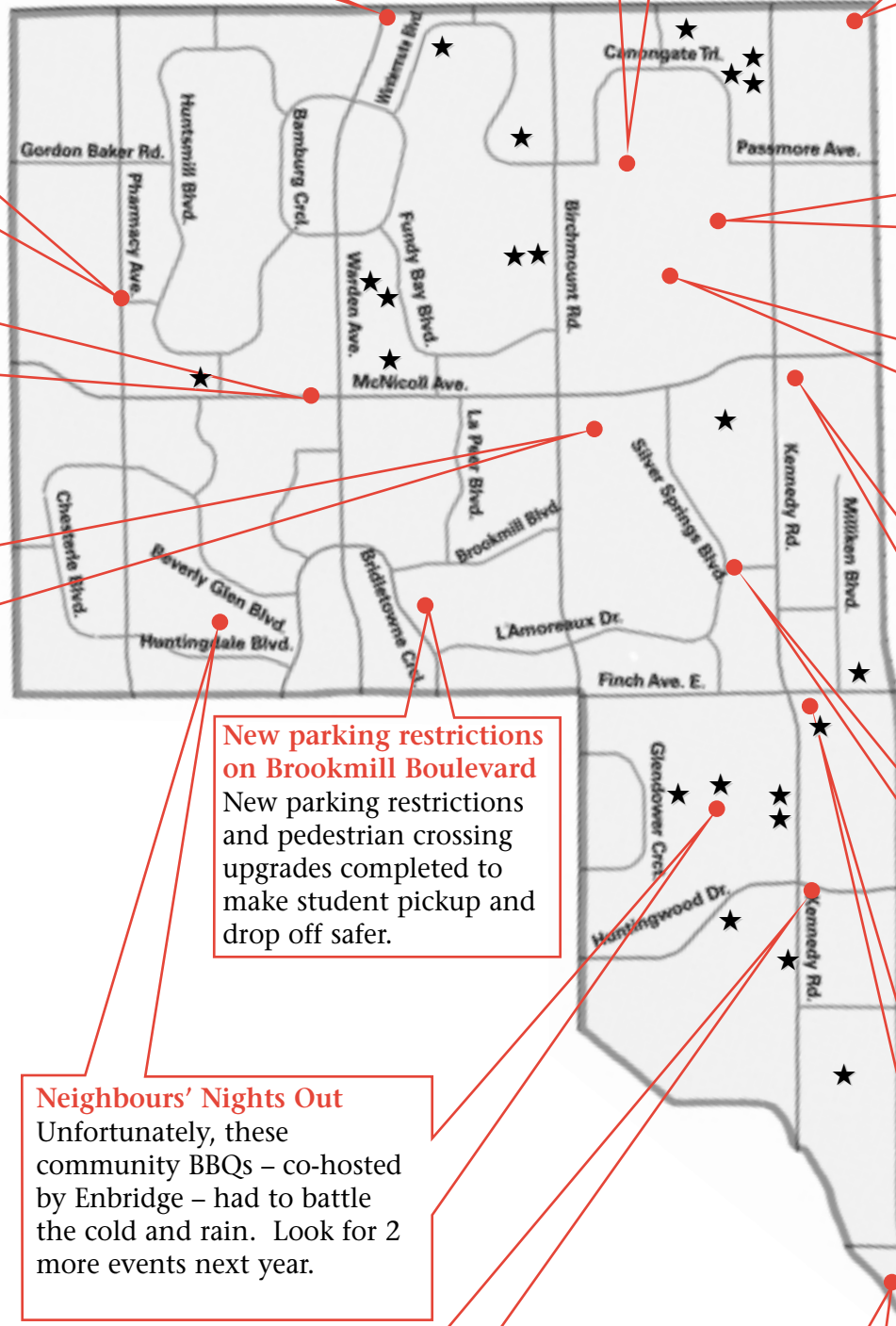
Former Mary Ward School Site
I am working with new owners and the community to ensure that what gets built on this property fits the neighbourhood.

Canadian Tire Site Steeles Avenue
Over the past several months, I have been working with the property owner and the community to minimize traffic impacts of this development.

Relocated vending boxes Pharmacy & Arnall
Armed with complaints from area residents, I convinced staff to relocate 2 vending boxes improving sightlines and safety for drivers exiting onto Pharmacy.

McNicoll Bus Service Expansion
With the help of area residents, I convinced the TTC to test expanding McNicoll bus service past Kennedy Road during off-peak hours.

Environment Day
Despite the rain, it was the most successful Ward 39 Environment Day ever – based on the amount of recyclables collected. Next year, we hope to have some sun.



Sanwood Walkway
Arranging for funding of walkway construction after this improvement was forgotten by City staff.

Rating The Parks Toronto Star Article
The Toronto Star gave L'Amoreaux Parks an 'A' grade thanks to all Parks & Rec. staff. Unfortunately, it was mistakenly reported as a 'B'.

New TTC shelter Kennedy & McNicoll
City staff continue to work towards getting a new shelter installed at the southeast corner before winter.

New parking restrictions on Brookmill Boulevard
New parking restrictions and pedestrian crossing upgrades completed to make student pickup and drop off safer.

New parking restrictions on Silver Springs Blvd.
Worked with City staff to come up with new parking restrictions adjacent to the schools to improve safety for our kids.

New advance green signals Kennedy & Finch
Advance turn signals have been added to improve traffic flow during peak periods.

★ Grow Houses busted and shut down.

Neighbours' Nights Out
Unfortunately, these community BBQs – co-hosted by Enbridge – had to battle the cold and rain. Look for 2 more events next year.

New advance green light Kennedy & Huntingwood
After numerous complaints about the long wait, convinced City staff that an advance green was necessary for northbound drivers during the evening rush hour.

Anti-Whistling on Sheppard Avenue
Train whistling has stopped after working with GO Transit, Transport Canada, CN Rail and the community.

Did you know...
Don't take your contractor's word for it that you don't need a permit. If our inspectors find illegal construction, they will issue a Stop Work order and the permit fees will be doubled. Before starting any renovation work, check with our Buildings department at 416-396-7526 or call my office..

New Parking Regulations in Heathwood Community

The overnight parking regulations in the Heathwood Community have changed. Instead of the typical 3-hour City-wide default, there is No Parking between 2 AM and 6 AM.

The new regulations come in response to a request from the Heathwood Community Association to find a more effective way to deal with on-street parking. After discussing the issue at length with the Association and with staff, a public meeting was held where the area's residents were asked to choose between the status quo and the proposed changes. An over-

whelming majority of those in attendance - 96% - voted for No Overnight Parking. After Traffic Operations staff prepared a report reflecting the meeting's outcome, Scarborough Community Council and City Council voted to approve the change.

When single-family homes are converted into multi-family residences, on-street parking gets worse. The Heathwood Community asked for the changes, in part, to deal with this problem. Changing the regulations will make it easier for our Parking Enforcement Officers to deal with these illegally parked cars. The residents of

this community will now also enjoy better street sweeping and snow removal services, as our crews' obstacle courses will be eliminated.

What happened in the Heathwood Community is democracy hard-at-work. The residents of this neighbourhood asked me to help THEM improve the quality of life in THEIR community. After holding a public meeting, I delivered what they asked for. If you would like to make similar changes in your community, please call me to talk about your ideas.

Marijuana Grow Houses

So far in 2004, the Officers at 42 Division have raided and shut down 22 marijuana grow houses in Ward 39 – almost a quarter of the total number for all of Scarborough – and there are others under investigation. The residents of Scarborough-Agincourt are rightfully angry. The good news is that these grow houses are being busted because people are watching for tell-tale signs and contacting my office with their concerns.

Grow houses pose a serious threat to our community. Having a grow house next door means having criminals and criminal activity next door – these people will use violence to protect their operations.

The dangers are not limited to the operators – the house itself becomes a hazard. These operations consume vast quantities of power. To hide their activities, the growers often by-pass their hydro meters with crude and dangerous re-wiring. Inside the home, electrical panels are overloaded to maximize production. When you add this to the inevitable presence of large quantities of chemical fertilizers used to maximize growth yields, a grow house literally becomes a ticking time bomb waiting to go off. Fires are common – putting the safety of neighbours and the entire community at risk. These chemicals, and booby traps designed to injure trespassers, make it extremely dangerous for our Police Officers when entering the premises to shut down the operation.

The # 1 enemy of the people that bring these hazards into our neighbourhoods is a community that watches out. By looking for and recognizing the signs, you can prevent

these grow houses from starting up and can assist me and the Police in shutting down the existing ones. Here are some of the signs to look out for:

- The homeowner or resident is hardly seen
- Infrequent traffic in and out of the home – usually at night
- Poor property maintenance
- Windows covered at all times of day
- Garbage is never put out for collection – as if nobody is living at the home
- People leaving the home with large garbage or duffel bags
- The home is accessed regularly through the garage – to hide identities and activities

Reflecting the magnitude of the problem, I have become one of Council's strongest advocates for improving the way that we deal with grow houses. I have urged better communication between the Police, Fire Services and Hydro to ensure that the house is properly inspected IMMEDIATELY after it is busted to ensure that the surrounding community is safe. I have asked for protocols to be put in place to ensure that the electricity to these properties is ALWAYS shut off and only reconnected after the property owner has made the service safe in the opinion of Hydro Inspectors. I have asked the City Solicitor, Chief Medical Officer of Health and Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards to ensure that the absentee landlord properly restores the house. They should also be compelled to disclose that the house was used as a grow house to protect future owners. I have contacted the Provincial Minister of Health and have urged him to develop more stringent guidelines for mould and its abatement.

Finally, I have contacted the Provincial Minister of Public Safety to commend him on his Green Tide Summit, held in March. I have urged him to find ways to bring the real estate brokerage, property insurance and other related industries into the war against these criminals.

A quick word directed at absentee landlords is in order. If you, or someone you know, owns a house and rents it out – beware. If you aren't making regular visits to the property, you may get a call from the Police one day informing you that your tenants were operating a grow house. You could be faced with tens of thousands of dollars worth of repairs and – if I am successful in my efforts – a permanent note on your property's Title indicating that your property was once used as a grow operation.

One of the grow houses recently busted was located directly across the street from my home. I worked closely with Officers at 42 Division to monitor the situation right up until the raid took place. I learned, first-hand, how well these operations can be hidden from view. I felt violated and angry that someone dared to put my family at risk. Together, we can rid Scarborough-Agincourt of these criminals, their grow houses and the dangers infiltrating into our communities. In doing so, we will also be sending a strong message to anyone else thinking about setting up shop in Ward 39: that they need to think twice. If you see any of the signs described above on your street or in your neighbourhood – document them and contact my office immediately. As with all other issues, your anonymity will always be protected.



Cutting the ribbon with MPP Alvin Curling at Scarborough General Hospital's new dialysis unit



The Dotting of the Lion's Eye - Opening ceremony of Bamburgh Gardens Plaza Fund Raising Event



At the Neighbours' Night Out with Officers Jack Wield and Dave Gray at Highland Heights Park



Flipping burgers at the Heathwood Community Association's Annual Picnic

McNicoll Avenue Project

Early June, residents living in the vicinity of McNicoll Avenue received a flyer from our Works department. It updated the community on the status of an Environmental Assessment (EA) that started early 2004, for a large-scale watermain project the City needs to build to meet future demand.

The City undertook the EA process for this project because the watermain crosses the West Highland Creek near L'Amoreaux Community Centre. The EA process ensures that all alternatives are reviewed, area residents are informed and public input is considered. Staff is confident that the project will be able to start later this year and anticipate that construction will take approximately one year. It will be done in phases starting at Kennedy Road and moving west towards Pharmacy Avenue.

While I appreciate that this project will cause serious disruption, it is vital to our future needs. Efforts are being made to

ensure that, once started, the project proceeds quickly with minimal impact to adjacent property owners and with careful control of traffic infiltration into surrounding residential communities. To this end, temporary turning restrictions will be put in place to forbid commuter traffic from using residential communities as 'short cuts'. You will be notified about these temporary restrictions well in advance.

As a regular user of McNicoll Avenue, I know the serious operational problems that drivers face every day. McNicoll Avenue was originally built as a commercial service road and was never upgraded even though it now acts as an arterial road. Narrow drive lanes and the lack of turning lanes at intersections makes using McNicoll Avenue an ordeal. Earlier this year, I met with Infrastructure Planning staff to discuss the problem. I was told that, while upgrading McNicoll Avenue was on the City's 'wish list', it had never been considered a priority - in fact, it didn't even appear in our longterm capital plans.

After hearing about the watermain project, I convened a meeting with the Infrastructure Planning, Water Wastewater and Transportation Services staff to pose a simple question: If we are going to dig up sections of McNicoll Avenue for the watermain installation and inconvenience the residents of Ward 39 in the process, why not consider upgrading the road? The logic seemed obvious - looking at the 2 projects as one single, expanded project would save time, money and minimize disruption to Scarborough-Agincourt residents.

I am pleased to announce that staff have agreed to support the McNicoll Avenue upgrade project and are working very hard to produce a set of engineering drawings for further discussion. As more information becomes available, please rest assured that the community will be kept abreast of details. Details of the project are not known at this time; however, wider drive lanes, turning lanes, sidewalk improvements and advance green lights will be given consideration.

Did you know...

A legal driveway is allowed to be only as wide as your garage.

You cannot widen your driveway to provide extra parking.

If you do widen your driveway, you must limit the widening to your own (private) property.

You must also elevate the widened portion by at least 6 inches from the legal portion.



In the Ward with staff Rita, Jennifer and summer interns Adam and Patricia. Camera shy are my Executive Assistant, Sean, and summer intern Joanna

Did you know...

On-street parking is a serious issue for many Ward 39 residents.

The Scarborough by-law allows parking for a maximum of 3 hours.

If you feel on-street parking is a problem on your street, please call

Parking Enforcement at 416-808-6600

or contact my office.

Where I Stand

During the election, I promised to explain my position on key issues as they came before Council. This - a regular feature in future newsletters - will explain how I voted on these issues and why:

Pesticides By-Law

In May, Council approved a new By-Law that effectively bans the use of pesticides in the City of Toronto. I voted against the By-Law. The By-law created different rules for different property owners - golf courses can use pesticides while private homeowners cannot. If they are unsafe, they should be unsafe for everyone. Equity in our laws is fundamental and this By-Law will simply not be fair in its application.

Chief Fantino's Contract

In a 3-3-tie vote, the Toronto Police Services Board decided not to renew Chief Fantino's contract when it expires in March 2005. I got involved in the 'Keep the Chief' campaign to give Torontonians a voice and to force an open vote on the issue. For me, it was never about the man - it was about the secretive way that he was fired. Council had the legislated right to ask the Board to set aside their decision until after the Board's dysfunction was resolved in the fall. The Mayor had asked for the postponement, but refused to give Council a chance to do the same. This is NOT democracy.

Speed Humps

- Anyone who has driven around downtown's residential neighbourhoods has come across them - contoured asphalt humps in the road designed to slow traffic down. In my opinion, outside of active radar enforcement, speed humps are the most effective way to slow down traffic on our residential streets. Up to now, these speed humps have been installed almost exclusively downtown.
- In speaking with my colleagues on Community Council, I believe the time is right to introduce speed humps in Scarborough.

- Unlike speed bumps - like those found in shopping center parking lots - speed humps are designed to be comfortably crossed at between 30-40 km/h without inflicting any damage to vehicles.

- Council's policy regarding speed humps requires that communities or streets that want speed humps installed must submit a petition signed by at least 25% of the effected households. Once this petition is received, staff will initiate a study and will report to Community Council on the feasibility of the request.

- Anyone interested in having speed humps installed on their street are encouraged to start a petition requesting them. To submit the petition or to get help in starting it, please contact my office.

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Keep in touch!

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親愛的鄰居：

歡迎垂閱我的社區報告 2004 年秋季號。正如我曾承諾，這份報告的內容集中於第 39 選區的問題，而這些都是您表示關注的重要問題。

本區居民對我的春季報告和過去一年的努力作出正面的評價，勉勵有加。您們以電話、傳真和電子郵件向我致謝，使我知道走對了方向。最重要的是，我喜歡聽到居民說：本區的市容和市政得到改善——這正是我承諾要做的事。我競選市議員，是因為我感到第 39 選區受到本區市政府代表的忽視，未能獲得應有的市府服務。我正努力改變這一點，也欣見我的努力得到認可。

在過去短短一年內，當局對近 200 宗“涉嫌分租房屋”投訴作出調查，並且發出無數違反物業準則、用途及消防條例檢控。警方突擊搜查並關閉了 22 所大麻種植屋，我的辦事處也曾處理近 600 項其他投訴及問題。我以個人名義，發出數百封“友善提醒”信件，涉及的問題從垃圾收集到物業管理都有。居民已經開始看見成果——一個更加整潔的社區。

曾經在電視上收看市議會會議的居民來電，多謝我敢問敢言，在多項問題上說應該說的話。我以自己出席會議及投票的記錄為榮。我的門常常為選民大開，隨時隨地歡迎您與我討論任何問題。

作為市議員，我同時是一個公證人。我可以簽署更改姓名申請、汽車轉讓、護照及永久居民證等文件。如您需要簽署證明，請聯絡我的辦事處，我樂意在方便您的時間到府上提供協助。

感謝您對我不斷的支持，並讓我有幸能在市政府中代表您爭取權益。

您的鄰居，



Mike Del Grande
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大麻種植屋

2004 年以來，42 分局已突擊搜查及關閉第 39 選區內共 22 間大麻種植屋，約佔士嘉堡區大麻屋總數四分之一，還有其他涉嫌房子在調查中。士嘉堡－愛靜閣居民當然感到憤怒。可幸警方正不斷破獲這些大麻屋，有賴本區居民留意可疑的跡象，向我的辦事處報告。

大麻屋對我們的社區構成嚴重威脅。住宅隔鄰有大麻屋，即罪犯在隔鄰進行犯罪活動；這些人會使用暴力保護他們的不法勾當。

對我們構成威脅的不僅是不法勾當，大麻屋本身已是危險。種植大麻耗用大量電力。為了掩飾，罪犯往往使用粗劣而危險的方法重新接駁電線，繞過電表。為了盡量提高產量，大麻屋內的配電盤負荷過重，加上大量化學肥料，整所房子是一個不折不扣的計時炸彈，隨時爆發。火警時有發生，危害鄰居以至整個社區。這些化學物品及罪犯設計以傷害擅闖者的陷阱，對進入大麻屋清除種植活動的警員構成極大危險。

對於這些危害社區的不法之徒來說，一個守望相助的社區是他們的頭號敵人。只要您留意及辨認種種跡象，便能防止大麻屋開始運作，並且協助我和警方破獲已經存在的大麻屋。您可以留意的跡象如下：

- 您從來沒有見過房子的主人或住客
- 甚少人進出房子，有的話通常在晚上
- 物業疏於保養
- 窗戶整天遮蔽著
- 垃圾從來沒有放在路邊收集，房子內似乎無人居住
- 有人攜著大垃圾袋或帆布袋離開房子
- 房子裏的人通常使用車房進出，以掩藏身分和活動

鑑於問題嚴重，我已成為市議會內最大力主張以更有效方法對付大麻屋的議員之一。我強烈要求警方、消防署及電力公司加強溝通，在大麻屋一經破獲後即時驗屋，確保鄰近社區安全。我要求訂立規則，確保當局經常停止向這些物業供應電力，直至電力公司督察認為物業業主已經把房子回復正常，能安全接受電力服務。同時，我要求市政府法律專員、公共衛生署署長及牌照及準則署署長合力尋求方法，強逼擁有這些物業但不在本地的業主把房子恢復原狀，並且向買家透露物業曾作大麻種植用途，以保障未來業主的利益。我也已經聯絡省衛生廳廳長，強烈要求他就黴菌及消除黴菌問題訂立更嚴格的守則。最後，我已聯絡省社區安全及懲教廳廳長，表揚他在三月舉行打壓大麻屋的 **Green Tide** 峰會，並強烈要求他尋求方法，把地產代理、物業保險及其他相關行業引進對付大麻屋罪犯的行動中。

有關不在本地的業主，如果您或您認識的人擁有房子並把房子出租，要當心。如果您沒有定期探視物業，有一天您可能接到警方來電，說您的租客經營大麻屋。您可能面對耗費數萬元的維修，而如果我的努力成功的話，在您的地契上將會加上一條永久性的附註，顯示您的物業曾經作大麻種植用途。

近期一間被警方破獲的大麻屋就位於我家對面。我與 42 分局的警員緊密合作，一直監察這所大麻屋的情況，直至警方突擊搜查為止。我的親身體驗讓我知道這些犯罪活動是何等隱密。罪犯竟然膽敢危害我的家庭，使我感到被侵犯和憤怒。讓我們攜手把這些罪犯、大麻屋和他們帶給我們社區的禍害逐出土嘉堡－愛靜閣區。我們這樣做，也對那些正計劃在第 39 選區設立大麻屋的人提出警告。如果您在住處的街道或鄰舍看見上述任何跡象，請記錄下來，立即聯絡我的辦事處。正如我們處理其他問題一樣，您的身分絕對保密。

Heathwood 社區的新泊車條例

Heathwood 社區的通宵泊車條例已經更改。凌晨二時至上午六時不准泊車，已取代全市三小時的慣例。

新條例的產生，是由於 Heathwood 社區協會提出要求，尋求更有效途徑處理路旁泊車問題。本辦事處與協會詳細討論後召開公眾會議，讓該區居民表達意願，選擇維持現狀或接受提出的建議。絕大多數與會居民(96%)投票支持不准通宵泊車。經交通運作組職員提交報告反映會議結果後，士嘉堡社區議會及多倫多市議會投票通過更改條例。

當單一家庭房屋改建成為多家庭住宅後，路旁泊車問題更加惡化。Heathwood 社區要求更改條例，部分原因是為了應付這個問題。條例更改後，泊車執法組人員更容易處理違例泊車問題。同時，由於路旁的障礙得到清除，該區居民如今可以得到更好的掃街及掃雪服務。

這件事情反映出爭取民主的成果。該區居民請我協助他們改善他們社區的生活質素。公眾會議後，我不負所託，達成他們的願望。如果您希望您的社區能夠有類似的轉變，請來電與我談談您的構想。

McNicol Avenue 工程

在六月初，McNicol Avenue 附近的居民接到工程局的單張，內容有關一項 2004 年初開始進行的環境評估 (Environmental Assessment) 的進展。市政府為了應付未來所需，計劃在該區進行一項大型水管鋪設工程。

由於新水管將橫渡 L'Amoreaux 社區中心附近的 West Highland Creek，當局需要先進行環境評估，確保當局已考慮所有可能方案，知會該區居民，及諮詢公眾意見。此項工程相信將於本年稍後時間展開，預期約需時一年。第一階段將由 Kennedy Road 開始，逐步向西伸展至 Pharmacy Avenue。

雖然工程將會對該區構成影響，我認為新水管對我們未來的需求十分重要。工程開展後，當局將會盡力確保工程迅速進行，盡量減低對鄰近物業業主的影響，並且小心控制滲透附近住宅區的交通。為

此，當局將實施臨時轉彎限制，禁止上下班車輛使用住宅區作為捷徑；並會盡早通知您有關的安排。

我經常使用 McNicoll Avenue，因此十分明瞭司機每天面對的嚴重交通運作問題。McNicoll Avenue 本來是一條商業服務街道，雖然現時已成為道路幹綫，然而交通設施從來沒有得到提升。狹窄的行車綫加上交匯點缺乏轉彎綫，給駕車人士帶來考驗。今年較早時，我曾與基本設施計劃人員會面，商討有關問題。我得知雖然提升 McNicoll Avenue 是市政府希望做的工作，然而這個項目從來沒有獲得優先考慮——事實上，它甚至不列入市政府的長期基本建設計劃。

我獲悉鋪設水管工程後，曾與基本設施計劃、食水及污水處理、以及交通服務組人員開會，探討一個問題：既然我們即將在 McNicoll Avenue 進行挖掘及鋪設水管工程，在過程中對第 39 選區居民帶來不便，何不考慮一併提升街道設施？從邏輯角度來看，把這兩個工程合而為一，不但省錢、省時，更能減低對士嘉堡一愛靜閣居民的影響。

我很高興宣佈當局已同意支持 McNicoll Avenue 的改善工程，並且正努力製作一套工程圖則，以便跟進討論。當我們有進一步資料後，定會盡早通知您。現時工程細節仍待商榷，但擴闊行車綫、增加轉彎綫、改善人行道和加設優先綠燈將會在考慮之列。

學校範圍泊車條例

我的目標是在每一所學校加強學生、家長及司機的安全。我曾與交通運作組人員及 Brookmill 公立學校的家長舉行會議。結果，當局在 Brookmill Boulevard 實施新的泊車條例。

在新例之下，學校街道(南面)可以泊車，限時 30 分鐘，足夠讓學童上、下車。同時，Brookmill 對面街道(北面)不准停車，以改善車流及增加駕車者的視野。行人使用過路綫時，新設置的閃燈會亮起，讓駕車者留意。最後，整個學校範圍的車速限制由時速 50 公里改為 40 公里。

這些轉變是多倫多市政府交通工程師現時採用的最先進措施的一部分，由泊車執行組及 42 分局警員負責執法。交通運作組人員建議在 Silver Springs Boulevard 實施類似措施。當局也將於 Fundy Bay Boulevard 及 Huntmill Boulevard 進行調查，探討是否有需要採用類似措施。

我希望當局能在每一個學校範圍作出詳細調查，需要時更改條例，加強交通安全。當您駕車經過學校範圍時，為了自己，為了孩子們，請務必慢駛。

減速路拱

任何人駕車經過市中心住宅區都會遇上它們——街道上混凝土做成的路拱，作用是使行駛中的車輛慢下來。我認為在雷達偵察車速範圍以外，減速路拱是在住宅區街道上使車輛減速的最有效方法。一直以來，安裝減速路拱的地區幾乎只限於市中心。我和社區議會的同僚商談後，認為時機成熟，應該在士嘉堡引入減速路拱。

減速路拱跟購物中心停車場的減速路脊有別，它們可以讓時速 30 至 40 公里的車輛輕易地駛過，而不會損壞車輛。

市議會的政策是：如果想在社區或街道上安裝減速路拱，必須提交書面申請，呈上最少 25% 受影響住戶的簽署。當局接到申請後，會展開研究，並向社區議會報告申請是否可行。

我鼓勵居民如希望在街道上安裝減速路拱，可以著手預備申請書。如需協助預備或提交申請書，請與我的辦事處聯絡。

我的立場

在競選期間，我承諾有關市議會討論的重要問題，我會向選民解釋我的立場。從這期通訊開始，我將會定期解釋我在這些問題上如何投票及個中原因。

農藥附例

今年 5 月，市議會通過新附例，禁止在多倫多市使用農藥。我投票反對此項附例。原因是附例對不同物業業主有不同規則——高爾夫球場可以使用農藥，但私人物業不可以使用農藥。如果農藥不安全，它們對所有人都不安全。法律必須公正，這條附例在實行上並不公平。

警察總長范天奴的合約

在一次三對三的投票中，多倫多警政委員會決定，當警察總長范天奴的合約在 2005 年 3 月約滿後，不再續約。我參與為范天奴爭取連任的運動，為多倫多人發表意見，並且強逼當局就此事進行公開投票。對我來說，這並非關於范天奴本人，而是當局解雇他那種秘密的手法。市議會有權要求委員會暫時擱置決定，直至委員會的運作障礙在秋季得到解決。市長曾要求委員會擱置決定，但拒絕讓市議會有這樣的機會。這並非民主。

您知道嗎……？

如果您的承建商說您不需要申請許可証，不要相信他。市政府督察如發現非法僭建物，便會發出停工令，而辦理許可証的費用將會倍增。進行任何裝修工程前，應首先致電建築署查詢，電話：416-396-7526，或致電我的辦事處。

您知道嗎……？

合法的私人車道最寬只可以像您的車房一樣。您不能夠為了增加車位而擴闊私人車道。如果您要擴闊私人車道，必須限制在自己擁有的私人物業範圍之內，並且必須把擴闊部分從合法部分起加高最少六吋。

您知道嗎……？

路旁泊車對第 39 選區很多居民來說是一個嚴重的問題。士嘉堡的附例容許路旁泊車最多三小時。如果您覺得路旁泊車在您的街道上構成問題，請致電泊車執法組，電話：416-808-6600，或與我的辦事處聯絡。



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