

NEW TRAFFIC SIGNS FOR FUNDY BAY BOULEVARD AND BAMBURGH CIRCE

Attention Dr. Norman Bethune C.I. Parents and Students:

There are NEW traffic signs on Fundy Bay Boulevard and Bamburgh Circle. Please follow these traffic bylaws to ensure student safety:

- Motorists can no longer stop on the west side of Fundy Bay, across from Bethune.
- Students can only be dropped off or picked up on the east side of Fundy Bay Blvd or the south side of Bamburgh Circle.
This prevents students from having to cross the street during high traffic times.
- Motorists can no longer turn left from Bamburgh Circle onto Fundy Bay.
- Access Bethune via Warden Ave & Bamburgh Circle.
- Students can be dopped off or picked up on the south side of Bamburgh Circle.

METROLINX 2017 ACCESSIBILITY PUBLIC MEETING ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23rd

Metrolinx is hosting an Accessibility Public Meeting to hear from residents about the accessibility of GO Transit trains and buses, PRESTO, UP Express, and Light Rail Transit across the region.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. To provide an update on accessibility achievements
2. To share information on key planned initiatives for next year
3. Seek feedback to ensure our services and projects reflect the needs of our customers

Metrolinx Accessibility Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, November 23, 2017
Time: 6:00PM – 8:00 PM
Location: Metro Hall, Rooms 308 & 309
55 John Street, Toronto

If you are unable to attend this meeting in person, Metrolinx is also hosting a teleconference in December:

Metrolinx Accessibility Teleconference

Date: Tuesday, December 5, 2017

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Phone-in meeting; TTY will not be available

RSVP required http://www.metrolinx.com/en/aboutus/accessibility/accessibility_meetings.aspx

please submit questions and comments in advance of meeting.

ARTS IN THE PARK FUNDING DEADLINE FOR WARD 39 – DECEMBER 4th

The summer of 2018 will once again see arts programming presented in parks throughout the city under the banner ‘Arts in the Parks’.

Artists and arts organizations may be eligible for grants to support this programming through Toronto Arts Council’s [Animating Toronto Parks](#) grants program.

Working with Parks, Forestry and Recreation, TAC has designated a total of 29 parks for programming under the grants program. **Beverly Glen Park in our ward has been selected as one of these designated parks.**

The application deadline for funding is **December 4, 2017**. Note that the grants program is competitive and funds will be allocated to outstanding arts projects as selected by a jury of professional artists.

The Animating Toronto Parks grants program provides funding to professional artists, organizations and artist collectives to create and present free arts programming in selected Toronto parks located outside the downtown core. For the purposes of this program, “arts programming” may include the presentation of dance, literary arts, music, theatre, visual arts and media arts, community-engaged arts and any combination of the above. Permanent installations will not be funded within this program.

For more information please contact Erika Hennebury, Grants Officer, Strategic Programs: 416-392-6802 x219, erika@torontoartscouncil.org; program website: www.torontoartscouncil.org/grant-programs/tac-grants/animating-toronto-parks

HYDRO ONE VEGETATION MAINTENANCE – WARD 39

Hydro One will be conducting routine vegetation maintenance on the 50 kilometer electricity transmission corridor between Malvern Transformer Station in Scarborough, to Richview Transformer Station in Etobicoke. Work in Ward 39 is expected to start later this fall and last approximately one week, weather permitting. Crews will begin work in our community east of Kennedy Road, and move westward along the transmission corridor to Victoria Park Road.

If you have any questions about the vegetation maintenance in Ward 39, please contact Hydro One Community Relations at 1-877-345-6799.

PROPER LAYOUT FOR GARBAGE REMINDER

As the winter months draw near, all residents find themselves maneuvering around snow to lay out our weekly garbage, recycling and organics for pick-up.

I am reminding all residents to place their garbage, recycling or green bins on the boulevard portion of your front lawn. Please do NOT place your bins on the roadway in front of your house as this will interfere with the path of City vehicles and snow-clearing removal.

WEATHER UPDATES REMINDER

As the winter season starts, the City of Toronto will periodically release statements on immediate weather events such as Extreme Cold Weather Warnings, major snowfall alerts, and updates on snow clearing and winter maintenance.

Please visit my website at <http://karygiannis.net/wp/category/snow-weather-advisory/>. On this dedicated page, I will list all City weather-related updates as they happen.

CITY OF TORONTO HOME ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM (HELP)

Through the City of Toronto's Home Energy Loan Program (HELP), you can get a low-interest loan to cover the cost of a new high-efficiency furnace, new windows, doors, insulation and more. And if you want to go the extra mile, the loan can also cover the cost of solar rooftop panels, solar hot water heaters, and geothermal heating and cooling!

The great thing about Toronto's Home Energy Loan Program is that at the same time that you make your home more comfortable and reduce your energy bills, you'll also be reducing the emissions that contribute to climate change.

Low-interest rates and great terms

In addition to offering low-interest rates (starting at 2%), and repayment terms of up to 15 years, you can repay the loan at any time without penalty. And if you sell your home and don't want to pay off the loan, the new homeowner can assume the payments. Sound too good to be true? It's not!

Save energy, money and more!

The results are impressive. On average, HELP participants:

- reduce their home energy use by 30%;
- save over \$560 per year on their energy bills; and

- receive additional incentives of up to \$2,250 from utility companies such as Enbridge Gas and IESO.

You can get a loan of up to \$75,000 for your improvements. The process begins with an easy online application. The HELP team will then connect you with a Registered Energy Advisor, help you access the incentives provided by the utility companies, and do what they can to make the process smooth and seamless.

Here's what one HELP participant had to say about their experience retrofitting their Scarborough home:

"We wanted to make our home more energy efficient and HELP was a fit for our needs. The renovations would add value to our property. It was an easy experience for us and we are very appreciative!"

The City's HELP team is available to support you throughout the process. Contact us at 416-392-1826 or learn more at toronto.ca/home-energy-loan.

SPELLING BEE OF CANADA REGISTRATION

<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Fee</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>\$45</i></p> <p>Includes Study Manual, (e-copy sent via email link), the SBOC Online Coaching</p>	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Registration Timelines:</h3> <h2 style="text-align: center;">October to December 31, 2017</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Improve English skills in spelling, comprehension and communication ◆ Build self-confidence and self-esteem ◆ Experience public speaking
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Ages as of Dec. 31, 2017: Primary 6-8 (born in 2009 through 2011)

Junior 9-11 (born in 2006 through 2008)

Intermediate 12-14 (born in 2003 through 2005)

**Please bring proof of age (health card or birth certificate or passport)
and \$45.00**

Credit cards are not accepted at onsite registration.

For more information visit www.spellingbeeofcanada.ca or email info@spellingbeeofcanada.ca or call the office at 416-746-0072.

CHANGES TO PARKING AND DROP-OFF ACTIVITY AT KENNEDY PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Constituent:

Working with Kennedy School staff, parents and Heathwood Ratepayers association in response to concerns about traffic conditions and road safety near Kennedy Public School on Elmfield Crescent, the City has approved new parking regulations for the area. These changes are bylaws that will come into effect this month. New signage will be erected in the area.

Between the hours of **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** and **3:00 PM to 4:00 PM**, there will be:

NO PARKING on:

- the **north side** of Elmfield Crescent across the school
- the **east side** of Canongate Trail
- **both sides** of Ockwell Manor on the south end

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING IN THE WARD NORTH OF FINCH AVE E.

Following a poll that was done in our ward last year with over whelming support and the successful trial program between Birchmount and Kennedy north of Finch Ave, I am pleased to announce that the total Ward 39 north of Finch Ave E will be no parking overnight from 2:00am to 6:00am. Signs will be placed over the next 12-18

months in our streets. Please be aware of this change and watch for signs on your street. This will also increase the cost of the fine to \$50 per infraction.