

Cesar Palacio - Ward 17 Davenport

2018 Budget Calling for 2% Increase on Solid Waste Bins and the Phasing Out of a Solid Waste Rebate System

The 2018 preliminary operating and capital budget meeting recently took place calling for a 2% increase to the solid waste bins, while recommending the phasing out of a rebate system for small, medium and large sized garbage containers.

The facts continue to demonstrate that single-family homes are exceeding the City's 70% waste diversion targets set by City Council; conversely, apartment buildings and condos are miserably failing to meet the City's waste diversion target rates. I find it totally unacceptable that homeowners are being forced to subsidize waste management services for apartment buildings and condominiums.

As your voice on Council, I have advocated tirelessly for the continued garbage rebate that was promised to keep costs neutral for taxpayers and revenue neutral for the City.

I need your help and support on this important issue, please contact the Budget Committee directly to voice your opinion:

Budget Committee Chair, Councillor Gary Crawford

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What you can do to reduce your garbage fees:

- Consider downsizing your garbage bin to a small container
- **RECYCLE** as much as possible – please contact my office to have your recycling bin upgraded to a larger bin (**there is no cost to upgrade your recycling bin**)
- Ensure you are composting and sorting your materials properly



Garrison Creek Medical Centre

On June 27, 2017, it was my pleasure to welcome the "Garrison Creek Health Centre" to our community! This state-of-the-art medical facility at 928 St. Clair Avenue West will allow for easy access to health care in the surrounding community and contributing to the well-being of the neighbourhood.

Traffic Calming Measures Update

Traffic calming measures are being implemented throughout Ward 17:

1. A new traffic control signal will be installed close to the intersection of Geary Avenue and Dovercourt Road, which will enhance the health and safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists.
2. In an effort to improve pedestrian safety on Lansdowne Avenue, north of Davenport Road, heavy duty guardrails will be installed this fall on the west side of the sidewalk adjacent to the EarlsCourt Youth Centre. In addition, slow down signage has been added, a larger yellow beacon flashing light was installed and white edge lines have been delineated on the roadway.
3. Speed humps have recently been installed on Spring Grove Avenue to help mitigate speeding issues.
4. Earlier this year, my office asked the Department of Traffic Engineering to assess the traffic flow and safety at the intersection of Dufferin Street and Rosemount Avenue—their findings revealed that a traffic control signal is needed at this location. This matter will be going before Etobicoke York Community Council (EYCC) and once approved, it will create a safer environment for the local school community.



Canada Day 150 Celebration - Special thanks to Jose Eustaquio, President of ACAPO and the dozens of volunteers that brought thousands of Torontonians to EarlsCourt Park for a wonderful day filled with family fun and excitement.

Victory over OMB Appeal

St. Clair Avenue Study Working Group Update:

To create economic development and growth, vibrancy, and revitalization along the St. Clair corridor, the St. Clair Avenue Study was commissioned by City Council, at my request in October, 2009.

City Council approved the Official Plan Amendment No. 84 to allow mixed-use developments with appropriate densities and heights, but unfortunately, for the St. Clair Gardens community this section remained under an OMB appeal and stagnant for many years. As a result, I formed a working group of local businesses, industry leaders and residents to devise a comprehensive strategy that ultimately resulted in a great victory for Ward 17 Davenport. The appeal, was successfully withdrawn by the appellant, therefore, new developments are under way within the section of St. Clair between Old Weston Road and Blackthorn/Spring Grove Avenue. The area is going to be totally transformed!

I recognize that planning and building, with a mixture of uses plays a critical role in building a dynamic and vibrant neighbourhood, and I strongly feel that mixed-use projects such as the Graywood Development and other planning applications that are underway, are ideal ways to accommodate the demand for residential, retail and commercial spaces in our thriving urban community.

A big thank you to those of you who worked diligently with my office to achieve this huge success – great things happen when we work together!

Essential Daycare Services in Ward 17 - UPDATE

Over the last several years, my office has worked with Children Services, government officials, service providers and community partners on ways to preserve and expand affordable child care spaces to meet the needs of these young families in Davenport.

I'm pleased to report that the capacity has been increased from 721 to 1052 spaces this year!

Please review the following Council highlights:

- **Growth strategy for Child Care:**
Approving a 10-year strategy plan for expanding child care and early learning programs in Toronto, improving affordability and authorizing staff to pursue a tri-government agreement on expanding child care - the vision is a licensed child-care system serving 50% of Toronto's children up to age four by 2026.
- **Planning for children mixed-use buildings:**
Designing new vertical communities suitable for households with children and prioritizing space for non-profit, licensed child-care facilities in new developments is one of my top priorities.

I am pleased to report that in our community, the Centre de la Petite Enfance - Les Amis du Monde located at Charles-Sauriol Elementary School will increase capacity by 10 infants and 15 toddlers; these spaces have a purchase of service agreement and are accessible to full fee and subsidized families.

Together, we will continue advocating for increased capacity and creating a system that serves and benefits young families in Ward 17.