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TEA Supporters Create Big Green Buzz at City Hall

Amidst all the turmoil at City Hall, the green agenda continues to have a significant impact — thanks, in large part, to TEA supporters. From November 2010 to March 2011, over 15,000 TEA supporters contacted their councillor through letters, emails and phone calls, asking them to support one or more green initiatives.

City councillors are impressed. TEA has created a buzz at City Hall by activating a new generation of engaged Torontonians who have the potential to stop anyone trying to undermine the green agenda at City Hall. We're not surprised; after over 20 years of advocating for a green Toronto, we've learned that the most powerful voices at City Hall are yours.

And your voices have made a difference. As of June 2011, you have helped us:

- ensure waste diversion isn't sacrificed if garbage collection is privatized;
- stop cuts to TTC bus routes;
- create lots of support for more and better public transit; and
- shut down the last city-owned incinerator.

But we want to do more than save the existing green agenda: we want the green agenda to *thrive* at City Hall. For that to happen, we need to convince 23 councillors to not only stop bad environmental policies, but to support good new environmental policies.

The good news? We are already two thirds of the way there. In the first six months of the new council, 15 councillors made it clear that they are ready to support green policies. Now we need to convince 8 of the remaining 29 councillors to vote green.

During the fall 2010 election campaign, at least 10 of these 29 councillors committed to a green agenda (see article on page 6).

The task ahead is simple: Leading up to any green vote at city council, we need all of TEA's supporters to contact their city councillors. The more of you that call, the better chance we have to succeed. To find out which ward you live in, who your councillor is, and how to contact them, **read our cut-out *Step-by-Step Guide to Political Action* on page 10.**

With your help, we can make sure the green agenda thrives at City Hall.

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A Message from the Executive Director



FRANZ HARTMANN
Executive Director

I'VE BEEN INVOLVED in the local environmental movement since the summer of 1990, when I started as a volunteer at TEA. Never in those 21 years has there been both such great potential to build and such great danger of losing what we've gained.

On the one hand, budget cuts and new priorities at City Hall threaten 10 years of progress in building a green Toronto. Defending programs that need improvement is new for TEA; usually we visit City Hall to bring new ideas to councillors and staff about how to create better environmental programs. We don't usually play defence, but we can't afford not to when programs we helped create are under threat.

On the other hand, TEA has never had such a far reach into all four corners of the city. Since September 2010, we've expanded our outreach efforts dramatically and now connect regularly with Torontonians in parts of the city where we've never been. We've tripled our membership from 8,000 to 24,000 in eight months, we've gained new members in North York, Scarborough and Etobicoke and we're connecting with newcomers from all corners of the globe. Ironically, what's fuelling our success is people's desire to make sure that the environmental services they care about survive and thrive.

This brings me to the most important insight I've had into the future of building a green Toronto: that TEA has never been better placed to build the green city we want. Our members, volunteers, donors and staff show an unprecedented level of commitment.

Whether we're playing defence or building better environmental programs, our success will depend on you, the reader. As councillors decide the fate of existing or new programs, they will turn to their constituents for advice about what to do. This issue of TEA Leaves outlines some of the ways you can help ensure councillors make the right decisions for the environment.

With your help, we can make sure we're building and not just defending.

Meet the TEAM



EMILY ALFRED
Waste
Campaigner
Emily brings
experience

in non-profit organizations and a background in Urban Planning, communications and environmental education to her work at TEA. She loves the city and is passionate about urban ecology.



**LAURA
BUCCIONI**
Office Manager
Laura started
out as a

volunteer at TEA in the summer of 2009 and became Office Manager in August of 2010. She spends most of her time making sure things run smoothly in the TEA office.



JUSTIN CONLEY
Canvass
Director
Justin joined
TEA in 2010 and

began the work of revitalizing TEA's door-to-door presence right away. Justin and the canvass crew have played a vital role in TEA's recent membership surge.



**TSERING
DOLMA**
Community
Liaison
Coordinator

Since joining TEA as an intern in 2010, Tsering has strengthened TEA's outreach capacity enormously. She is behind the recent growth of our volunteer base, which has proved invaluable to our work.



MICHAL HAY
Campaigner
Michal Hay
joined TEA
in 2008.

As Community Outreach Coordinator she expanded our audiences and modernized our communications tools. As a campaigner, she has been a vital part of TEA's public transit campaign.



**JAMIE
KIRKPATRICK**
Public Transit
Campaigner
Jamie has

worked on a variety of environmental causes throughout his career. Since fall of 2009, Jamie has been TEA's Public Transit Campaigner and has helped establish TTCriders: a voice for transit users.



**HEATHER
MARSHALL**
Toxics
Campaigner
Heather has

been working with community partners on energy conservation projects and advocating on waste issues in Toronto. She is currently working on toxics issues and the local Good Neighbour Campaign.



**MANISHA
RAMRAKHIANI**
Resource
Development
Manager

Manisha's passion for the environment has involved her with various environmental organizations. Her diversified experience and knowledge will help to build new bridges for the organization.

Public Transit

GOOD PUBLIC TRANSIT is vital for a city to succeed. Sadly, Toronto's public transit system took a major step back when Mayor Rob Ford announced the "death" of Transit City; a plan funded by the provincial government to build an expansive light rail network throughout Toronto. Instead of continuing the construction that had started in 2009, the mayor ordered all work to stop so he could develop an alternative Transportation City plan to end the fictional war on cars.

Rather than lose hope about the loss of Transit City, Torontonians began to organize. People all across Toronto started talking to their neighbours about needing more and better transit in Toronto. "Save Transit City" Facebook groups started popping up. People got angry and active, and TEA, our friends and our partners were ready to help direct this frustration in a positive way.

The so-called death of Transit City became a major rallying cry for TTCriders, a loosely organized transit users group that formed in late 2009 in response to an unfair fare hike. What had largely been a coalition of groups became a place for transit users from across the city – including thousands of students, tenants, workers, moms, community leaders and environmentalists – to unite for more and better transit.

TTCriders began to reach out to thousands of Torontonians and hundreds of other community organizations to create a united voice, demonstrating that Torontonians want transit that is accessible for everyone in our communities, affordable and predictable fares, and the expansion of public transit throughout our neighbourhoods.

We are making an impact: TEA volunteers knocked on thousands of doors resulting in 25,000 individuals joining our contact list. The media is hearing us, too: TEA and TTCriders' concerns are regularly covered by Toronto's print, radio, TV and electronic media. We successfully turned back bus route cuts proposed by the Toronto Transit Commission in early 2011. Speaking up and questioning the need for the proposed route cuts helped expose how arbitrary these cuts were. This led the TTC to amend the number of routes cut from 48 to 41 and ensured that factors like the distance between routes and passenger safety in remote areas were considered when making such drastic service adjustments.

During the coming months we will be working to further establish TTCriders. Our goal is to build a strong and vibrant transit advocacy group that gives a voice to the interests and concerns of the millions who use the TTC. We are only successful when we all work together. We all need to get active, pay attention and participate.

THE TTC BELONGS TO ALL OF US, AND WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HEARD AND TO PROVIDE INPUT INTO DECISIONS THE COMMISSION MAKES.

The Toronto Transit Commission regularly holds public meetings to review policy and operating matters of the TTC at City Hall. Visit www3.ttc.ca/Public_Meetings/index.jsp for a list of TTC Public Meetings. If you would like to speak about issues that concern you at a TTC meeting, contact the Office of the General Secretary at 416-393-3698 or via email at gso@ttc.ca by noon the day before the scheduled meeting.



TTC riders from across Toronto made history on February 2, 2011 — the first official 'Snow Day' of the year — to address their concerns about transit service to the TTC. So many transit riders attended that an overflow room had to be opened. The meeting started just after 1:00pm and didn't wrap up until after 10:00pm, by all accounts the longest and most-attended meeting in the Toronto Transit Commission's history!

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VISIT WWW.TTCRIDERS.CA to join our contact list and speak up for more and better public transit for Toronto.

Waste Reduction



ACTION ALERT:

Create less waste – buy fewer things, choose second hand and up-cycled products. Choose products with less packaging. Contact local retailers and manufacturers and let them know that you prefer products that are easy to recycle and have less packaging. Contact your councillor and provincial representatives to let them know you support legislation that requires producers to be responsible for the disposal or recycling of products they create.

WE KNOW THAT WASTE REDUCTION is something every Torontonian can do. That's why we continue advocating for policies and programs to help residents and businesses across the City reduce the amount of waste going to landfill. Two key principles guide that work: the belief that every Torontonian should have access to the same waste diversion services; and the idea that producers should be responsible for the packaging they create.

CITY HALL UPDATE

- Disappointingly, not all Toronto residents have equal access to waste diversion services that are safe for the environment. Only 20% of residents in high rise buildings served by the City receive green bin collection. That's why TEA made it a priority in the 2010 municipal election to ask the new Mayor and Council to bring green bins to all residents as soon as possible. TEA believes that all Torontonians should receive the same service standard and have equal opportunity to divert their waste. We will work hard to see that this becomes a reality in the next year.
- In April 2011, the mayor sought Council approval to privatize waste collection for all residents who live west of Yonge Street. TEA released "Look Before you Leap," a report with evidence that privatizing waste collection without careful planning and oversight can compromise waste diversion. TEA will be watching closely over the coming year to ensure that any services that are privatized are not compromised.
- Incineration (sometimes called Energy-from-Waste) is being talked about at City Hall, and TEA will be sure to keep fighting to prevent Toronto's waste being sent to this obsolete and environmentally damaging technology.

GETTING THE PROVINCE TO MAKE PRODUCERS OF WASTE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

TEA continues working with other ENGOs to get the Province to overhaul the provincial Waste Diversion Act and make manufacturers more responsible for safe waste management and recycling the products and packaging they put on the market. Unfortunately, the whole process stalled after eco-fees caused a public outcry back in the summer of 2010.

In the year ahead, especially leading up to and following the Provincial election, TEA will keep pushing for the Act to be revised with the highest standards and regulations to make producers take responsibility for the environmental impact of their products.

Toxics in Toronto

AFTER YEARS OF mobilizing Torontonians, we were successful in passing the first community right-to-know (CRTK) bylaw in Canada! Officially known as the Environmental Reporting and Disclosure Bylaw, it requires businesses and facilities in Toronto to report their use, release or manufacture of any of the 25 priority substances listed in the bylaw to the city each year. These substances were singled out because of their known health risks and presence in Toronto's environment. Toronto Public Health has been busy implementing the bylaw through ChemTRAC, which provides support programs and tools for communities and companies to reduce toxic substances both at home and at work. Check out their website for information at www.toronto.ca/chemtrac.

Reporting requirements and deadlines are being phased in over a span of three years, based on business type. Phase 1 businesses report to ChemTRAC in 2011, and the public will have access to the first round of chemical data in early 2012. The online database will be easy to use so that business owners, workers and residents alike can access a variety of information on the types of chemicals used, released and manufactured in their communities.

Leading up to the release of the data, TEA will be increasing community awareness and preparedness to tackle toxic industrial pollution in our neighbourhoods. We'll also be working with a coalition of health and environmental groups to profile green industries in Toronto, in order to encourage other businesses to voluntarily reduce chemical use and prevent pollution.



Steam rises from Atlantic Packaging's facilities at 111 and 333 Progress Avenue.



GOOD NEIGHBOUR INITIATIVE

TEA's Good Neighbour initiative has been going strong for a few years now thanks to funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. With lessons learned from the Fleetwood Fine Furniture campaign in Etobicoke and from partner organizations in Hamilton and Sarnia, we've moved on to Scarborough, where TEA has been working with local community members to turn Atlantic Packaging into a good neighbour.

Residents from three distinct communities came together to voice their concerns and share how Atlantic's operations were impacting their lives. In less than a year, Atlantic rose to the challenge and began to investigate odour, noise and chemical concerns coming from their two large facilities on Progress Avenue near Scarborough Town Centre. They've invested over \$1 million, consulted with community members and are on track to resolve their odour problems in time for the nice weather so that residents can enjoy their backyards this year.

The momentum in Toronto to turn more local polluters into good neighbours is quickly building, and TEA has been busy providing strategic advice and assistance to other concerned communities in Etobicoke and Scarborough. To learn more visit <http://goodneighbourcampaign.ca/>.

*“From the right to know and the duty to inquire flows the obligation to act.”
- Sandra Steingraber*

TEA Works with Torontonians to Make Environmental Priorities a Key Part of the 2010 Municipal Election

IN OCTOBER 2010 Torontonians elected 24 councillors who committed to a green agenda during the election campaign. This happened in large part because Torontonians contacted their candidates and reminded them that environmental issues were important to them. It also happened because TEA worked hard, starting in January 2010, to provide our members and supporters with the tools they needed to make environmental issues a priority.

This election work shows yet again how effective TEA and our supporters can be when we work together to help build a greener Toronto for all. To help readers get a sense of what happened, we've created a brief timeline describing some of the key municipal election activities of 2010. For more information, please visit: www.torontoenvironment.org/voteto.

FEBRUARY 11, 2010: Along with 12 other local, provincial and national environmental groups, TEA issues 2010 Municipal Election Priorities with the motto "Let's continue building a greener Toronto."

THE SIX PRIORITY ACTIONS:

- 1.** Build Transit City & Fund It
- 2.** Achieve 70% Waste Diversion by 2012
- 3.** Buy & Support Locally-Produced Green Products
- 4.** Build Transportation Infrastructure Everyone Can Use
- 5.** Implement the City's Sustainable Energy Strategy
- 6.** Provide Tools to Prevent Pollution

At a press conference surrounded by representatives from 12 environmental groups, Franz Hartmann, TEA's Executive Director, outlines why everyone is here: "For 10 years Toronto has worked hard to solve key environmental problems facing the city. Investments in public transit expansion, creating a city-wide green bin program, and programs that promote energy efficiency and green power, all curb climate change, clean the air and create necessary and new green jobs. Policies that reduce toxic pollutants make for healthier communities and businesses. All of this happened because Torontonians and successive City Councils believed that environmental solutions are a priority."

FEBRUARY - OCTOBER: TEA staff, in coordination with more than 30 volunteers, attends almost 50 community and all-candidates meetings, presents to a number of community groups, and attends dozens of community events to talk about election issues.

JULY 8, 2010: TEA issues its Mid-Campaign Mayoral Candidate Report Card that examines what the top Mayoral candidates have said about Toronto's six Municipal Election Environmental Priorities. The Report Card concludes mayoral candidates need to "Spend the Summer Studying." Franz Hartmann tells the media: "Torontonians expect their new Mayor to be an environmental leader. The results today show the candidates still have much work to do before they can claim this title." The results of the report card garner a lot of media attention.

SEPTEMBER 23, 2010: TEA hosts the Environmental Priorities Mayoral Debate attended by Rob Ford, Joe Pantalone, George Smitherman, and Sarah Thompson. Moderated by Gord Miller, Ontario's Environmental Commissioner, the debate

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focuses on six environmental priorities and considers questions suggested by TEA members, allies and friends. Over 400 people attend the debate and another 1,000 view via the NOW Magazine live webcast. John Michael McGrath, a writer for Toronto Life, writes afterwards: “Last night’s mayoral debate was one that voters should actually have watched.”

OCTOBER 4, 2010: TEA releases its Council Candidate Report Card grading 200 councillor candidates on where they stand on six priority environmental actions. The results come from a 20-question survey and suggest that 24 wards may elect councillors with a score of A or higher. A TEA press release notes: “The vast majority of candidates (83%) who responded got an A or A+. Unless we get some very strange results on election night, Toronto’s new Mayor will be dealing with a very green Council committed to building on 10 years of environmental successes in Toronto.”

OCTOBER 13, 2010: TEA releases its Mayoral Candidate Report Card with results of a 20-question survey that shows where the top four mayoral candidates stand on six priority environmental actions. TEA also releases results on the other 30 mayoral candidates. Franz Hartman notes in the press release: “The report card makes it clear which top mayoral candidates are committed to the environment and which ones aren’t. Mr. Pantalone scored 100%, followed by Mr. Smitherman who scored 90%. Both Mr. Ford and Mr. Rossi failed because they refused to answer the survey.” The results of the report card receive significant media attention.

OCTOBER 25, 2010: Torontonians elect 24 councillors who received a grade of A or higher on TEA’s report card.

OCTOBER 26, 2010: TEA launches its letter writing campaign, “Help Us Keep Council Green.” Torontonians are asked to write to their newly elected councillors and ask them to honour their commitment to building a green Toronto, and to make the environment a priority in the next Council. Over the next 6 weeks, TEA canvassers visit neighbourhoods across the city and collect almost 1,000 letters from many different wards.

OCTOBER 27, 2010: TEA’s Executive Director says in a press release: “Torontonians made it clear they wanted a different kind of Mayor. They also made it clear they want the new Council to be green. That’s why they elected 24 councillors from all corners of the City who committed to implementing key environmental actions that build on 10 years of environmental success. Now councillors need to honour the commitment they made to voters.”

DECEMBER 13, 2010: On the eve of the first full Council meeting, Santa Claus makes a special delivery of almost 2,000 letters to Toronto city councillors from Torontonians. The letters ask the newly elected councillors to keep the environmental promises they made during the election campaign. In a press release, Franz Hartmann notes: “I am very honoured that Santa Claus came all the way from the North Pole to help deliver these letters to city councillors on the eve of the first full Council meeting. We hope this special delivery from Santa (on behalf of Torontonians) will further motivate councillors to honour their commitment to the environment as they get down to business.”

Through its “Help Us Keep Council Green” letter writing campaign, TEA collects over 2,000 letters asking newly elected councillors to honour their commitment to building a green Toronto.



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Campaign Updates

Greenbelting Toronto Update

City and Provincial planners are working to identify ways to acknowledge the important connections Toronto's river valleys have with the Greenbelt. In May 2011, City Council approved a plan to work with the Province to ensure that any Greenbelt expansion into Toronto's waterways is done in a way that provides added protection to these lands. The City and Province are working to ensure our key natural heritage features and green infrastructure can be accommodated and recognized as important components of the Greenbelt.



From left to right: Sandy Houston, Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation; Mayor David Miller; Jim Bradley, Minister of Municipal Affairs; and Councillor Paula Fletcher on the bank of the Don River in 2009 to celebrate City Council's support to add the Don and Humber River Valleys to the Greenbelt.

The City's Local Food Procurement Policy continues to be slowly implemented in the City's major service agencies. City run daycares, shelters and seniors' homes are now working toward purchasing more of their food from local sources. This is a great investment in local farmers and local food producers and will improve access to healthy local food for the most vulnerable Torontonians. TEA continues to monitor this and other policies at City Hall to help Torontonians help the Greenbelt.

THANK YOU YANEEV!

Yaneev Foreman, TEA's exceptional high school student intern, has led an inspired campaign to spread the word on the importance of choosing locally grown ethno-cultural Greenbelt food when buying fresh produce and groceries. Yaneev has traversed the GTA making presentations to a variety of audiences including: a mandarin-language presentation on local food given at the Pacific Mall in partnership with an immigrant youth organization; an event attended with the Ontario Public Service Employees Union; a workshop on local food given at the Riverdale Immigrant Women's Centre and a tabling event with the Toronto Community Gardening Network.

Perhaps most impressive is the sheer volume of TEA's locally grown ethno-cultural food guides Yaneev has managed to distribute. At last count nearly 44,000 guides had been delivered to 77 community organizations in Toronto. This does not include Toronto's numerous public libraries, each of which received guides through Yaneev's work as well. This means thousands more Torontonians have an easy way to locate grocers and markets where they can buy fresh locally grown "food from home."

TEA staff and members have benefited greatly from Yaneev Foreman's contribution to our organization.

Thanks for everything Yaneev!

Renewable Energy Campaign

Advocating for clean air and for action on global warming has been at the heart of TEA's energy work for well over 15 years. In earlier years, we focused on getting city politicians to acknowledge that smog killed and global warming would harm Toronto. Since 2005, we've focused on getting the City to adopt policies to help clean the air and reduce Toronto's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. In the last couple of years, we've worked hard at City Hall to make sure good policies became reality:

- In November 2009, we convinced City Council to adopt a Sustainable Energy Plan that sets specific targets and timelines for creating renewable energy and reducing overall energy use.
- During the 2010 election, we made implementing the Sustainable Energy Plan one of our 6 municipal election priorities.
- Since November 2010, we've been working to make sure the Sustainable Energy Plan is implemented.

But dark clouds now loom at City Hall. After years of steady progress on cleaning the air and reducing our GHG emissions, cuts to city services may lead to the elimination of many of these programs. In Spring 2011, the City launched a service review process that could lead to city staff recommending that environmental initiatives that reduce energy use and support renewable power are unnecessary or too expensive. If this happens, all the gains we've made in the past decade could be wiped out in one vote.

Dark clouds also loom at Queen's Park. In September 2010, the Province announced a moratorium on building wind turbines in Lake Ontario. For the time being, this halts Toronto Hydro's investigations into renewable power sources in Lake Ontario. Meanwhile, the government continues its plan to build much more-expensive and dangerous nuclear power plants. Tim Hudak, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, has made it clear he wants to eliminate Ontario's Green Energy Act which has been responsible for kick-starting a green energy revolution in the province.

TEA is working hard to make sure promoting clean air and stopping global warming remain priorities at City Hall and Queen's Park. Our goal is to make sure councillors hear Torontonians loud and clear when they say City Hall must build on programs that cut smog and GHG emissions, not destroy them. Provincially, we will continue working with other environmental groups to support Ontario-wide efforts to strengthen the Green Energy Act and stop the building of nuclear power facilities.

Councillor Report Card

See how the new Councillors scored on TEA's Environmental Election Survey below.

These grades are based on answers given to 20 yes or no questions on TEA's Six Environmental Priorities.

o = Refused or No Response
 -- = No contact info available
 * = incumbent

	NAME	SCORE	GRADE	EMAIL
Mayor	Rob Ford	0/20	F	mayor_ford@toronto.ca
Ward 1	Vincent Cristani	17/20	A	councillor_crisanti@toronto.ca
Ward 2	Doug Ford	--	--	councillor_dford@toronto.ca
Ward 3	Doug Holyday *	0	F	councillor_holyday@toronto.ca
Ward 4	Gloria Lindsay Luby *	0	F	councillor_lindsay_luby@toronto.ca
Ward 5	Peter Milczyn *	17/20	A	councillor_milczyn@toronto.ca
Ward 6	Mark Grimes *	0	F	councillor_grimes@toronto.ca
Ward 7	Giorgio Mammoliti *	0	F	councillor_mammoliti@toronto.ca
Ward 8	Anthony Perruzza *	20/20	A+	councillor_perruzza@toronto.ca
Ward 9	Maria Augimeri *	19/20	A+	councillor_augimeri@toronto.ca
Ward 10	James Pasternak	0	F	councillor_pasternak@toronto.ca
Ward 11	Frances Nunziata *	19/20	A+	councillor_nunziata@toronto.ca
Ward 12	Frank Di Giorgio *	14/20	B-	councillor_digiorgio@toronto.ca
Ward 13	Sarah Doucette	19/20	A+	councillor_doucette@toronto.ca
Ward 14	Gord Perks *	20/20	A+	councillor_perks@toronto.ca
Ward 15	Josh Colle	0	F	councillor_colle@toronto.ca
Ward 16	Karen Stintz *	0	F	councillor_stintz@toronto.ca
Ward 17	Cesar Palacio *	0	F	councillor_palacio@toronto.ca
Ward 18	Ana Bailao	19/20	A+	councillor_bailao@toronto.ca
Ward 19	Mike Layton	20/20	A+	councillor_layton@toronto.ca
Ward 20	Adam Vaughan *	20/20	A+	councillor_vaughan@toronto.ca
Ward 21	Joe Mihevc *	20/20	A+	councillor_mihevc@toronto.ca
Ward 22	Josh Matlow	--	--	councillor_matlow@toronto.ca
Ward 23	John Filion *	16/20	A-	councillor_filion@toronto.ca
Ward 24	David Shiner *	0	F	councillor_shiner@toronto.ca
Ward 25	Jaye Robinson	17/20	A	councillor_robinson@toronto.ca
Ward 26	John Parker *	0	F	councillor_parker@toronto.ca
Ward 27	Kristyn Wong-Tam	20/20	A+	councillor_wongtam@toronto.ca
Ward 28	Pam McConnell *	20/20	A+	councillor_mcconnell@toronto.ca
Ward 29	Mary Fragedakis	20/20	A+	councillor_fragedakis@toronto.ca
Ward 30	Paula Fletcher *	20/20	A+	councillor_fletcher@toronto.ca
Ward 31	Janet Davis *	20/20	A+	councillor_davis@toronto.ca
Ward 32	Mary-Margaret McMahon	19/20	A+	councillor_mcmahon@toronto.ca
Ward 33	Shelley Carroll *	20/20	A+	councillor_carroll@toronto.ca
Ward 34	Denzil Minnan-Wong *	0	F	councillor_minnan-wong@toronto.ca
Ward 35	Michelle Berardinetti	0	F	councillor_berardinetti@toronto.ca
Ward 36	Gary Crawford	0	F	councillor_crawford@toronto.ca
Ward 37	Michael Thompson *	18/20	A+	councillor_thompson@toronto.ca
Ward 38	Glenn De Baeremaeker *	20/20	A+	councillor_debaeremaeker@toronto.ca
Ward 39	Mike Del Grande *	0	F	councillor_delgrande@toronto.ca
Ward 40	Norm Kelly *	0	F	councillor_kelly@toronto.ca
Ward 41	Chin Lee *	0	F	councillor_lee@toronto.ca
Ward 42	Raymond Cho *	18/20	A+	councillor_cho@toronto.ca
Ward 43	Paul Ainslie *	0	F	councillor_ainslie@toronto.ca
Ward 44	Ron Moeser *	19/20	A+	councillor_moeser@toronto.ca



Step-by-Step Guide to Political Action

Their job is to listen to the concerns and interests of the people in their ward (YOU!)

STEP 1 — CARE ABOUT AN ISSUE:

If there's an issue you feel strongly about in your city, you've already taken the first step to affecting change!

STEP 2 — IDENTIFY YOUR COUNCILLOR:

Toronto is divided into 44 different wards, which are geographic areas of the city. There is one councillor who represents each ward; their job is to listen to the concerns and interests of the people in their ward (YOU!) and make sure your opinions and interests are represented at City Hall.

STEP 3 — DECIDE WHAT YOU WANT TO SAY:

It doesn't need to be anything fancy or complicated! Let them know you live in their ward and tell them which issue in Toronto you are concerned about and how it impacts your life. Ask them if you can count on them to support this issue at City Hall (for example, by voting for or against an issue). One way to learn more about pressing issues at City Hall is by subscribing to our e-newsletter, Council Watch, by visiting torontoenvironment.org/actioncentre/subscribe.

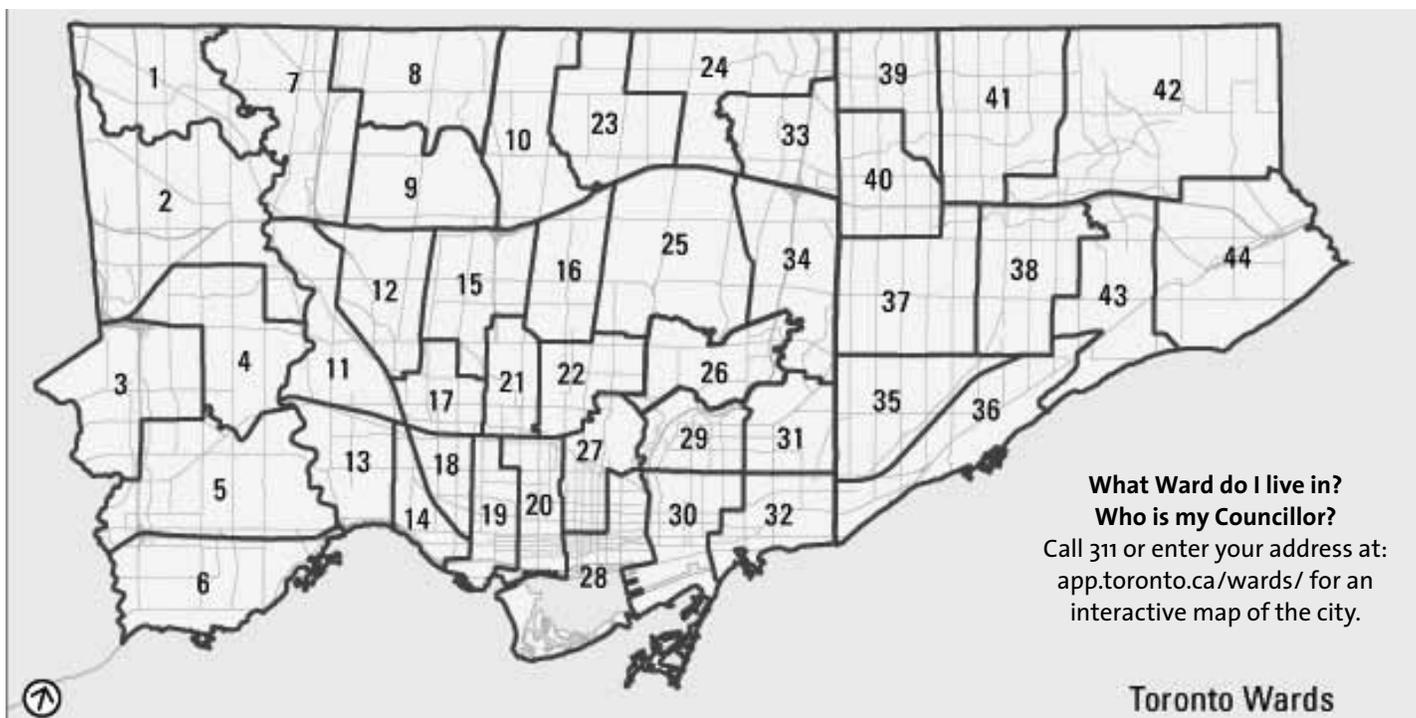
STEP 4 — CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLOR:

✓ **Meet with them:** Call your councillor's office or email and request a meeting. It is part of their job to talk with the people they represent, make yourself heard!

☎ **Phone them:** Call your councillor's office and ask to speak directly with your councillor on the telephone. Leave a message and/or schedule another time for a telephone call if they are not able to talk when you first call.

✉ **Email them:** Send your councillor an email to let them know your position (the position you would like them to represent!) on an issue in your community or city.

Make your voice heard!



Thank you

The Toronto Environmental Alliance thanks all the organizations and individuals who believed in our work and generously supported us between April 1, 2010 and March 31, 2011. Every donation we received helped us advocate for a greener Toronto at City Hall.

FOUNDATIONS

Atkinson Charitable Foundation
Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation
George Cedric Metcalf Foundation
Ontario Trillium Foundation
Toronto Atmospheric Fund

\$10,000 +

Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 113

\$1,000 - \$10,000

Canadian Auto Workers
CanHealth and Enviro Research
Elaine Gold
Franz Hartmann
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