



# Councillor James Pasternak

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## Renewing and Reinvesting in Ward 10

Dear Neighbour,

We face many important decisions at City Hall. I take this responsibility very seriously as I listen to many about the challenges we face and the ideas they have. We don't have infinite resources at City Hall, but I assure you that I will fight for the needs of Ward 10.

While there is still much work to be done, I believe we have had a very successful first year. A number of new projects have been contemplated including expanding the Centennial Library and building a new double gym in Earl Bales Park. We are working on revitalizing the commercial areas of Ward 10 through Business Improvement Areas and other initiatives.

At the same time, construction has begun on the Bathurst-Finch Community Centre and new seniors housing at Bathurst St. and Patricia Ave. We also opened a new accessible water playground in Earl Bales Park.

In the coming years, I hope to represent you to the fullest. My staff and I will do everything possible to respond to your needs and make our neighbourhoods more liveable, safer and cleaner.

Sincerely,

James Pasternak,  
Councillor, Ward 10, York Centre

### Dogs Off-Leash Zones now in G. Ross Lord Park and Earl Bales Park

After receiving input at community meetings, construction is complete on dog off-leash zones in Earl Bales Park and G. Ross Lord Park. These fenced in areas will represent about 1% of the park areas.



### Revitalizing Wilson Avenue through a Business Improvement Area Initiative

My office is working to create a Business Improvement Area (BIA) along Wilson Avenue.

A BIA is an association of commercial property owners and tenants within a defined area who work in partnership with the City to create thriving, competitive, and safe business areas.

Many business owners have already shown an interest in proceeding with the BIA and a steering committee has been formed.

### Keeping Ward 10 Safe



The new, state-of-the-art EMS station at Bathurst St. and York Downs Dr. is a great addition to our community.

### Working to Protect our Key Services

- ✓ Declaring the TTC an essential service.
- ✓ Maintaining our snow removal and grass cutting service.
- ✓ Working with the TTC to improve Wheel Trans service.
- ✓ Opening additional community housing spaces.
- ✓ Protecting our library services, including expanding Centennial Library.

### Look for these Exciting Initiatives

- Revitalizing our parks with new trees, benches, gardens, paths, bike trails and play equipment.
- Looking to restore the Bathurst-Finch community bus.
- Continuing sidewalk, curb and road repairs.
- Renovating the Earl Bales Park ski lift and ski chalet.
- Working with Toronto Police Services to increase patrols and safety in Ward 10.
- Implementing traffic calming zones in our neighbourhoods.

### Improving Ward 10's Community Spaces



The Bathurst-Finch Hub Community Centre is scheduled to open in 2012

Construction has begun on the new Bathurst-Finch Hub Community Centre in Ward 10. Scheduled to open in 2012, this facility will provide community space, co-op opportunities for students and impressive resources for all adults, notably seniors and new Canadians.

We have also secured an acre of land west of Wilson Heights Boulevard for a future community asset in Ward 10.

## Highlights from a Great Year in Ward 10

### Celebrating our Diversity at the 2011 Antibes Multicultural Festival



We joined over one thousand people who attended the 11th Annual Antibes Multicultural Festival at the Antibes Community Centre to celebrate the diversity of Ward 10 and Toronto. I'd like to thank everyone who helped make this festival such a success.

### Promoting Incredible Artists at the Ten for 10 Russian Arts Night



We helped launch the inaugural *Ten for 10* Russian Arts Night reception. We celebrated the incredibly talented Russian-speaking Canadian artists in Toronto. Internationally renowned artists AES + F previewed their new film installation for Nuit Blanche.

### Making Seniors a Priority



I presented a cheque to residents at 4455 Bathurst Street as part of the City of Toronto's Neighbourhood Beautification program.



With the support of the Bernard Betel Centre, I urged my colleagues to reinstate Ward 10's community bus.



Meeting with the Irv Chapley Italian Seniors Club to discuss local issues.

### Focussing on Education



We recognized the Canadian Kids' Lit Quiz winning students from Summit Heights Public School at City Hall.



I congratulated Northview Heights Secondary School students and educators at City Hall for their work on the Canadian Young Scientist Journal.



Nina and I joined students at St. Robert Catholic School for its Terry Fox Run and Walk for Cancer. A terrific event for a great cause.

### Building Stronger Communities



Thanks to a generous donation from Goldie Feldman, we opened a new accessible water playground in Earl Bales Park.



It was great to see Lisa Levin of Circle of Care at their Annual Meeting and Volunteer Recognition where Edwin Durbin was honoured as their volunteer of the year.



It was an honour to celebrate Philippine Independence Day at the Herbert H. Carnegie Centennial Centre with Ward 10's Filipino community.

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