

SAHRA eBlast - May 4, 2020

Councillor Mike Colle COVID-19 Update May 2

View the Update at <https://mailchi.mp/5aa8d6b209c8/may-2-covid-19-update-9?e=139b4e63d2>

Provides information on:

- City Council extends State of Emergency
- Special City Council Meeting – April 30th
- City of Toronto Virtual Canada Day
- Live Cherry Blossom Bloom
- Connecting Vulnerable Populations with Internet Access
- CurbTO Launch
- Local Businesses in Ward 8
- TTC Stop Upgrade
- Cannabis Retail Store Applications
- Your Violence Prevention Grant
- Mike's Quick Reads
- Mike in the Kitchen – Lemon Cake
- Weekly Shoutout
- The Kids Care Project

Councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam (Ward 13) Update May 1, 2020

Access this link for COVID-19 and City information:

https://www.kristynwongtam.ca/may1_covid19update

Attempted Theft from Vehicle

A resident's security camera caught an individual checking the doors of a vehicle in their driveway at 1:45 AM on April 29. The driveway is located on Belgrave, between Wilson and Delhi. Fortunately, the vehicle was locked and the individual left, presumably to check the vehicles at neighbouring properties.

If you have a theft from your vehicle, please go to the Toronto Police Service Citizen Online Report Entry (CORE) [webpage](#) and make a report under "Theft from vehicle under \$5000", or call police at 416-808-2222. If there is evidence of someone entering your vehicle, or if you have video footage of someone attempting to enter a vehicle, please contact SAHRA at info@sahratoronto.com.

This is a good reminder that vehicles should be locked when left unattended outside, and especially overnight. Leaving your outside lights on might also be a deterrent.

Through the Neighbourhood Watch Online network, the video clip was shared with police and with members of the Neighbourhood Watch Groups north of Wilson Avenue. We are looking for volunteers to be Neighbourhood Watch Online Group Captains in a number of areas. If you

would like to find out more about being a Group Captain, please contact Jim Sadler at jim.sadler@sahراتoronto.com.

Yard Waste Pickup

The City recently resumed yard waste collection for four weeks and has determined that it can continue to provide the service on a regular basis. Access this link and click on 'Garbage, Recycling and Organics' to get details:

<https://www.toronto.ca/home/covid-19/covid-19-latest-city-of-toronto-news/affected-city-services/>

COVID-19 Website Page

In an effort to keep our Members informed on COVID-19, we are communicating via our **eBlasts**. We have now created a dedicated Page under Information on our **Website** for these posts. You can access the link/button to COVID-19 Information for COVID-19 articles at <http://sahراتoronto.com/>. This will take you directly to the Information/COVID-19 page.

Dealing with COVID-19 - a "how to" guide

Public Health officials have provided good advice on how to stay healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic, but did you ever wonder what else needs to be washed or disinfected other than your hands? Based on his professional background, Jim Sadler the President of SAHRA has prepared a "how to" guide. Refer to [this guide](#) for answers to this question and others like it.

Support our Shops Update

The Bedford Park Residents Organization has updated their lists of Shops on Avenue Road and Yonge that are open for business as of May 2 (see attached). This list is also available on SAHRA's website on the COVID-19 Page.

The Bedford Park Residents Organization has also published their May 2020 Newsletter. You can view it from our News page <https://sahراتoronto.com/news/news-from-area-residents-associations/>.

407 ETR – Helping Communities

\$4 million donation to the United Way network of agencies in Durham, Halton, Hamilton, Peel, Toronto and York: 407 ETR has made a multi-year commitment to help the immediate needs of communities and the longer-term recovery of the people living in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton area. This 3-year partnership is to help in 4 areas: food supply, isolated seniors, income/employment security, and mental health. There is an immediate emergency donation of \$750,000 to the United Way

Local Love Campaign; an additional \$500,000 donation in 2020; a \$1.75 million donation in 2021 and \$1.0 million in 2022.

\$1.2 million donation to GTHA hospitals: The 407 ETR has made a \$300,000 in-kind donation to hospital workers in the GTHA. They are also donating \$50,000 to 24 hospitals to help them source much-needed PPE and medical equipment.

407 ETR – Assistance to Customers

Suspension of seasonal rate changes: Upcoming seasonal toll rate changes that were announced on Dec 31, 2019 have been suspended. Current per kilometre rates will remain unchanged.

No transponder lease fees for the month of May: The monthly/annual transponder lease payment for the month of May has been suspended. Any annual transponder leases due for renewal in May will receive an additional month at no charge and the renewal month will be pushed to June, 2020.

Problematic Blue Elastic Bands

Blue elastic bands dropped on the ground by Canada Post carriers are very annoying! We see it happening in the SAHRA area. Individuals in other communities have contacted Canada Post asking that the carriers collect the elastic bands in their mail bags. Canada Post's response to a Sault Ste. Marie complaint has been "although we do not support littering of any kind, the rubber bands we use are made from a natural rubber, that is non-toxic to the environment and degrade quickly when exposed to sunlight. That being said, our local operations will send a reminder to our delivery employees." You may want to question your postal delivery person if you notice the blue elastic bands discarded in your area, as a reminder that they should be re-using the elastic bands.

Donations to the North York Harvest Food Bank / Armour Heights Church support

During these days of COVID-19, there are families and individuals in our area that are in need of food from the food bank. The North York Harvest Food Bank is the local food bank provider for our area. For a long time, Armour Heights Church has been a supporter of the North York Harvest Food Bank.

The North York Harvest Food Bank is in need of food and monetary donations. Here's how you can help:

- Drop off food items outside the office door of Armour Heights Church at 105 Wilson Ave (the office door is off the parking area on the east side of the Church on Wilson). The Church will ensure the items are collected each day and added to the food bank box. Once the box is full, Harvest Food collects the food. The most needed items are canned tomatoes, canned beans, canned fish, rice and household size oil.
- Or you can donate money to the Harvest Food Bank by [clicking here](#).

Community Response



Five things we/you can do to make a positive difference in your community while we deal with COVID-19. SAHRA is offering to be a communications hub for those in

need. If you need help – whether for groceries, prescriptions, pet food or even just a friendly phone call, please contact us. We will match the need up with residents who are offering to help, free of charge. Email us at info@sahratoronto.com.

Do you know of anyone who needs help? Perhaps a senior or an apartment dweller in our area, impacted by the pandemic restrictions? If so, please let us know and we will arrange for the appropriate support.

211 Toronto

211 Toronto connects people living in the GTA to over 4,000 programs and social services such as financial help, employment services, mental health, home care, housing, shelters, food and childcare. It offers a 24/7 confidential service in 150 languages, including online, text (21166) and chat services.