



Fall/Winter 2006

# NEWSLETTER

## Letter from the President

Welcome to the Fall-Winter Newsletter for the Leaside Business Park Association.

Congratulations to Mayor David Miller, and the new and returning Toronto Councillors on their recent election victories! The people of Toronto have great expectations for change and new ideas pertaining to Transit, Policing, Waste Management and Recycling, Governance and Cooperation with Federal and Provincial Governments.

The new council will have four years to implement the promises they made during the election and the Toronto Act will give them more powers to achieve everybody's goal of a vibrant, successful and beautiful city.

The economic development of Toronto depends on this council to provide leadership to the city departments, to cut red tape and develop a welcoming one-stop shopping approach. This will help to retain and attract new business.

When a new policy or by-law is proposed, the council must consult and listen to all "communities". They have to establish if they are the appropriate body to enact, communicate, enforce and pay for the by-law or policy as, for example, the Community Right-to-Know By-law currently proposed by an environmental group. The business community believes that it would be better for the province to be responsible for such policies.

Yours sincerely,  
Ray Hunt, President L.B.P.A.

*Seasons Greetings  
Have a safe and joyful  
holiday season.*

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## TRIBUTE TO JANE PITFIELD

This month Jane Pitfield will retire as City of Toronto Councillor for Ward 26. Jane believed in sustaining the integrity of the Leaside Business Park. She was a strong supporter and advocate of our association. Jane was at the forefront discouraging any further encroachment of retail and residential development and always quick in her response to problems faced by the business community, whether related to site plans, expansion or other issues. She was instrumental in deterring a behemoth waste recycling transfer station from locating in the park, a potential nightmare to any community.



Jane was approachable, a friend of business large or small, minority groups and youth. When school playgrounds were deemed off limits to the youth of Leaside after 7:00 pm, Councillor Pitfield worked tirelessly to find appropriate land in the Park. She finally negotiated a deal with the Benedetto family and through their kind generosity the Leonard Linton Skateboard Park became a reality.

Jane was the editor of 'LEASIDE' a collector's treasure on historic Leaside. From rowboard to ocean liner, it details the rich history of Leaside from idyllic country setting of horse and wagon to a grand mix of heavy industrial, commercial and attractive retail development.

In addition, Jane was instrumental in shielding the Railroad Gathering Station from demolition at the former Winpak site on Laird Avenue. It housed locomotives from the Old Grand Trunk Railroad and CNR during the turn of the last century. This valuable historic site will be restored and incorporated into the future Roy Foss Automobile dealership.

A Toronto newspaper article referred to Jane Pitfield as the hardest working councillor at City Hall. Her attempts to bring the Etobicoke Building Pilot Project to Leaside will hopefully see fruition. The Pilot Program induces business to add on or construct new buildings in Toronto through attractive tax incentives, rather than locate in the 905 area.

We trust the new counsel will see the importance of incorporating this program into all employment areas throughout Toronto.

Jane, you will be missed at LBPA Directors and Membership Meetings. Good luck.

Directors.

## JOHN PARKER Toronto City Councillor Ward 26 Don Valley West

### John Parker: A Proven record of service.

John Parker was born and raised in Toronto. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Osgoode Hall Law School.

John represented Leaside, Bennington Heights and Thorncliffe at Queen's Park as Member of Provincial Parliament for York East. Before his election, he served as Chair of the East York Committee of Adjustment.

John and his wife Beth have lived in Leaside throughout their marriage.

They and their five children have a vitality and character that is reflected in their active volunteer involvement in civic, community, and charitable endeavours.

John's record of service to his community includes a few of the following:

- Chair, East York Committee of Adjustment
- Chair, United Way and Healthpartner Workplace Campaigns
- Coach, Soccer and hockey
- Board Member, Camp Big Canoe, a non-profit wilderness camp for children
- Steering Committee Member, Futurework, a support group initiative to assist the unemployed

As MPP,

- Supported funding for more police officers in the City of Toronto
- Led an all-party committee that reformed the Office of the Ontario Ombudsman
- Fought against his own party for third city councillor for East York
- Advocated for the investment of funding for preschool speech and language programs in the Toronto area.

His Priorities are straightforward:

- New development that respects the existing community;
- Rigorous enforcement of bylaws and building codes;
- A tough approach on crime;
- Smart budgeting to protect core services and invest in priorities;
- Respect the taxpayer.

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## LEASIDE BUSINESS PARK ASSOCIATION

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### IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTIONNAIRE FROM KATHLEEN WYNN, MPP\* DON VALLEY WEST

1. Leaside Industrial Park, now Leaside Business Park was formed to protect the integrity of the industrial base that once flourished in the park. Heavy industry has closed, either to the economic climate or has moved outside Toronto, where land and taxes are less expensive.

Sangamo, Winpak, Acatel, Corning Glass and others have succumbed to retail and residential development. Smart Centres reach almost to the centre of the Business Park. The association realizes smoke stack industry will never return to the Leaside Business Park. We welcome light industrial and service industries that cater to our business community. Our members are informed of issues through newsletters and bulletins. General Meetings are held spring and fall, director meetings each and every month.

Image is paramount; we recognize and acknowledge improvements to buildings and landscaping. Bi-yearly cleanups are conducted. The association vehemently opposes waste transfer stations and any further encroachment of retail or residential development. Bottom line, the L.B.P.A., does fulfill its original purpose.

2. "In the beginning" it was clearly understood that the Leaside Business Park was zoned industrial and our concerns were tax and manufacturing issues. Now the zoning is blurred by legal and illegal uses, by lack of an official plan, lack of by-law enforcement by erosion by OMB and committee of adjustment's applications and decisions. All of this is fuelled by and fuel for speculators.

3. The boundaries of the Leaside Business Park, Eglinton Avenue on the north, Laird/Millwood on the west, Don Valley system on the east and Overlea on the south.

4. We have approximately 100 members; decisions are made by the appointed Board of Directors. To implement improvements to the park we work with Toronto Economic Development.

5. LBP companies have worked with provincial programs for apprentice programs etc.- these are mainly individual company's undertakings rather than association work. The association welcomes presentations from any level of government on programs or initiatives to make our members more competitive.

6. The LBPA approves the City of Toronto Act to the extent that it will give the city more control over its own issues, especially the conversion of lands. The LBP is still concerned that the city is not effectively managed or fiscally responsible.

7. We have worked with the Leaside Rate Payers Association on many issues. The LPOA are aware we wish to retain what's left of the industrial park. As explained, we certainly take a stance against residential and retail development. However, time does change things, never so obvious in the Business Park. I have voiced my opinion to directors that we must be flexible in reviewing applicants to the Business Park, not so stringent that we scare good business to the 905 area, that would be counter productive.

Best regards,  
Leonard Linton,  
Director.

\* Kathleen Wynne, MPP Don Valley West has been a great supporter of the Leaside Business Park. Kathleen has visited many businesses in the Park, always ready to assist.

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## HAPPENINGS IN THE BUSINESS PARK

- DEMOLITION of former Winpak building has commenced on Laird Avenue. We look forward to Roy Foss Motors as a new neighbour.
- HAPPY FEET at Leaside Smart Centre. We all love the celebrated penguin, their tenacity to survive under the harshes circumstances. Their warmth literally to each other should be emulated by mankind. Thanks SMART CENTRE for these creatures of love, there to enjoy.
- JOHN PARKER is our new Toronto City Councillor for Ward 26, Don Valley West. John kindly addressed the L.B.P.A., Annual Meeting at York Reception Centre, Wednesday, December 6th. John mentioned he is looking forward to working with the association at it's directors.
- WABASH site has been finally cleared and a fence erected to prevent people from wandering on a vacant property that could result in bodily injury or worse. It was an on-going struggle with City of Toronto the O.M.E. and finally Mr Fix-It of the Toronto Star to get results.
- Thanks to Lincoln Electric for the paved parking area on Copeland. House of Metals for cleaning the boulevard at 1 Copeland. We appreciate House of Metals interest in sodding this area and planting trees. We would hope City of Toronto would follow suit at the immediate corner. The fence beside Home Depot is in bad need of repair and the City bringing an end to residential living at 28 Industrial is still an outstanding issue. This is a priority matter the Directors will

discuss with Councillor John Parker.

- HYDE PARK DEVELOPMENT in Leaside a great place to live if you work in the park. The developer is building new homes immediately north of Leonard Linton Skateboard Park. Advise your staff of this on-going project. Live in the area you work has been the message from Toronto City Hall.
- CHEMICALS ON SITE. Medium or small size business should be aware of the YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW policy being adopted by City of Toronto. It may or may not effect your business. For more information call Ray Hunt at 416-421-3100 X 112, or e-mail hedy@leasidebusinesspark.com. It is our opinion the O.M.E., should be involved in this matter, not the City of Toronto.
- THREE COMPANIES in the Business Park need to be recognized for the improvements to their buildings; DAY RESTORATION - Wicksteed & Brentcliffe, LEASIDE AUTOMOTIVE & COLLISION - 90 Wicksteed & YELLOW STORAGE - 7 Copeland.

Through their efforts they have added considerably to the overall aesthetics of the Leaside Business Park.



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### LEASIDE INDUSTRIAL PARK ASSISTS DON RIVER EROSION CONTROL PROJECT

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) work on the Wicksteed erosion control project is underway and advancing well. The resulting work will enhance the beauty of the park while protecting industrial properties at the east end of Wicksteed Avenue. The project requires altering the course of the Don River while upgrading the park walkway, adding a new bridge, backfilling and re-treing the eroded slope with native tree species. The one million dollar project has been in the works for 4 years. The actual construction work began in early October with completion targeted for July 2007.

Already a large portion of the main channel has been dug and armoured of the sewer and riverbanks has begun.

While most money is coming from the Conservation authority, Tremco (a member of the Leaside Business Park Association) is donating \$85,000 to help offset the cost of the new bridge.

This project is a successful partnership between industry and all three levels of government and Non-Government Organizations (Friends of the Don East). Government agencies involved were TRCA, City of Toronto, Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Call Art deWarrd, Tremco, for more information on the project at 416-421-3300

#### IN MEMORY

Since our Spring/Summer Newsletter we were saddened to hear of the passing of an LBPA member Jim Darling of Hunnisset Chemicals 200 Wicksteed Ave.

Jim provided cleaning chemicals and equipment to many companies in the Business Park

#### ADVISORY

Health Canada advises business owners of a phone scam

OTTAWA - Health Canada advises business owners to beware of phone callers saying the Health Canada has a new requirement that all businesses must purchase a "health care kit" or "pandemic kit" for \$299. There is no requirement or such a kit; nor does Health Canada have such a kit for sale.

Health Canada advises anyone receiving such a call to contact the Phonebusters anti-fraud program on their Web site ( <http://www.phonebusters.com>) or at 1-888-495-8501.

For information on pandemic influenza preparedness, visit the Public Health Agency of Canada Web site: (<http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca>)  
Public Inquiries: (613) 957-2991 or 1-866-225-0709

#### SECURITY IS TOXIC

You need to be aware of City of Toronto's soon to be adopted Community Right to Know By-law

It could impact your business if you are a small or medium size business and store, manufacture or use chemicals  
YOU NEED TO KNOW BY-LAW

CALL 416-596-0660 OR  
[www.torontoenvironment.org/toxics](http://www.torontoenvironment.org/toxics)  
[www.leasidebusinesspark.org](http://www.leasidebusinesspark.org)

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Storage Now Holdings Inc.  
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The Coldstor  
The Floor Shop  
The K.O. King Boxing  
The Painted Attic Inc  
The Rockport Group(The Brentcliffe Bldg)  
Thornccliffe Neighbourhood Office  
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Toronto Autowash(Leaside)  
Tremco  
Unicell Ltd  
Valentino Marketing Inc  
Wally Clayson Master Mechanic  
Watchorn Architect Inc. (MBTW)

# IS YOUR COMPANY ON WATCH

Compliments of Moncton Business Park

Signs don't stop crime but watching can help deal with it. Business Watch/Entreprises en surveillance is a self-help program for businesses in our industrial parks. Launched in 1996, it encourages everyone to look for something unusual and report it to the police. It encourages assessing your property to ensure it is secure. It's looking out for your neighbour, knowing them and being aware.

Business Watch operates in the background and that background is comprised of people working in the industrial parks. The Watch is working only if people are participating and watching and if something does come up, responding. The concept of Business Watch incorporated four basic elements.

**Security Assessment:** companies make a thorough assessment of their premises to determine their quality of deterrence, locks, windows, loading doors and so on.

**Employee Education:** Firms are encouraged to educate their employees on how to respond when they notice something unusual. Call the police, dial 911 or advise a supervisor, do not interfere, be aware.

**Neighbourhood Involvement:** Companies are encouraged to let their neighbours know their working hours, and to know their neighbours hours of operation.

**Recognize Awards:** If someone in your firm calls in a tip, we will be happy to recognize their initiative in a low-key manner that respects privacy.

If you would like the watch bulletin, visit [www.moncton4business.com](http://www.moncton4business.com) and select MIPA and download a PDF copy of the bulletin.



## Join the Leaside Business Park Association

*It's starts from only \$75 per year*

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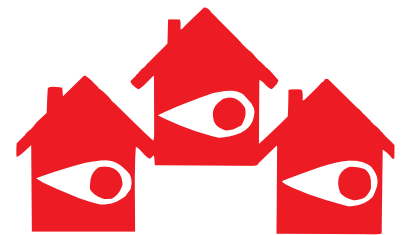
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139 Laird Drive, Toronto, Ontario M4G 3V6

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### Neighbourhood Business Watch

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*"we are a community"*

*Thank You.*