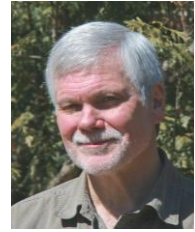


PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, fellow Scarborough residents.



SCRO online town halls continue. Please join us on January 30 at 7 pm.

SCRO strives to advocate to all levels of government, public officials, and policy makers to advance Scarborough-wide priorities.

To do this well, it's important that we keep in touch with our fellow Scarborough residents.

Our next online town hall is on **January 30 at 7:00 pm.**

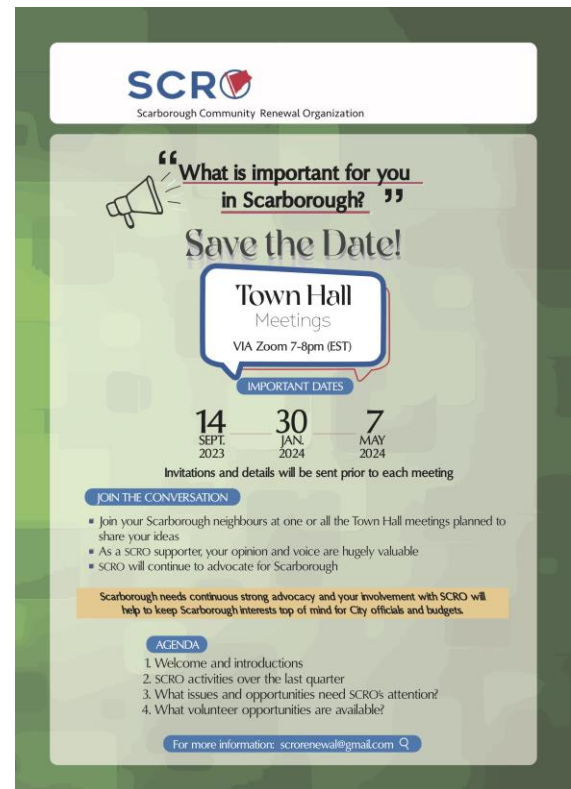
Please register now! It's at the top of SCRO's home page at <https://scro.ca/> or you can connect directly to the "Save the Date" poster [at this link](#).

Please join us and share your passions and priorities for Scarborough.

Your input will help to steer SCRO's advocacy.

You may also discover how you can become more involved with SCRO through these discussions.

Questions? Please contact us at scrorenewal@gmail.com.



SCRO pre-budget submission to the Ontario government: more transit, please!

Toronto's population is projected to grow by 700,000 over the next 30 years. Realistically, at least 175,000 of them will come to Scarborough. Many condo buildings are now in the planning stage to enable this.

How will we all get around? We're not building any more roads. We've got gridlock now and our buses are jammed! The only solution is higher order public transit ... and lots of it.



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SCRO's annual pre-budget submission this year to the [Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs](#) was heavily focused on public transit and, in particular, getting our three levels of government to work together, to convert talk into action.

We need our governments to work together on the following:

- ***an extension of the Eglinton East LRT from Kennedy Station***, to University of Toronto Scarborough and then to Malvern, for which planning and design is now at an advanced stage
- ***construction of the Scarborough busway***, to provide an express bus service in place of the decommissioned Scarborough RT until the subway extension opens
- ***construction of the Sheppard Avenue transit extension***, for which community consultations have begun.

Here is SCRO's full presentation: <https://scro.ca/2024-ontario-budget-consultation/>

Enhanced public transit for Scarborough is an advocacy priority for SCRO at this time: at all three levels of government.

We would welcome your comments on this at our upcoming town hall (see above). Or you may contact me directly.

Mayor's lunch in Scarborough: April 3, 2024

The [Scarborough Business Association](https://scro.ca/2024-ontario-budget-consultation/) is once again holding its annual **Mayor's Lunch** on Wednesday, April 3 at University of Toronto Scarborough.

Mark your calendars now for one of the most important gatherings of Scarborough civic leaders in 2024.

Registration details will follow from SBA.



Scarborough Walk of Fame "Celebration Day" April 10, 2024 at Scarborough Town Centre

Mark your calendars for one of the signature celebrations on the 2024 Scarborough calendar!

More details to follow in the coming weeks.



Let's all work together for a better Scarborough, the place we are proud to call home.

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