



HELEN KENNEDY CAMPAIGN UPDATE – May 9th, 2006

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1. We are Ready!

Dear Friends,

Things are moving quickly! The NDP candidate nomination meeting for Ward 20 is coming in just two weeks! And yes – we have a location!

Tuesday, May 23rd
6pm - registration begins
7pm - meeting Starts
Trinity St. Paul's United Church
427 Bloor Street West (Bloor and just West of Spadina Ave)

please click [here](#) for a map of the location.

Your vote is very important to us. Please take a moment now and pencil the specifics in your calendar!

Please contact my team if you need transportation to or from the meeting. Also, if you have a few hours to spare – we can use your help on the night! As usual – get in touch with us via [email](#) or at 416.703.6695.

2. Questions and Answers

Your response to the Dogs in Parks question was amazing. Lots of great feedback and ideas. This past week the Economic Development, Parks and Recreation Committee deferred the Dogs in Parks strategy until further public consultation has occurred.

This time I'd like to know what you think about Pedestrian Only Streets. Though they're a huge success in many parts of the world, we've been extremely slow in implementing them. Is there any place you'd like to see converted to foot traffic only? [Give us your ideas!](#)

3. In the News

the airport goes accountable

As you know, Olivia and I have been strong opponents of expansion of the Island Airport and mismanagement and unaccountability at the Toronto Port Authority. Now, a Federal review of all issues and decisions related to the airport is underway. With your help, we can make sure that the review panel makes the right choice: to shut that airport down, once and for all! Click [here](#) to read the Toronto Star article.

the Wrexham experiment - ideas for toronto's entertainment district?

A small city in Wales has found an interesting new way to combat rowdy behaviour in its club district - soft lights in the pavement! Could something like this work in Canada? [Read the article](#) at theglobeandmail.com!

The freeze continues on the number of clubs in the District, as the interim control by-law for the entertainment district was extended for another year. There are tough new measures on lighting in the area surrounding each club, with Toronto Hydro aggressively monitoring lighting in the King-Spadina area, and the City set to investigate entertainment facility structures themselves. The next six months in the entertainment district are critical. We'll see how effective the new legislation actually is, how it is being enforced and whether or not it's working.

4. Notes from the Neighbourhoods

Harbourfront congestion

Queen's Quay is becoming the new Lakeshore, much to the dismay of local residents.

Last week, they got together with traffic engineers, TTC and planners to figure ways to improve transportation and get people out of their cars and off this narrow, all-to-busy stretch of roadway.

the Annex has its say

The community will be consulted on the Royal St. Georges School infill in the Annex, after council tossed the scheme back to the city solicitor with instructions to talk to residents before making a report to the May 23rd Council.

I also met with residents and TTC officials on site at St. George subway station to review confusing signage at the station. TTC will make some improvements to make it a little easier for riders not to get lost.

the Grange readies for spring

Another community clean-up on Saturday, this time with the residents of the Hydro Block (Cecil to Baldwin, Beverley to Henry). Everyone got together on a beautiful sunny day and cleaned up garbage, did some landscaping, and got the flower beds ready for planting.

5. Other Issues & Events to Watch Out For

a call to end women's poverty

I have joined with a coalition of women's anti-violence and income security groups to address the issues of women and income security in Ontario. We will be organizing a mass delegation of women to Queen's Park to demand that the McGuinty Liberals implement a 40% increase in the social assistance rates, end the clawback of the National Child Tax Credit, and reinstate the Special Diet supplement. If you'd like to be involved, [let me know](#).

everyone got their minute

Friday April 28, all 82 candidates for [City Idol](#), the contest to select candidates to run in the upcoming municipal election, had one minute each to say why they should win City Idol and go on to run in the election. The evening was lively and fun. Accountability, the environment and urban planning were high on everyone's list of priorities.

looking for new digs

[Windfall Clothing](#), Canada's only New Clothing bank held a benefit on April 29. We're working with the group and a possible developer to include the Clothing Bank in a new development application and hopefully keep Windfall in the ward.

funny girls and dynamic divas

[Sistering](#), a non-profit organization supporting underhoused and low-income women in Toronto is hosting their 4th annual fundraising event right in our ward! Thursday June 1st 8pm at the Harbourfront Center. [Contact us](#) for a poster of the event or [email Ellen](#) of Sistering directly for information.

6. New Look for helenkennedy.ca

The helenkennedy.ca site has been updated and re-worked, with a neighbourhood-by-neighbourhood breakdown of the issues, an extensive biography and endorsements page, and more! [Check it out today!](#)

As always, if there's something that you want to discuss with me, e-mail me at helen@helenkennedy.ca, or phone me at 416.703.6695.

Cheers,

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"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world, indeed it's the only thing that ever has." – Margaret Mead