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WE extends reach on Queen East

By Andre Berman

ME to WE – the high-profile social enterprise created by brothers Craig and Marc Kielburger – is ramping up its presence on Queen Street East, along with its impact on the community.

The organization known as WE, also comprising its not-for-profit sister organization WE Charity, is rapidly expanding around its Global

Learning Centre office at 339 Queen St. E. It has acquired more than 70 percent of the buildings on the south side of Queen in the block between Parliament and Berkeley Streets.

According to deeds at the Land Registry office, WE spent around \$11 million on real estate from 2016 to 2019 to make way for its new Social Entrepreneurship Centre (SEC), a school for adults un-

der 35 that will promote social enterprise by building leadership and interpersonal skills.

As a result of WE's expanding presence, the fabric of the community is changing.

Historically hosting retail shops, the Parliament-to-Berkeley block has seen small businesses replaced by office space. In preparation for WE's planned Centre, some buildings are used for storage or to accommodate out-of-town

staff, further reducing active retail frontages along Queen East.

Representatives of WE have offered to buy some of the few remaining properties on the south side of the block that it doesn't own, but so far have been unsuccessful. The organization already uses several properties on the north side of

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inreply to the mayor's techno-tory '5G's newest old' ceasar'

By Anthony Van Zant

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Heritage Advocacy Day at Queen's Park



Minister Lisa MacLeod addresses crowd at the ACO hosted event, February 19. The yearly get together is an opportunity for volunteers and heritage professionals from across the province to speak directly to MPPs on important heritage issues. Full Q&A coverage page 8.

Into The Pits: Why Toronto's Vision Zero Needs an Overhaul

By Ben Bull

It's been 3 years since Mayor John Tory fired the starting pistol and launched Toronto's Vision Zero road safety plan off the grid. As we sputter towards the checkered flag, it's worth taking a look at how far we've come, and how far we still have to go.

Vision Zero's five-year plan was launched in 2017 with a budget of \$100 million. Its mandate is to improve road

safety across the city; its mission 'to strive to reduce traffic-related deaths and injuries to zero.' Safety initiatives include creation of secure zones to protect elderly pedestrians, more red light cameras, intersection audits, reduced speed limits and educational campaigns.

While much work has been done people still keep dying on the street. 2017 saw 37 pedestrian deaths in the city, while 42 people were mowed down in each of 2018 and 2019. As

of January 29th, four pedestrians have died in 2020, a rate some critics have noted may put Toronto on a path to reach the 2002 high of 50 deaths.

Other cities have fared a little better with Vision Zero. New York City has reduced pedestrian injuries by 45 per cent since its Vision Zero was introduced in 2014. Oslo had one pedestrian death in 2019; Helsinki had none.

Mayor John Tory noted Toronto's lack of progress last

year when he waved the plan back into the pits to inject another \$22 million into the tank. But traffic safety funding in Toronto is dwarfed by other road expenditures. A Feb. 10 Toronto Star article noted that the costs of upgrading and maintaining just the gas-guzzling Gardiner Expressway are expected to reach \$22 billion over the next ten years.

Not just a lack of funding hampers Vision Zero. Street redesign measures are modest

and mostly cosmetic. Radical changes, such as increasing sidewalk widths or creating pedestrian-only zones, are absent.

Toronto city sidewalks currently require a minimum width of five to six feet. That means a couple walking hand in hand don't have enough room to pass a couple going the other way.

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Art can change the world -
starting at Moss Park

By Carol Mark



Image by Giselle Silvestri

Amazing Moss Park Art Fair has launched for Moss Park Sat Sept 26th from 11 am to 6 pm. We have an incredible line up of artists including community partnerships. Check our website to be updated and sign up to get notices for our upcoming events. We would love community enthusiasts, volunteers, art lovers, activists and anyone wanting to engage in art and social change. www.amazingmossark.ca

Here is a sneak peek:

Giselle Silvestri states, “I continuously investigate the age-old struggle of good versus evil, rich versus poor, and east versus west.” She finds inspiration in “mass media icons- popular images both new and old to address serious topics, sometimes adding a touch of humour.” Giselle’s pop images are timeless, and her paintings are tongue in cheek versions of good versus evil. Giselle has contributed towards the building of the first library for girls in Afghanistan through ACA Gallery.

<https://www.gisellesilvestri.com/new-work>

Dan Phillips is a multimedia artist who had his last show at Botte Gallery in Corktown. Dan works in a variety of media with a background in the creation and production of digital media, as well as a hands on look with materials and textiles on canvas. Dan started out at the Detroit Society of Arts & Crafts and since retiring has returned to creating works that have a societal message. (Link below)

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Yesterday Today Tomorrow

With Dini Petty

I was fifteen when I met Stanley Wellington for the third time in the park at the end of our street. He was a red haired, blue-eyed, tall, sixteen year old and very British. On this occasion Stanley showed me where he was sleeping in the park, a sleeping bag on cardboard under the St. Clair bridge. I was stunned because I didn't know people did that!

I invited Stanley home for dinner that night and on hearing his story, my Mother asked him to live with us and Stanley became my big brother. He stayed for two few years and then moved on and somehow, we lost track of each other but were reconnected through a mutual friend some 30 plus years later.

I went to his home, a small boarding house where he had a room. He sat on the bed and I took the only chair in the room. As we started catching up on years gone by, I noticed a small carved ivory snail on the book shelf beside me. Who made this Stanley, it's beautiful. "I did," he replied as he walked to the dresser opened the bottom drawer and took out a large brown envelope filled with photos of intricate beautifully carved ivory pieces. "I made



The only signed piece from Stanley Wellington's collection.

all of these."

Stanley Wellington was a genius, he carved found ivory (collected from sea creatures who have beached themselves and died) and one of his biggest collectors was "the" Lord Thompson, including what many consider to be Stanley's finest, Asrai; carved from one piece. Asrai is a water fairy holding a bowl just under the surface of the water. (Water fairies cannot leave the water)

Asrai sat on the corner of Lord Thompson's desk for many years and is now in the possession of the Royal Ontario Museum.

Stanley was close to the end of his life when we reunited but I commissioned him to do a small piece for me. It's the only one he ever signed. So that street person, sleeping under the bridge could be another Stanley Wellington.

The Palace Street School and Canary Restaurant



By Bruce Bell, Senior Columnist

Toronto's historic east end neighbourhoods including Corktown, the Distillery and West Don Lands like the rest of Canada were once lands of the First Nation People who would fish on the banks of what is now the Don River several hundred years before the British established itself firmly in the area in 1793.

Corktown as we know it today began in the mid-19th century during the era of mass immigration thanks in part to the railroad when Toronto was flooded with newly arrived Europeans looking for a better way of life.

The vast majority of these immigrants were Irish Catholics arriving here with nothing but the clothes on their backs.

Teeming slums bursting with one-room shacks holding 30 people each began to spring up in the back alleys of the newly nicknamed 'Corktown'.

Centering on King and Parliament Streets it was named after the Irish port city of Cork, however a misconception still lingers that the area is so-named because there were once a few cork-bottle stopper factories in the area.

With their arrival, after fleeing the Great Potato Famine back home, Toronto's population almost doubled and by the late 19th century one out of every three people living in Toronto was now of Irish background.

Although some of Toronto's wealthiest and oldest families were of Irish descent, they were Protestant and the newly arrived Irish Catholics were not greeted warmly by the old guard.

Just like back in Ireland the vast majority of Protestant and Catholic Irish lived separately and often took to battling in the streets.

In the midst of blight and suffering there were some bright spots including one of my favourite buildings in the east end the former Palace Street School built in 1859 which many of us remember as the Canary Restaurant at Front and Cherry streets.

Front Street East at one time was called Palace Street because of the grand estates that used to stand there back in early 1800's.

The school, one of the earliest free schools in Toronto and the first school to hire a female principal, is the only one remaining of the original schools built by the Toronto Board of Education.

It's also one of the few surviving buildings built by Joseph Sheard, who as a young 25 year old apprentice to the great architect Thomas Storm refused to build the scaffold to hang Lount and Matthews in the aftermath of the Rebellion of 1837.

This act of defiance made Sheard a folk hero to the people of Toronto who would eventually elect him mayor in 1871.

The school vacated its premises in 1890 and the building with additions added became the home to the Cherry Street Hotel.

In 1893, the publication "Toronto, the Queen City of Canada" wrote: "A well known and popular hotel in this city is the Cherry Street Hotel. The hotel contains upwards of 40 neatly furnished sleeping rooms, a well equipped dining room and office."

Over the next few years the hotel changed hands and names including the Irvine House and the Eastern Star Hotel then it became the General Steel depot, the Tippet Richardson warehouse, then in 1965 the Canary Restaurant moved in.

In 2015, Toronto hosted the Pan American games with the former Palace Street school being very much at the centre of the action as then it just completed a massive top to bottom renovation.

The whole area surrounding the former school was transfor-



The Palace Street School, Courtesy of the Toronto Public Library.



Canary Restaurant, Courtesy of the Toronto Public Library.

med into the Athletes Village then upon completion of the Games the area was given back to the city.

The Canary Restaurant owned and operated by the Vlahos family for 42 years closed in 2007 however the neighbourhood west of it has been given

the name Canary District after the historic eatery.

As for its future, there are plans for the former Canary Restaurant to be incorporated into a brand new complex including an Indigenous community health centre complete with a sweat lodge and a main

gathering space.

There is fundraising going on right now for the Anishnawbe Health Centre to be built and when it does open, I can't think of a better way to honour the site's long and diverse history.

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that block and rents parking spaces for staff at the neighbouring Moss Park social-housing complex.

Recognizing the change, one remaining small business owner now jokingly refers to the area as “We-ville.”

As the project takes shape, the community is in transition. It will be many months, even years, before the relationship between the traditional community and WE is sorted out. In the meantime, WE plans to become a positive influence and contribute to the surrounding neighbourhood.

“We are proud to be active members of the Queen Street East community, and are looking forward to continuing to build in our community involvement through participation in the new Queen Street East Committee, the Corktown BIA and through collaborations with local business and non-profits,” Dalal Al-Waheidi, executive director of WE Charity, commented to the bridge. “At WE, doing good is at the core of our mission.”

Many influential people are on the SEC advisory board. They include superintendents with Toronto’s public and Catholic school boards; Jennifer Tory, chief administrative officer for the Royal Bank; former Olympian Rick Hanson; former deputy prime minister



South side of Queen Street East between Parliament and Berkeley. Photo: Andre Bermon

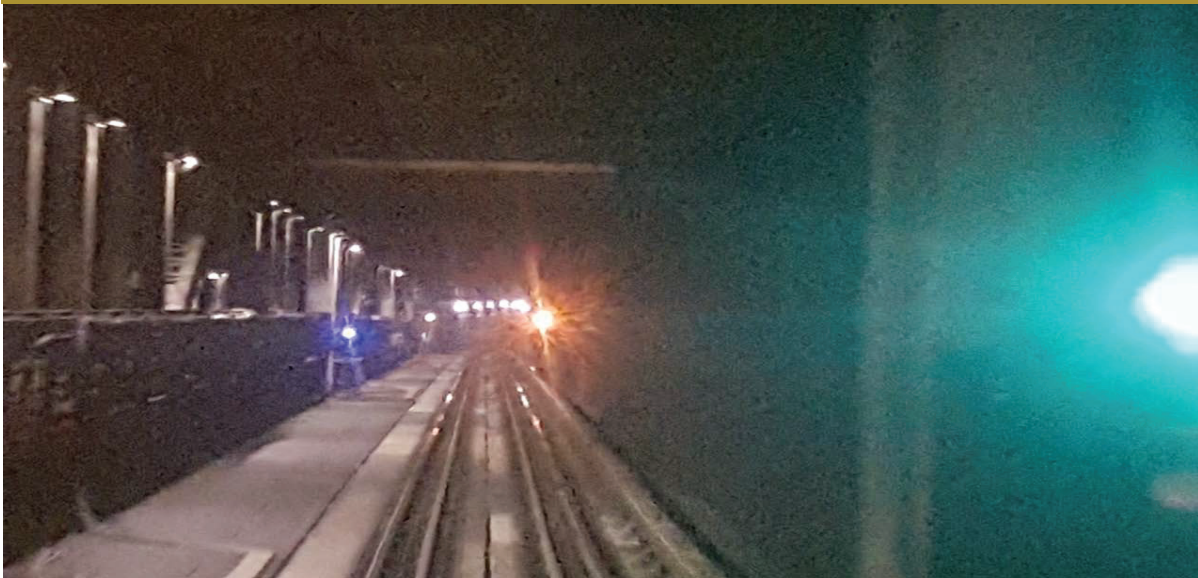
John Manley; and a former Unilever CEO.

“Programming offered at the WE SEC will be designed to support social purpose groups (charities, social enterprises, or mission aligned businesses) with training programs, access to shared business services (such as legal, marketing and finance) and shared social impact services,” Al-Waheidi explained in an email. “WE SEC’s programming is being

led by senior leaders that joined the WE Charity team fulltime from [business incubators] DMZ [at Ryerson University] and MaRS [at U of T] with extensive backgrounds working in the social entrepreneurship ecosystem.”

WE says initial planning and pre-application consultations with the City of Toronto are complete, and that fundraising for this project is under way.

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Toronto needs thriving small businesses

By Phil E. Roth, columnist

Why does a young, vibrant and dynamic city like Toronto need a policy-friendly approach to entrepreneurship? Stakeholders often risk their life savings to make their dreams come true in building small businesses into staple community anchors. What is gained from this, and what are the risks of losing out if decisions counter that progress?

Modern urban planning seeks and looks for urban densification. Toronto's downtown core has witnessed a condo construction boom in the past 10 years that has greatly transformed the landscape. And with proliferating condominium projects, the city will gain a vast number of new tax revenue streams that need an infrastructure of profitable small businesses to support residents.

Toronto was once on the global map for its cultural uniqueness and friendly approach to small businesses. But recent changes on Queen Street West, for example – transforming into a mainly corporate store face – should serve as a warning.

Along Queen Street East in the Moss Park corridor, key to most discussions with entrepreneurs is how to survive financially. As much as we all love small, quaint shops and outstanding insider-foodie restaurants, they can only exist if they can survive all their financial hurdles.

Urban densification comes with a price that city-dwellers of Canada's largest metropolis have to muster. With the right financial measures and incentives, small business operators in Toronto can be supported and remain in business.

Rent and lease are usually pushed onto small business leaseholders. Landlords try to build this into the lease costs to accommodate their commercial property taxes. Ash Farrelly, owner of the popular

George Street Diner, favours tax breaks to help landlords and small business owners alike. Tax breaks and incentives would greatly promote the profitable viability of small businesses. Incorporating these financial aids would assist greater budgetary planning security.

The city's commercial property tax department is well advised to note these recommendations. If lease costs become too great a burden, issuing more new licences to small businesses becomes pointless if they are doomed to fail within a year or two of opening.

The hospitality and food industry especially faces many financial burdens, from ever-increasing insurance premiums to the rising cost of water and hydro. In addition, modern restaurants have to pay 30 percent of their online customers' invoices to popular digital ordering and delivery systems.

Electronic payment through banking institutions and credit card services add additional costs to small business, as the trend of a cashless society accelerates. These electronic payment services, convenient for consumers, are paid for by small business owners.

Niche businesses can only ask so much before their clients turn away because of the expense. Passing higher prices to consumers would accelerate the demise of small businesses.

Small business owners are key contributors to healthy and growing employment statistics. Many owners would like to hire more employees or pay higher wages, yet to afford to do so, businesses must have lower financial burdens or taxation.

Parking, actual or planned, is also vital to the success of small businesses. We can agree on promoting greener, healthier and safer foot and bike traffic, yet visitors from outside the city often rely on cars

to visit the treats of Toronto. Thus new condo developers should be mandated to make parking spaces available.

Many North American cities promote sidewalk patios without red tape and bureaucracies. Would this not beautify this extraordinary city of Toronto even more?

What remains to be done? Perhaps less lamenting and more voicing of key issues with planning and city representatives. We all desire this city to be the best it can be, so let's be active in being heard.

CYC gets emergency grant from City

City Council has come to the rescue of the Cabbagetown Youth Centre.

The much used centre escaped likely closure when council voted unanimously to provide an emergency grant of \$161,000.

Located on Lancaster Avenue near Parliament and Wellesley, the centre runs programs serving hundreds of youth and their families. Anyone interested in using the facilities should drop by the centre.

Centre Executive Director Lucy Troisi thanked City Council for providing the short-term funding.

But Troisi warned the centre isn't out of danger. She is counting on the federal government to provide additional support.

So far, the provincial government has not renewed a four-year \$1-million grant that would fund many activities.



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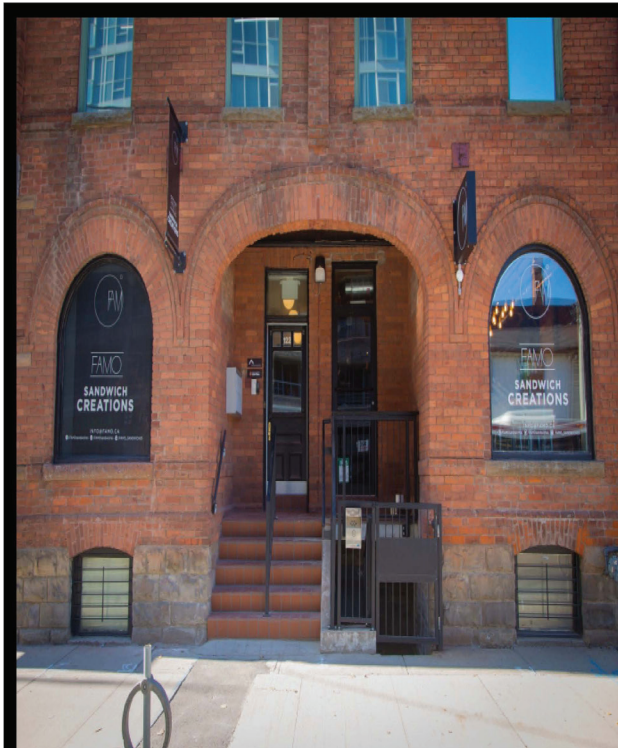
"The Muslim Welfare Centre has an incredible team of volunteers who are doing a great job serving the local community," says Ward 13 councillor Kristyn Wong-Tam.

The councillor lauded the group for regularly serving 300 Sunday lunches and delivering another 100 through the Halal Meals on Wheels program. She also praised Hamza Rizwan and Regent Park Freshco for their generous sponsorship of the Sunday program.

Since October 2014, hundreds of volunteers have been busy – cutting, dicing, setting

tables, and getting the community centre-turned-restaurant ready for the lunch on Sunday. The program provides Regent Park residents of all ethnicities and faiths an opportunity to enjoy a delicious restaurant style meal that's served in a welcoming and caring atmosphere.

Meals take place each Sunday afternoon at the Christian Resource Centre – 40 Oak Street from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Services also include regular clothing distribution, etc. Meals are served at 40 Oak Street every Sunday.



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Yet automobiles – many operated by single occupants – are allocated two lanes each way on most arterial streets, with each lane measuring three to four metres (about 10 to 13 feet) wide.

This deference to the automobile is especially stark in light of overall commuter statistics: Commuter rush hour traffic in 2016 was predominantly by foot, bike or transit. 60% of Torontonians used these modes to get to work, while only 36% drove cars. And transit investment, and usage, is growing.

Not just pedestrians feel the squeeze: cyclists are being kicked to the curb too. As of July last year, only about 60 of the 525 kilometres of bike lanes promised by the city had been built since 2016.

Layer onto all this Toronto's projected population growth –

1.3 million new residents are expected to arrive by 2046 – and we can only wonder where we are all going to go.

Toronto is growing, and fast. According to the development tracking website, Urban Toronto, more than 100 new condo developments 20 stories or higher are currently reaching for the city's skies. Many of these are rising up east of Yonge Street. They include the Time and Space development at Front and Sherbourne with a whopping 1586 units. The St. Lawrence Condos across the road will have 26 floors and 490 units. More developments are proposed, such as 33 Sherbourne with 439 new units.

As Vision Zero screeches toward the checkered flag it's still not clear what the road ahead looks like. We can only hope that it is safe.



Pedestrians walk the streets of Toronto. Photo: Stefan Blondal

The Town of York becomes the City of Toronto

By Toronto's First Post Office

This article originally appeared in the Town of York Historical Society Newsletter in 2009, to commemorate what was then the City's 175th anniversary of incorporation.

"And Whereas the name of York is common to so many towns and places, that it is desirable, for avoiding inconvenience and confusion, to designate the Capital of the Province by a name which will better distinguish it, and none appears more eligible than that by which the site of the present Town was known before the name of York was assigned to it..."

A bill to incorporate the town of York was adopted at a public meeting in December of 1833 and a petition to the legislature prepared, demanding that it be passed. The Tories dragged their feet. No one, they argued, should dictate legislation to the House. Furthermore, it would set a

precedent with implications for all of Upper Canada. Nevertheless, after several changes – including the abolition of the secret ballot – the York Incorporation Bill passed the House of Assembly on March 4, the Legislative Council on March 5, and became law by Royal Assent on March 6. It was the upper house who had introduced the unexpected name change: the new city was to be called Toronto!

Incorporation had been introduced in the name of efficiency. Something had to be done. There was no running water in York and only the most rudimentary drainage systems in the boggiest parts of town. Sewage flowed in the streets and domestic animals – cows and even pigs – often roamed them freely. Garbage, including the carcasses of large beasts, was simply thrown into Lake Ontario or left on its ice in winter to "disappear" in the spring when it thawed. A town built primarily

of wood, York was vulnerable to fires, which were frequent. Public drunkenness was a constant nuisance. A cholera epidemic in 1832 had proven the town's infrastructure inadequate to such a crisis. The hospital had overflowed and "fever sheds" had to be hastily constructed. Many cholera victims were buried in a mass grave in a remote corner of St. James cemetery. It was hoped that the "Corporation," as it came to be known, would succeed where the Magistrates had failed.

The boundaries of the new city were Bathurst and Parliament Streets, the lake to the south and a line 400 yards north of Queen Street. Beyond the city itself were the "liberties," which extended from Dufferin to the Don River, and Bloor Street to the north. The city proper was divided into five wards, each of which was to be represented by two aldermen and two common councilmen. The aldermen were

to elect one amongst them as mayor for a term of one year. From the pages of his Colonial Advocate, newspaper publisher William Lyon Mackenzie – who had been an early advocate of incorporation – railed against the concentration of so much power in so few hands. The only mitigating factor he could envision was "the honest resolution and determination of the people themselves to choose careful moderate men to exercise power under the act..." (March 20, 1834). The first municipal election in Toronto was held on March 27, 1834. William Lyon Mackenzie became the city's first mayor.

The first Common Council had its work cut out. Restricted to a tax rate of four pence on the pound in the city, two pence on the pound in the "liberties," and with limited borrowing powers, its revenues were insufficient to the expectations placed upon it. When a second cholera

outbreak arrived that summer, the provincial legislature downloaded the responsibility for this burden on Toronto and other towns. As a result, three of the city's first nine bylaws were related to matters of sanitation. One dealt with the proper disposal of garbage, one with plans for the construction of sewers and one established a board of health.

Overlaid on a map of contemporary Toronto, the original city (population 9,252) appears as small as a footnote. On the ground in 2009, however, surrounded by mountains of garbage, with City Council pleading chronic under funding, an influenza pandemic looming on fall's horizon, and many streets torn up and muddy, the 1830s do not feel so much like a foreign country.

The Town of York Historical Society will once again celebrate Toronto's anniversary on March 6, 2020. Find out more at TOs186th.eventbrite.com!



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as 'e' - p r o d u c t s are'arbitrarily govern'd into functionality on those everyday services via corporate consortiums (n'unconscienceable monopolies)that try'turn all 'e'-policy telecommunications n'functions into 'e'-authorized law inthrough massiv'over reach in government/corp data sharing

n' 'e'-commerce that steam-rolls over communitys voice ofwich 'recent telecommu-nications and r.i.f.d.'implant 'lobbys are'now touting varichip tech in vaxxines whilst dubious public consent numbers appear'to be actual public 'disent numbers'(why is 'that? n'where is collaborativ'voice being heard in'any of'that@'anylevel'? . .

mr.tory your significant technical'insights from years@ rogers(n'contemporary visits n'communica with china/facebook/amazon and'googl' 'asper(n'all the informatio-nal insights @your'fingertips as'a 2nd'term mayor of'our city ofwich you state 'over n'over that your 'about "all our residents"(ofwich proginerates the 'rhetorical to; 'define the word 'residents',

inclusive to your'tech experiences already attained n'further 'givin' insights 'via tech stocks maintain'd(cause youv'got to know about 'e'-stuff to invest in 'e'-stuff)of-wich'your life is surround'dby it(n'a long way from the "bland" mayor tried purpor-t'd)iv'handl'd 'techno'tory" . .(again(jusjokinround yet i'betchya youv'got som'good ones about 'thiskid' too over the years(yet'not ta'worry cause ill'be sure to'save som'of the juicy stuff for our meeting(yet 'from car-

bon taxes to toll highways n'autonomous selfdriving to l.e.d. lights and'noding of'our traffic'signals n'transit our mayoral wireless geo-googlgridcity demi-god 'e'-baracades himself'into city-hall'through an'obstructionary heavy'handed concealed data-sharing buttress camouflaged as practical'or rational security yet'really a politically correct'smallminded space fence 'grabbing our 'e'-file from radiated'face scans as'we approach our'own nathan phillips square city-hall door(delivered'by inv-asiv damaging microwave tech(quite'sad to see'your full-spectrum expendabl 'e'-dignityless dominance is'trying to'leave it 'for our children 'all children n'all those 'incomin . . 'technocrat thinkers(like our-citys regentrification and economic'development(economic for'whom'?)inconjuntion'with its massiv'corporate bigtech retro-fit)and'on every torontonians dime(one'way or'another taken'out of'our pocketbooks err'leftout in'the cold'ofwich is'exemplified for the world to see' as'unprecedented inhis-tory'these dangerous techno-logies@groundlevel n'on 'e'-steroids

as'now brussels 'israel n'switzerland hav'stepped back'from 5G

as'simultaneously ourcitys(shhh)draws a blank@quaysides tro-janhorse redherring simultaneously(n'unbenounced cause)cityhall is wiring up our city"just'the same over'2+ calendar years(*insert the hail plastic bobbl'head ceasar part(n'only cause "almost nobody knew". . 'for a while* . .

in further) it is my'understanding'that emperor tory'and executive committee again lastmonth'ignored world'economic growth that is'in freefall(whilst our'middlclass residents and independant small business here in toronto(like prized strong family run 'high quality foods@schnitzel queen) are'leftout of'economic developments business'subsidys that weather upcoming constructions inconvenience and economical storm fetter'd out in'unreasonabl store'front rent'esclation as'the middl'-class is'left shiverin under'cityhalls gregorian underground parking'lot suckin'tailpipes for radiated carbon credits'that use'ta be quarters(anchor'd to'a reported \$250'trillion in global'debt articulât'd 'in-structural decline)whilst'youv pegged our heavily debt'based capital'improvements on the back of mounting inflation warnings from all leading indicators 'ontop of public transit fare hikes and investments on non-transparent special constables throwing special fista-cuff blows@the homeless that your 'e'-budget just'shluff'd off after'proclaiming transporation n'housing priorities indualitys selfpreservinsmile

without'any legitimate'outreach to'those oldill n'vulnerabl living below city'shelter level that end'up surviving'on public transit in'the middl'ofwinter(or hav'you endorsed any effective ideas'advocated(over'years) in gamechanging compassionate cost'effective preventative maintainence inadvance'of rapid n'rabid presto'protocoling reportedly brutalizing(@ times those'already mentally struggling)as'somsorta bad'metaphor incommunity engagement play'dout on'our communitys ill'old n'vulnerabl homeless individuals'on public transit(as'the bottom trys eat 'up the'whole)whilst'you further cripple our citys middleclass n'employment marketplace now'steadily unfolding n'a far cry'from cityhall back-patting by som city council-lors like cressy n'wong-tam 'somhow chosen as health and poverty czars(doubl'd office'expense accounts) n'council sanction'd debt'spending like'everything else) to 500,000.00 per office'(whilst below'city shelter'level homeless) n'municipal integrity lay'rot infrozen'dispairs door-well)as'currently governments play'pattycake with'banks kicking the can(n'the crap)down the road(recklessly n'probly 'tragically cause to'what end'(except neighbourhoods n'unrest n'unecesarry dispair via 'e'-commerce'style curren-cys bad'metophor n'universal paid enslavement inpurs-uit of'a cashless 'e'-right of passage(n'again)only for'a shrinking 'som' . .

mr.tory 'our' city needs its dignity @thee'forefront(yet toronto's 'affordable' terminology somhow ex-cludes those'that are homeless(again'just ask captain wong-tam(of'whom'pats herself on'the back whilst'recently exploiting the homeless in'backdrop @'a film n'fist pumps worthless petitions in-the middl'of february where somewhere youll'proby find'our dime)n'incorporates throe'speech sized doubl'speak about the homeless

(you'd'think that'obvi-ously our city n'our peopl n'environment is'an equalpeice in the whole of'it all')so my 'ask' inrepeat 'is' our promised 'one on one'(we'hav

the'questions 'lets hav'the conversation')and if'you are unabl'or unwilling'to apply legit 'above board' solutions

and/or just'be a follower n'order taker in goodmoney'after bad decision making

playin possum to google 'the province n'inclusionay zoninings corporate builders n'technocracys stock portfo-lio takeovers slippery'slop'd kneejerk reactions that'-polarize 'stygmâtize stereo-type n'cliché everything city'council currently'touches then'perhaps(whilst 'wallclock' time is ticking n'lifes hourglass sands try'run hallow

shallow n'dry)stepdown n'allow others to'step up n'lead us', 'as this isnt ourbest'

cause'this isnt anybodys best' i.e.'further vision(less)2020 and design(less)T.O.type back-steps where revenu'steam policy inseam'ingly rides shotgun to selling U.N.depopulation agendas indualitys public perception manage-ment n'politically correct art'installations over real'vulnerabl peopl 'inreal borrowed'-clothes in'an art(less)city

scaped inforgotten'dignity n'our laneway'd curb'd ci-tystreets',,

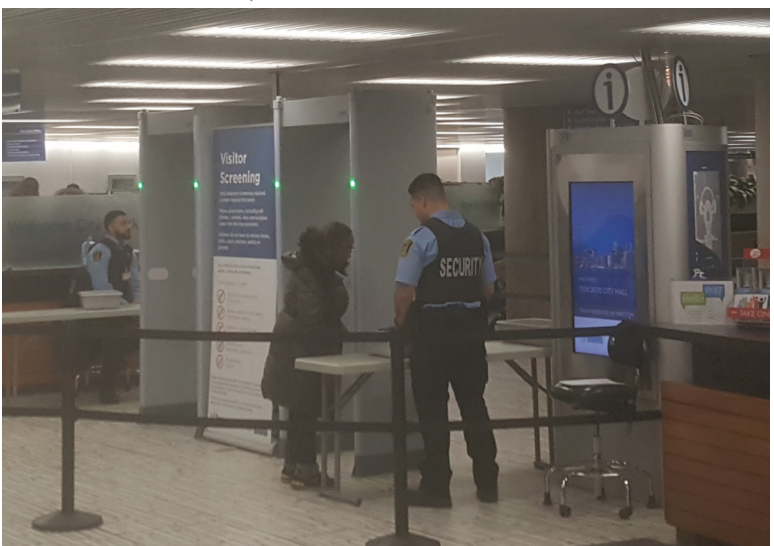
note;)appreciâtion for your time'spent to read'inreply mr.mayor inregard to'the over'the top wireless milime-terwave techs scientifically peer reviewed damaging effects inrelation to our citys residents 'citizens n'visitors within all'its connectivity in'a world(and'perhaps even a big-city mayor)awaken'd inwher'it all trully wrinkles'out.

brother'john) 'infaith 'adver-sity was'creat'd with solutions inmind

'instreetsouls'101'
(n'thiskidfromlifescurb' . .)

<https://emfscientist.org/index.php/emf-scientist-appeal> (*-13'page EMF- U.N. Scientist Appeal document link*(above) (submitt'd in *waterfrontgroup appendix#3*)

and hand'deliver'd to the mayor@citycouncil-'inset pic-ture/july'17/2019)



cityhall's newly enhanced security 'devising and EMF-radiation emissions uptick

Save and reuse focus of heritage lobby

By Andre Berman

Kae Elgie, President of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario

Tell us a little about what Heritage Day is?

Heritage day [is] for us a chance to draw attention – I mean it is Heritage Week – and it's something we've been doing for a few years. So, we come and meet MPPs and we typically come with ideas on how we think heritage can be better conserved in Ontario.

What was this year's focus?

What we are trying to do is to make save and reuse the new norm. Right now, it is very easy to demolish a building... And we think that is creating quite a cost for us. Both in terms of the environmental impact with all the construction waste going into the landfill. And not to mention the trucks taking it and creating CO2 emissions. We also think that we are losing opportunities if we instead reuse the building and retrofitted them... that would create jobs and well paid jobs, skilled jobs – it would contribute more to the economy. And of course, we have lots of instances of the economic impact – contribution of heritage tourism and the use of historic buildings of all ages for film shoots. It's bringing really a lot of money to

the economy if we keep these buildings versus tearing them down and replacing [them] with towers or sometimes with parking lots.

How receptive were MPPs to this kind of policy?

It varied and wasn't along party lines even... as we expected, different parts of it resonated with different people. People who are concerned with economic development, liked the job creation aspect... For other people it was concerns over health impacts. The fact that a built environment can reduce your heart rate or your anxiety level if you have a pleasant environment as opposed to just concrete slabs, blank walls and so on.

Lisa MacLeod, Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries

What are your thoughts about the ACO's idea of conserve and adaptive reuse of old heritage buildings?

Obviously, heritage is very important to me which is why this government rebranded, retooled and renamed the ministry to start with "heritage." We think that it is a primary focus of ours and our government and obviously we want to continue working with the ACO on a number of projects whether that is working with

the Ontario Heritage Trust, which does a lot of that work as well, rebuilding Ontario Place and throughout the entire province to see how we can best preserve and protect Ontario's cultural fabric and its social impact.

Do you think heritage is currently under threat because of so much development, particularly in Toronto?

No, I don't think so. There are ways for us to make sure there is preservation. I myself represent a community in the nation's capital and there are always those conversations. At the end of the day we understand that there needs to be roads, bridges and transit to accommodate growth, particularly because... we are welcoming people from around the world. But at the same time, we are able to place some restrictions and able to make some accommodations to protect our heritage.

What about the idea of strengthening the province's heritage laws? Some think that there are not enough teeth to give heritage a real fight against big development.

I would say it's very strong in the Province of Ontario. I think in some cases it might be at the municipal level where there are some changes. But I firmly believe in locally based deci-



Matthew Zambri, ACO Toronto Branch President poses with Kae Elgie, ACO President

sion making but I also believe that we have a very strong case to make on our heritage properties in the Province of Ontario. Again I come from a high growth city in a high growth riding in Nepean, and I've seen

the strength of our nation's capital preserving and protecting and there is no reason we can't work together to do those sort of things else where in the province.

The Transformative Powers of Art

By Dustin Stern, Director of Programming, Building Roots

Art plays an essential role in cultivating community and promoting change. What is it about art that is so powerful when employed in this context?

"There are many societal challenges we need to face right now, but instead of fighting with anger, I believe in using beauty. That's where art comes in". Inspiring words

paraphrased from Jeremy Dutcher, a queer, Indigenous musician at a recent performance.

Art empowers people by allowing for personal expression of complex emotions and ideas. It facilitates connection and understanding in a way that is palatable and interpretable by all, regardless of cultural barriers.

These are some of many reasons that Building Roots utilizes art in our community work.

This month, Building Roots was granted the opportunity to create an art installation for the Canadian Opera Company's Opera for Young Audiences.

Collaborated on with OCAD grad student Chieng Lophuyong, the installation was comprised of individual triangles, each made by a child with the simple prompt to express what community means to them.

As each child planted their individual seed of expression,

the art piece grew. Each contributor was empowered by having a role in its creation, all the while surrendering ego by watching it morph into something communal, greater than the sum of its parts.

The installation was eponymous with our weekly Do It Together crafting series in the Moss Park Market, inside which you'll also find art from Creative Works Studio who provide individuals living with

mental illness a place to heal through artistic expression.

The outer walls are painted by a local artist, and nearby you can find vibrant picnic benches painted by local youth with international muralist Karimah Hassan.

There is an alchemy when you combine personal expression, collaboration, and inclusivity, which manifests as change you can literally marvel at the beauty of.

