

The **TORONTO PARTY**

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TRANSPORTATION NEWS

In March, the Toronto Transit Commission announced an ambitious \$6 billion plan to build new LRT routes across Toronto. A significant portion of this plan included new routes that can be found in our party's transportation plan, adopted three weeks prior to the city's announcement. The party is pleased that in a brief few months, it has already had an impact on city policy.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The Toronto Party is pleased to announce Ms. Anne Dawson as Chair of our membership committee. Her committee is already hard at work to double the size of our membership by month's end. The committee is also encouraging members to contact resident and business associations in their neighbourhoods so that we can build our party's network of contacts and thus further grow our membership.

DAVID MILLER ELECTED 905's BEST FRIEND

Has anybody at City Hall considered what a rash of new taxes on drinks, cigarettes and movie tickets will do to business on the 416/905 border?

Downtown Miller and his NDP cohorts have declared open season on the merchants and restaurateurs of Toronto's outlying communities. The Mayor's thirst for new tax revenue to support increases to his office staff budget and do-nothing secretariats are drowning out the cry for help from the small businesses who will suffer when his "tax and spend" policies send Toronto consumers across the street to 905 shops and restaurants to save a buck.

Should Downtown Miller, 905's new best friend, get his coveted tax increases, many border businesses will close their doors, placing more pressure on downtown businesses as City Hall scrambles to make up for lost revenue.

More pressure will also be placed on residential property owners who already currently face a property tax hike twice the rate of inflation.

In a city where in the last six years 10,000 employers have left Toronto, and 54,000 jobs have been lost, we must fight against these tax increases in order to save our city.

Toronto's budget needs a fresh approach. The city needs to seriously cut its own expenditures, review outsourcing, enter into public-private partnerships, and upload social services back to the province instead of adding new taxes that will only crush our economy and the spirit of our residents.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. JOIN THE TORONTO PARTY.

The Toronto Party has Youth (14-25), Adult (26-65) and Senior (66 and over) annual memberships. Youth is \$2, Adult is \$10 and Senior is \$5.

To become a member, please mail your contact information, including phone number and e-mail address, and membership fee (cheques payable to The Toronto Party) to: **The Toronto Party, 1500 Islington Avenue, P.O. Box 60009, Toronto, Ontario, M9A 3L0** or e-mail us at torparty@yahoo.ca.