

# The TORONTO PARTY

## LEADING THE WAY

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This is the official newsletter of The Toronto Party.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS!



### December Message

The Toronto Party is now over one year old. Over the course of this past year, it has had a tremendous impact on our city. We formed alliances with community activists from all over the city, passed a detailed transportation plan, and played a very active role in trying to stop Mayor Miller's taxes.

We are here to stay and in 2008 we will continue to voice our concerns and prepare for the next municipal election.

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### THE TORONTO PARTY HANDS OUT AWARDS

*In the spirit of the holiday season, The Toronto Party presents its first annual Candy Canes and Lumps of Coal awards to those who shaped the local political agenda for better (candy canes) or worse (lumps of coal) in 2007.*



**Coal: Play nice, this is going in the album.** A new Council sets the tone for its first four year term by refusing to sit together for a group photograph, causing Mayor Miller to throw a temper tantrum, and the photographer having to make a second appointment at taxpayer expense. Likely wasn't the last time Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty, whose government decided to treat this bunch like mature politicians by extending their terms from three years to four, wondered whether he had made a huge mistake.



**Coal: Does this free ride go to Paris?** After going on taxpayer junkets to Finland and France, Councillor and TTC Chair Adam Giambrone proposes a system of unworkable ferry services for commuters to avoid gridlock, but remains silent when the City threatens to close down the Sheppard Subway after Mayor Miller fails to bully Councillors into supporting his tax agenda. Come back Howard Moscoe, all is forgiven!



**Cane: Why didn't I think of that earlier?** Mayor David Miller for finally meeting constituents before his latest tax grab. The Toronto Party remains opposed to the new City taxes on drivers and home buyers, but after arrogantly dismissing taxpayers before his tax package got voted down, the Mayor did show courage to take questions from Torontonians where increased taxation would not be well received. Late to the game, and he didn't listen, but it is worth at least a peppermint stick.



**Cane: Food for thought.** City Council for wanting to diversify street food by recognizing that in North America's most multi-cultural city, there is more to street life than hot dogs and sausages.

MORE CANES AND COAL...



**Coal: Putting the cart before the deficit.** Toronto is drowning in debt, but Councillor John Filion wanted to borrow \$700,000 to purchase food carts to lease to vendors. Saner minds prevailed, but if Mr. Filion is so desperate to get into the fast food business, might we suggest he resign his seat and flip burgers. More his speed.



**Cane: Where they spend, where we cut.** The *Toronto Sun's* Sue-Ann Levy has worked overtime showing where Councillors pad their \$53,000 taxpayer funded office slush funds and where legitimate cuts to the City budget could have been made. Honourable licks go to Councillor Michael Del Grande and Toronto Sun staff for uncovering a hornet's nest.



**Coal: My skin is thinner than paper.** Mayor David Miller for his over the top response to *Toronto Star* columnist Royson James' tongue-in-cheek suggestion we begin public hangings of free spending Councillors. The thin-skinned Mayor and this Council has never had a journalist more respected yet prepared to give them the benefit of the doubt than Mr. James. Sad that the sycophants who wrote the letter couldn't spot a joke given that they work for one.



**Cane: Revenge is a dish best served cold.** Royson James for his measured response to Mayor Miller's foaming at the mouth attack on the *Toronto Star* columnist. You have to back to Mayor Lastman telling CNN he had never heard of the World Health Organization at the height of the SARS crisis to find something equally embarrassing.



**Coal: The sardines can afford it.** TTC management spent \$480,000 in legal fees in a losing battle to prevent drivers from doing their job and calling out all stops along surface routes. That equals 213,333 tokens or 5,260 monthly Metropasses under the recent fare hike.



*A lot more coal than canes this year. That is likely to continue through the life of this dysfunctional Council. But a special **candy cane** goes out to members of **The Toronto Party** who are working hard to present an alternative in the 2010 election. The Party is launching a Candidate Selection Committee and we will have more news in an expanded newsletter in the New Year.*

**HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**  
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