

The **TORONTO PARTY**

LEADING THE WAY

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This newsletter is the publication of
The Toronto Party – Toronto's first
non-partisan civic action party.

ABOUT THE TORONTO PARTY

The Toronto Party was created in October 2006 for the purpose of transforming city politics. It is our goal to run a Mayoral candidate and 44 city council candidates in the 2010 city election.

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The Toronto Party,
please visit:**

www.thetorontoparty.com

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Toronto Party transportation committee opposes the narrowing of Lansdowne Avenue. It is a project that does not benefit all modes of transportation and that will lead to increased traffic congestion.

**For more information about
our transportation plans,
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www.gettorontomoving.ca

VOICE YOUR CONCERNS

Tell Councillor Giambrone what you think about the plan: Phone 416-392-7012, Fax 416-392-7957; or e-mail him at councillor_giambrone@toronto.ca.

IT'S TIME TO FIGHT BACK!

Recently, Toronto's City Council voted to narrow Lansdowne Ave., between College St. and Bloor St., from four lanes to three. No longer will parking be permitted on the east side of the street.

The decision to narrow the road was supported by area Councillor Adam Giambrone, who is widely reported as having conducted a survey showing that 50% of residents didn't care about the plan, 30% were in favour of it, and 20% were opposed. Many residents, however, contend that no such survey was ever done and that proof of it does not exist.

According to one report less than 10% of residents on Lansdowne support the narrowing of the road.

In light of the controversy surrounding whether area residents support the change, we strongly support efforts to have city council's decision reviewed and reversed.

There are other reasons, however, why narrowing Lansdowne is not good for the city. The road services 17,000 vehicles a day. It is home to two bus routes and is a primary response route for the fire department. Fire Services has expressed concerns about narrowing road because "it will reduce the available road width, **increase congestion** on Lansdowne Avenue, reduce space for their vehicles to maneuver around stopped vehicles and **increase response times**."

The transportation committee of The Toronto Party is opposed to the plan to narrow Lansdowne Ave. In our view, Toronto already suffers from too much traffic congestion. Gridlock costs our city more than \$1 billion a year in lost productivity. Increased congestion also has negative impacts on our environment and on our quality of life.

Although plans to beautify a neighbourhood or city are worthwhile, such plans should not carry the consequences that narrowing Lansdowne will have on this area and the city. Furthermore such a fundamental change to a neighbourhood requires full scale consultation with the local residents and a support rate of significantly greater than 30%.

We urge you to fight back today. We urge to join your neighbours in the Toronto Lansdowne Residents' Association and to not give up hope.

Join the Toronto Lansdowne Residents' Association

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