

# 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.

**Membership meeting set for Sunday, February 25, 2007. Contact us for details.**

**Hon. John Gerretsen, acknowledges that civic parties can exist. However they cannot raise funds to support candidates. We continue to seek changes to the *Municipal Elections Act*.**

**Sports and Tourism committee agrees with women's hockey rink, but proposes other location.**

**Transportation committee disagrees with tolls on DVP and Gardiner Expressway.**

**Economic development committee recommends that city better manages its assets.**

**Co-founders support plans of forestry department to control Gypsy Moth population in 9 Wards.**

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## **POLICY DEVELOPMENT BEGINS**

The city's new council is barely two months old. Within that time it has floated a number of ideas that will result in an increase in government bureaucracy and fees on the taxpayer. Is this why Mayor David Miller was re-elected? Was this the mandate that Torontonians provided him on November 13, 2006?

It is our view that Toronto must closely scrutinize its \$7.6 billion budget and take serious steps to reducing expenditures before it undertakes to impose new licence or user fees to make up its \$500 million budget shortfall. Furthermore, it is our understanding that the provincial government is losing patience with Mayor Miller's constant lobbying for more provincial funding, particularly for public transportation. Queen's Park has given plenty.

But the city's budget is only one of the issues that The Toronto Party must tackle. In order to continue to build public support, our party must begin to take positions either in support of or against announcements made by Mayor Miller or members of his *de facto* cabinet. This is the job of an official opposition.

For example, do you believe that Toronto should ban the use of plastic bags? The alternatives are more expensive and could lead to an increase in pollution.

Do you believe that Toronto should join the 21<sup>st</sup> century and introduce waste to energy technology instead of disposing of waste in landfills?

Do you believe in restricting developers to building structures that preserve the character of a neighbourhood instead of significantly changing them?

If you care about your city and in the issues it faces, we need your help to build a city that responds to the wishes of its residents. Please support us.

### **PLEASE JOIN THE TORONTO PARTY**

Membership in The Toronto Party is open to all residents above the age of 14. The Membership Fee is \$10.00 per year.

To become a member, please mail your contact information, including phone number and e-mail address, and a \$10 cheque made 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](mailto:torparty@yahoo.ca).