

Scarborough Centre Public Art Master Plan Gets Nod



TORONTO: Toronto City Council has approved the Scarborough Centre Public Art Master Plan. The master plan will serve as an important and proactive guide in prioritizing public art sites (both publicly and privately owned) that offer the most potential and the greatest impact for public art opportunities in Scarborough Centre.

"This master plan recognizes the regional importance of Scarborough Centre and incorporates the aspirations of the local community," said Mayor John Tory. "With the anticipated growth

coming to this area of the city as we expand transit, we have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a vision for the highest quality urban community and public art is a huge part of that vision."

The Scarborough Centre Public Art Master Plan is a tool to be used by city planners to assist in the identification of opportunities that engage with the private sector. The implementation of these opportunities will be secured through the planning process, following the Percent for Public Art Guidelines. Toronto's City Plan-

ning division has secured several public art master plans in the past – produced by the private sector – as part of the development approval process.

"The Scarborough Centre Public Art Master Plan is the first City-led public art master plan for the City of Toronto," said Gregg Lintern, Toronto's Chief Planner. "It is my goal that we use this Scarborough model as an example and that we develop more of these master plans to address public art strategically in other areas of the city."

In 2012, City Council endorsed

the Scarborough Centre Public Space and Streetscape Master Plan, a vision for the area known as Scarborough Centre.

That plan identified the need for a Scarborough Centre Public Art Plan that would inform the selection method, quality and location of new public art.

In 2016, the City Planning division engaged consultants and began the work to produce this public art master plan. City Planning worked with the Economic Development and Culture division and the local community to oversee its completion.

"The master plan identifies several priority sites, and ensures that public art will be an integral component of public spaces, facilities, transit areas, and open spaces, contributing to the future success of this area," said Mike Williams, General Manager, Economic Development and Culture.

With its approval today, City Council approves the Scarborough Centre Public Art Master Plan for circulation to all City divisions, Boards, Agencies and Commissions to be used to enhance public space with high quality art. Pics: www.toronto.ca

New Hope Seniors Remember Humboldt Crash Victims



BRAMPTON: The New Hope Senior Citizens Club of Brampton held prayers and paid tributes to the victims of the recent tragedy which hit Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team in Saskatchewan.

Shambhu Dutt Sharma, President of the Club, while mourning the loss of the members of the Humboldt Broncos junior hockey team, acknowledged the efforts of all first responders

Prayers were also held for the departed souls of 27 children who were killed when their school bus skidded off a mountain road into a gorge in Kangra Valley, about 500 kilometers north of New Delhi.

New Hope Senior Citizens Club of

Brampton is one of the most active and growing South Asian seniors club in the Greater Toronto Area.

Led by its President Mr. Shambhu Dutt Sharma, the Executive Committee includes Mr. Harbhagwan Makkar, Mr. Bheem Sain Kalia, Mr. Rachhpal Sharma, Mr. Bhagwat Pandey, Mr. Subash Sharma, Mr. Praful Bhai, Mr. Dalip Parikh, Dr. Om Satija, Mr. Ram Murti Joshi, Mr. Dinesh Parmar, Mr. Ram Parkash, Mr. Rajinder Saran, Mrs. Sunita Vermani, Mr. Krishan Kumar and Mr. Dharam Vir Chibbar.

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