

Global TV Reporter to Host West-End Mayoral Debate

Global Television's Urban Affairs reporter **Mark McAllister** will host a Mayoral Debate in Toronto's west end on **Tuesday, September 23rd**. Mr. McAllister is a well-respected journalist involved with covering the mayoral campaign for Global News. Organized by four community groups in Wards 11 and 12, the debate will include the three frontrunners **Olivia Chow, John Tory** and **Doug Ford**, who has officially replaced his brother in the race for Toronto's top job.

The debate will be held in the auditorium of **York Memorial Collegiate Institute** (Eglinton Avenue west of Keele Street) and begin with a Candidates' Meet & Greet session from **6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.** Local City Council and School Board candidates will also be in attendance and have their own Meet & Greet area. The debate itself will run from **7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.** **Rogers Cable TV** will televise the debate and **Global Television** is also expected to cover it.

Audience members will be encouraged to submit questions in writing. Questions submitted via Twitter during the event time period will also be accepted. Preference will be given to questions from local residents. All questions will be put to the candidates by the Question Team lead, who will identify the name and neighbourhood of the originator(s).

The **Mount Dennis Community Association, Weston Village Residents' Association, Rockcliffe-Smythe Community Association** and **Greenhills Community Association** have joined forces to organize the only Mayoral debate in York South-Weston. The same collective hosted a successful Provincial all-candidates meeting in June.

“Our communities need to know which Mayoral candidate will best serve the needs of neighbourhoods struggling with a myriad of issues. We see the **Union Pearson Express** and **Eglinton Crosstown** as measures that could spark revitalization in our part of Toronto. We need a Mayor who will ensure this happens and that inner suburbs that fall within the Strong Neighbourhood designation as ours do, are strengthened in a way that does not leave people behind.” (Simon Chamberlain, Secretary of the Mount Dennis Community Association).

York Memorial is **wheelchair accessible**, and **free childcare will be available on-site**.

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