

Urban Parks

- A Green Investment!

While many of the condominium towers in the downtown precinct have amenity facilities on-site, your downtown Councillors have kept outdoor recreation a major focus in the development of the high-density downtown core.

Parks designed specifically for the urban environment, complete with linked passive spaces and active spaces give residents an opportunity to select from a variety of outdoor venues. From playgrounds to Japanese gardens, it is all part of our downtown recreational culture. Celebration Square - our great civic people place received \$235,000 for additional site amenities in 2013/2014. The Jubilee Garden on the west side of the Square received \$20,000 to redevelop the walkway in 2012. Throughout the downtown core, street furniture, trees and perennials have been placed and planted - and this is only the start!

After a long, hard winter, we invite you to visit Community Common Park, located immediately west of the Living Arts Centre. This \$5.7 million park was built on 3.4 acres of dedicated public parkland and has been developed as a central social plaza with benches and movable bistro chairs. It boasts a passive waterfall feature, a uniquely designed washroom pavilion and numerous open areas and plantings. A new public art installation with a value of \$60,000 is expected in 2014.



Ward 4 is also home to Zonta Meadows Park. This park has a fully accessible playground and was developed to ensure that special needs children are provided with accessible playground facilities. Designed with sensory play zones this state-of-the-art park is located north of Burnhamthorpe Road just west of Confederation Parkway. Zonta Meadows is a perfect example of what can be accomplished when we partner with other levels of government and not-for-profit groups. Zonta Club of Mississauga received \$100,000 through their fundraising efforts, the City of Mississauga added \$150,000 and the Province of Ontario provided an additional \$300,000.

As you travel into Ward 7 on the south-side of Burnhamthorpe Road, we invite you to visit the new and much improved John "Bud" Cleary playground. While construction is still underway the installation of modern and abundant playground equipment answers the needs of our local families. Connected to Central Parkway West by the Civic View Walkway, this park is easily accessed by the residential communities further south.

Walking south from Webb Drive you soon come upon Dr. Martin Dobkin Park where youngsters can enjoy the modern playground equipment, several sports fields as well as the reconstructed pathways and natural ambience this large urban park boasts.

Not far from Enfield Place you will find a calm oasis in the busy core - Kariya Park. Aptly named for our twin city in Kariya, Japan this traditional Japanese garden was built in two phases commencing in 1992 and 2000 for a total cost of \$1.3 million. A serene reflective watercourse is home to exotic turtles, while traditional plantings and art beckon the visitor to sit, meditate, and simply enjoy the quiet of a birdsong.



The City partnered with Sheridan College to create Scholars' Green. This unique, public green space can be enjoyed by students and residents alike. Scholars' Green offers a seamless connection to the other civic precinct green spaces - a worthy investment of \$2.5 million.

As residents in the vibrant downtown precinct you can well appreciate the hard work and dedication of Councillor Dale and Councillor Iannicca in advocating and supporting the future direction of city parks. New urban parks and squares will continue to be planned for the future as they are an important component of the public realm, contributing to healthy and complete communities.

Celebration Square Smoke-Free

The City recently enacted a by-law to make Mississauga Celebration Square smoke-free in an effort to promote a healthier environment for the community, and reduce the harmful effects of second hand smoke, especially for children. Beginning on May 17, smoking tobacco-based products such as cigarettes, cigars and water pipes on the Square will be prohibited. The City will be working over the next few months to inform and educate users of the Square about the new by-law.

Accessed by thousands annually, the Square is a hub for outdoor events and activities in the City's downtown core. Visitors and residents can now use the space while enjoying a smoke-free environment.



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Our Downtown News

A History of Working for You

- A Journey Together

The development of our City's downtown has been a labour of love borne over the past quarter century by your downtown Councillors Frank Dale and Nando Iannicca. Not only have Frank and Nando been the Councillors with the guiding vision for the future of downtown Mississauga, they are both lifelong city residents and your neighbours.

As the elected representatives for the downtown district and area, they have continuously worked together using their wealth of experience at City Hall to help shape and build a liveable, walkable world-class downtown. Their desire to make Mississauga the envy of the province has resulted in not only significant public enhancements like new public parks and library improvements, but has also created considerable private sector investments.

Square One is currently undergoing a massive redevelopment project that includes new shops notably, Holt Renfrew. Whole Foods built a new stand-alone location just south of Rathburn Road near Duke of York, and Amacon's development project will include service providers and shops such as the Royal Bank of Canada and Starbucks.

However, Frank and Nando's vision doesn't stop there. Together, they are currently working towards finding a permanent location for our local Farmers Market within walking distance for downtown residents. Additionally, they have also been vocal advocates for the construction of both Phase 1 and 2 of Sheridan College's Mississauga campus.

They have also advanced plans for the construction of a Light Rail Transit system throughout the downtown core. These exciting developments and investments are just the beginning.

As a downtown resident you have a continuing role to play in helping to shape our city's future. You have already taken the first step by choosing to live in the downtown district, and Councillor Dale and Councillor Iannicca look forward to working together with you to ensure our city and downtown remains one of the best places to live, work and raise a family.

Newly Renovated Peel Regional Police Community Station

The safety and well-being of citizens is one of the highest priorities for democratic and prosperous cities. That is why your downtown Councillors Frank Dale and Nando Iannicca voted in favour of investing in a newly renovated Peel Regional Police Community Station in our neighbourhood.

The new Community Station located in the Square One shopping mall, is currently undergoing extensive renovations in order to best serve the growing number of residents in our downtown core, and is expected to open this September. Services provided at the Square One Station are typically the same services that are provided at the larger divisional headquarter locations. This is another improvement made on your behalf in order to help keep our community and downtown both safe and livable.



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If You Build It, They Will Come

A City square is the heart of every great city and Mississauga Celebration Square is no exception.

The activity and animation of this great meeting place is felt everyday no matter the season from this \$40 million legacy project that joins our Civic Square and the Central Library. Celebration Square is a place where people choose to be!

Several years ago your downtown City Councillors saw the writing on the wall. They knew we needed to plan for the building of a connecting public space and through their efforts money was set aside for the future. In 2010 the City received one-time funding, through the joint Federal and Provincial Infrastructure

Stimulus Fund (ISF) which covered two-thirds of the cost of constructing our new square. This funding presented an ideal opportunity to develop a venue capable of supporting large events with adequate performance infrastructure. We were ready with our one-third contribution and already had the foresight to have a design that met the criteria and timeline. Our design included a stage, sound and lighting, and after extensive public consultation, construction began on the redevelopment of this world-class public space.

Today the revitalized Mississauga Celebration Square is the centrepiece of our downtown core and is vital to the daily life of the city and many of our residents, especially those of you who are fortunate enough to live within walking distance. This addition to the public realm created a year-round outdoor event venue,

featuring a permanent main stage with state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, an amphitheatre and a water fountain that transforms into Mississauga's largest outdoor skating rink.

In the fall of 2012, the Square reached a significant milestone by welcoming its one millionth visitor. In 2013, 99 events were held on the Square and 446,142 visitors took part in activities and festivals held in the space. Cold winters are no match for the fun the square has to offer. From skating - I ❤️ Winter activities taking place on the Square every Saturday in February, Family Day ice maze exploration and Tree Lighting and New Year's Eve events, the Square is always hopping.

Looking past the frost to the welcomed heat, summer guests can participate in 29 events including a mix of community and City-produced festivities such as our Canada Day Celebration, which has become one of our signature events. And the excitement is already building for the televised 2014 FIFA World Cup soccer matches.

The Square is a space where families, friends and neighbours meet to watch, listen and participate in an amazing range of activities, festivals and celebrations. Proof that "If you build it, they will come!"

Don't just read about the fun we have on the Square, come celebrate! This Square was built for you!

Visit mississaugacelebrationsquare.ca for information on upcoming events.

Safer Parks and Streets

Councillors Frank Dale and Nando Iannicca have taken direct action to ensure Mississauga remains one of the safest cities in Canada. Under their leadership, our downtown now benefits from additional Peel Regional Police bicycle patrols through our parks and vehicle patrols on our local streets. This helps to ensure safe and walkable communities, with less crime, vandalism and graffiti. As we continue to grow, it's important that we provide these service enhancements on behalf of our residents, to ensure we live up to our goal of becoming a world-class city.

Possibilities by Michel de Broin



The large-scale aluminum sculpture inside the traffic circle at Duke of York and Square One Drive draws its inspiration from the colours and shapes of oversized 1950s roadside signs - a reference to Mississauga's original development during the golden age of the automobile. While pointing infinitely in the direction of the flow of traffic, the arrows also point to a new urban future for the downtown and reference the multiple individual paths and possibilities of the residents in the area and students in nearby Sheridan College.

Artist, Michel de Broin is a recipient of the prestigious Sobey Art Award (2007) and has enjoyed exhibitions in Barcelona, Winnipeg, Paris, Québec City, Berlin, Toronto and most recently a large solo show in Montreal at the Musée d'Art Contemporain.

Public Art A Window to the Soul of a City



Migration by Alex Anagnostou

Migration is a two-part aluminum, steel and glass sculpture that forms an impressive gateway at one of the liveliest intersections in our downtown core; the south side of Burhamthorpe at Duke of York. The southeast portion of the sculpture mimics birds taking flight, while the southwest part forms a migratory V formation. The boulevard not only acts as a literal divide between the two sculptures but it also represents the loss of the bird population. Migration recalls the story of the passenger pigeons that used to number in the billions as they flew across the southern coast of Lake Ontario during their migrations. The artwork also references the Mississauga First Nations people



who were drawn to the area because of the rich and vibrant landscape. The work was commissioned jointly by the City of Mississauga with Tridel and Davies-Smith.

Since the work was installed this past summer, it has been featured in numerous print and online publications. A recent delegation of research fellows from the Field Museum of Chicago also commended the artist and the City of Mississauga, for taking such an interesting piece of history and commemorating it in this way.

Mississauga is home to over 35 public artworks which animate the entire city.

To find out more about the program visit mississauga.ca/publicart.

Public Art is An Integral Part of Any Great City - Large or Small, Old or Young

Mississauga's downtown is now home to some spectacular artwork and we invite you to join our recent public art initiative by taking a self-guided tour that showcases our growing collection.

You are invited to take a self-guided tour of Mississauga's public art collection at: akimbo.ca/akimbos/?id=65322



We hope you will document your own experiences through the use of various social media tools. This interactive call to action will help raise awareness about the presence of great art in Mississauga.

