



**Carmen Corbasson • Ward 1**

# ***Councillor's Report***

**Fall 2004**



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## **Welcome**

I am pleased to send you my winter 2004 Councillor's Report and I thank you for your ongoing support of my efforts at the municipal and regional levels of government. It has been a pleasure to represent your needs on Council for the past 10 years.

I wanted to take this opportunity through this report to update you on several Ward and City issues and to highlight programs and services available to you. As always, should you need help or further information on any City or Regional issues, just give us a call at 905-896-5100 or e-mail me at [carmen.corbasson@mississauga.ca](mailto:carmen.corbasson@mississauga.ca)

As well as my newsletter, you can stay up to date on key issues and meetings in the Ward by visiting my Ward 1 site at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward1](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward1). The City of Mississauga is constantly looking for ways to enhance the online experience for visitors and enable you to access information about City services quickly and easily. Residents are encouraged to visit the City's website at [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca) as new information is added on a daily basis.

Your feedback is important to me. Please contact me about the issues that affect you. Together we will continue to make Ward 1, and Mississauga, a special place to live and work.

At this time I would also like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season and a prosperous New Year!



## **Lakeview Wastewater Treatment Facility Construction Update**

As your Ward 1 Councillor and a member of the Clear Scents Public Working Group, I am very pleased with how this project has come together and is progressing to meet the needs of the community.

When the majority of the construction is completed by the summer 2006, the older more odorous technologies will be completely phased out. This will significantly reduce the impact to the community and marks the final phase in Peel's long-term odour reduction strategy for the Lakeview community.

You may have noticed that over the past several months' contractors have been actively clearing and excavating at the Lakeview Wastewater Facility. Facility improvements and the expanded capacity are needed in order to meet growth demands in Peel and will enable the installation of industry leading technologies.

With so many construction workers and vehicles entering the site on a daily basis, a new road is currently being constructed along the rail line off Hydro Road south of Lakeshore Road. This will ensure that traffic continues to flow along Lakeshore Road and will not inconvenience commuters and local residents.

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for tomorrow**

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I want to thank those members of the public who continue to serve as community representatives on the Clear Scents Public Working Group and for those residents who have provided input and support.

## Algae Research Update

The Ontario Water Works Research Consortium was created in 1999 to investigate taste and odour issues in Lake Ontario-based drinking water supplies. Peel is in partnership

with seven other municipalities and key environmental agencies representing all three levels of government.

In 2003, the focus of the research group was expanded to study the root causes of Cladophora Algae. The growth of this algae continues to increase each year and impacts residents along the shoreline emitting a foul odour.

Researchers at one time believed that the wastewater treatment effluent may have been encouraging

the growth of Cladophora. Recent research findings would indicate that storm water runoff entering Lake Ontario may more likely be the cause. We are continuing to research these assumptions. The research group is also examining possible solutions for the shoreline algae problem which seems to escalate each year.

For more information about the research being conducted, please visit [www.peelregion.ca/pw/algae/research](http://www.peelregion.ca/pw/algae/research).

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## Memorial Park

### - Bringing Port Credit's History To Life

Memorial Park in Port Credit is the next major waterfront park to undergo a major revitalization. The goal of this extensive project is to create a multi-functional, all-season family park, which celebrates the Credit River and encapsulates the evolution and heritage of Port Credit. The plans for Memorial Park have taken into consideration the provision of leisure opportunities for children, youth, adults, seniors, families and people of all abilities.

The City of Mississauga is in the process of obtaining the approvals required for this challenging project, and will tender the project in early 2005. Construction will start in the spring of 2005 and as such, the park will be closed for the summer of 2005 and a good part of 2006.

#### **Some of the exciting features that are planned for Memorial Park include:**

- a re-constructed shoreline;
- an extensive pathway system throughout the park, which will tie into the City's bike path system;
- additional planting and landscaping with lots of native plant material;
- an increase in seating throughout the park;
- a large open area for free, unstructured play that can also be used for major events;
- a gazebo area for small performances, shade, and educational classes;
- basketball keys to promote small group play and skills development;
- a skateboard facility;
- expanded parking near the arena parking lot;
- a new accessible playground; and
- heritage displays and historic interpretation which will educate the public about the great history of Port Credit.

We are all looking forward to this very exciting project. I am sure you will marvel at the end result as Memorial Park becomes one of Mississauga's waterfront gems.

## The Annual Mayor's New Year's Day Levee and Skating Party

What better way to start off the New Year by celebrating a custom that dates back to the 17th century.

Please join me by coming out to meet Mayor Hazel McCallion and the Members of Council and for an afternoon of free winter festivities and refreshments on Saturday, January 1, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Civic Centre.

The Mayor and members of Council will greet the public in the Council Chamber. While in the Council Chamber, the guests will be entertained by some of the best local talent in the city.

The Mississauga Art Gallery will also be open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. featuring Visual Arts Mississauga's 27th Annual Juried Show of Fine Arts, with over 60 works by Mississauga and area artists.

Donations of canned or non-perishable items for the food drive are greatly appreciated.

## Pay and Display Parking Ticket Spitters

The City of Mississauga is currently upgrading parking meter technology in order to improve customer service and reduce operating costs. The current single parking meters are aging and require increased servicing. Since the meters need to be replaced in the near future and are considered old technology, they will be replaced with state-of-the-art Pay and Display parking machines, commonly referred to as ticket spitters.

Beyond the cleaner, less cluttered aesthetic improvement, there are several advantages of the ticket spitters for the user, as well as the municipality. From the user's perspective, the time purchased is portable, and excess time can be used at any other location within the City where parking is regulated by ticket spitters. At a single parking meter, any excess time remains with the meter. Although parking charges are currently implemented only in Port Credit and Clarkson, this parking technology will soon be implemented elsewhere in the City including the City Centre and Cooksville.

Other benefits of the ticket spitter technology will soon include the ability to purchase small time increments, the pre-purchase of time before the machine is activated and payment via credit card. Parking users have advised that there are concerns with the need to park

prior to the 10 a.m. parking machine activation time and not being able to purchase parking time in advance. The machines will be programmed to allow a time purchase as early as 8 a.m., to take effect when the machine is activated. Similarly, some users' appointments sometimes exceed the two hour parking maximum by just a few minutes, which can result in a parking ticket. A 15 minute grace period will soon be provided with the purchase of two hours parking time. On some occasions, users don't have enough change to purchase the required time.

From the municipality's perspective, the parking machines utilize high-end technology, which is relatively simple to use and maintain. A single ticket spitter replaces approximately 10-12 single parking meters. This will reduce the amount of service and maintenance requirements. As well, all of the parking machines will be equipped with technology that will allow communication through a personal computer. This will allow the manager or service technician to know the real-time condition of each parking machine without visiting the actual location. This should significantly reduce downtime and allow for proactive service and maintenance.

The benefits of the new parking machines will be appreciated by the parking users and the merchants. All parking revenues generated in Port Credit will be used for future parking needs in Port Credit.

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## Waterfront Trail

The City of Mississauga is continuing its efforts with Imperial Oil to secure a trail crossing across Imperial's South Property at the foot of Mississauga Road. With recent changes at Imperial Oil, we are awaiting confirmation of a meeting with their officials to finalize their

position to permit the use of their lands for this multi-use recreational trail.

Assuming the outstanding issues with Imperial Oil and the Ministry of the Environment can be worked out to our mutual satisfaction this fall, this could pave the way for the trail to be constructed by late 2005 early 2006.

## Old Port Credit Heritage Conservation Feasibility Study

The Port Credit Heritage Conservation Feasibility Study (which was a study of the lands south of Lakeshore Road West, west of the Credit River, north of Lake Ontario and east of Mississauga Road South) was completed in June of this year. Upon completion of the study, it was determined that the built form of Old Port Credit reflects its rich history of human occupation and use, and should be conserved and enhanced. To achieve this recommendation, City Council adopted by-laws to designate the area as a Heritage Conservation District and to adopt a Heritage Conservation District Plan.

The Old Port Credit Village Heritage Conservation District Plan achieves two major goals. First, it documents and provides recognition to the cultural heritage of the neighbourhood. Second, the plan serves as a guide to physical change which allows for careful review to ensure changes are compatible and contribute to the district's heritage character. It is not the intent of the plan to prevent change or freeze the district's physical features in time. The plan applies to both private property and City-owned lands.

At the same meeting City Council adopted amendments to the Port Credit District Policies of the Mississauga Plan, the Zoning By-law and Site Plan Control By-law to provide a land use planning framework to complement the Heritage Conservation District Plan. All of these decisions have been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board for a hearing, the date for which has not been set.

For further updates please refer to my website at [www.mississauga.ca/ward1](http://www.mississauga.ca/ward1).

# The Kiss and Ride Program

**A great solution to your traffic safety problems in and around your school area**

Safety is always the number one concern for parents, teachers and care providers when it comes to our children, and that is why I am an avid supporter of the Kiss and Ride Program. The Kiss and Ride program, which is now operating in over 100 locations, has greatly improved school ground traffic flow and has ultimately provided a much safer environment for our kids.

The program concept is simple yet very effective. Here is how it works:

- The parent enters the designated Kiss & Ride lane
- Stops where indicated
- A volunteer wearing a Kiss & Ride orange vest opens the passenger side door

- The volunteer ensures that the children are safely on the school sidewalk before the vehicle proceeds
- The kindergarten program (where in operation) has volunteers in a green vest and accompany the JK and SK children safely to the kindergarten area

This program is peace of mind for parents as they kiss their child good-bye and are assured that their child has safely reached their destination. At most school sites, school bus delivery occurs simultaneously, using a separate designated bus lane.

The use of on-site pavement markings and signage assists in guiding parents into the appropriate "Kiss & Ride" lanes. The school staff and/or parent volunteers in their orange traffic vests supervise and assist the student delivery, while Traffic Safety Council members coordinate the on-site implementation of the program.

The Traffic Safety Council works very closely with school staff and parent volunteers, following up frequently at each location to ensure success. The Kiss & Ride Program is now in operation at more than 100 schools in Mississauga. Several school sites in Mississauga accommodate a daily volume in excess of 150 vehicles plus school buses through the "Kiss & Ride" in a 20 minute period.

The Mississauga Traffic Safety Council provides each school that is starting up the program with a safety cone with stop sign, safety vests and an information package which includes a Kiss & Ride video.

I encourage all my constituents to find out how they can implement this program at their schools and help maintain a safe environment for all our children.

For more information, please visit the website at [www.mississauga.ca/safety](http://www.mississauga.ca/safety) or call 905-896-5423.

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## ST. LAWRENCE PARK

**Mississauga's Newest Waterfront Gem**

It has been five months since we opened St. Lawrence Park, and thousands of visitors have basked in the tranquility and beauty of this waterfront gem. Mississauga's newest waterfront park is a spectacular promenade park located in the heart of the Port Credit community at the base of Hurontario Street at 75 St. Lawrence Drive.

Built on the former St. Lawrence Starch Company lands, this 4.4 acre park connects to the Port Credit Harbour and boasts a breathtaking view of Lake Ontario. Features of the park include paved pathways that link to the Mississauga portion of the Waterfront Trail, a large promenade square for hosting events, passive open spaces with swings and numerous picturesque

locations that are perfect backdrops for wedding photos, family portraits and small musical performances.

Due to the rich history of the land the park was built upon, a special historical interpretative exhibit is located in the park, complete with an original restored steam whistle and steam pump that were used in

the day-to-day operations of the St. Lawrence Starch Company and five historical educational panels.

As these last few days of fall become the winter wonderland we are used to in Mississauga, I encourage you to visit this extraordinary park - it truly is Mississauga's waterfront gem.



Celebrating Canada Day at St. Lawrence Park are:  
(left to right)

Mayor McCallion,  
Councillor Carmen Corbasson,  
Commissioner of Community Services, Paul Mitcham



# City Snow Removal Programs Help You Dig Out

Winter is really the most wonderful time of year. I always enjoy the holiday spirit that is shared between friends and neighbours. And there is nothing as serene and beautiful as seeing the season's first snow on the ground. However, winter does have its downside. As you know, snow means road clearing and shovelling. Here are some answers to the most commonly asked questions about the City's winter snow clearing services:

## How quickly is snow cleared?

The City of Mississauga's Transportation and Works Division is in charge of clearing municipal roads and sidewalks on public property. During or after a snowfall, major roads and collector routes are cleared first to ensure that emergency vehicles can travel unimpeded and safely. All other City roads are cleared and/or salted within 24 hours of a snowfall. With heavy snowfalls or successive storms, this timing can be extended to 48 hours depending on the severity of the snowfall.

## Who is responsible for clearing snow on sidewalks?

Currently, we depend on homeowners to clear snow and ice from the sidewalk adjacent to their properties, as budget constraints do not allow us to plow all City sidewalks.

The City recently conducted a survey to seek public opinion on whether or not the City should enact a sidewalk snow removal by-law. The by-law would require those homeowners living adjacent to a sidewalk which is not cleared by the City (a non-priority sidewalk), to clear the sidewalk or risk receiving a fine. The Transportation and Works Department will be preparing and presenting a report on this matter for Council's deliberation before year end. I will keep you informed of the results.

## What assistance is available to seniors and disabled residents?

The Snow Removal Match Program is now in its sixth year and aims to match seniors

and disabled residents with youth who will assist them with snow removal. However, it is important to note that this program does not operate as an emergency service and we are not able to guarantee a match for every applicant. Therefore, we suggest that you apply early in the season and also look into alternative arrangements.

Residents may be matched with a youth volunteer or a youth participant requiring an honorarium. To obtain an information package with an application form for the Snow Removal Match Program you may call 905-615-3308 or e-mail:

[snow.removal@mississauga.ca](mailto:snow.removal@mississauga.ca)  
and one will be sent to you.

Youth interested in participating in the Snow Removal Match Program to earn an honorarium, or volunteer as part of their 40 hour community service requirement for High School should e-mail:

[snow.job@mississauga.ca](mailto:snow.job@mississauga.ca)

The City also offers a Snow Removal Subsidy Program for seniors and people with disabilities who qualify for financial assistance. To qualify for this \$100 subsidy, all applicants must be:

- a Mississauga resident
- 65 years of age or older and in receipt of a monthly Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) under Part II of the Old Age Security Act (Canada) OR disabled and in receipt of benefits under the Ontario Disability Support Payment (ODSP) or in receipt of assistance under the Ontario Works Support Act.

If you qualify, please call 905-896-5266 for an application form.



## Important Numbers

Animal Services .....905-896-5858  
By-law Enforcement ....905-896-5655  
Cawthra Comm. Centre ..905-615-4800  
Central Library .....905-615-3500  
City of Mississauga  
(after hours) .....905-615-3000  
Crime Prevention .....905-803-8118  
Dufferin Peel Catholic  
District School Board ....905-890-1221  
Garbage  
Pick Up, Recycling.....905-791-9499  
GO Transit .....416-869-3200  
Health Line Peel .....905-799-7700  
Hydro .....905-273-7425  
Lakeview Library .....905-615-4805  
Lakeview Wastewater Plant  
Hotline .....905-274-1223 X 505  
Min. of Environment ..1-800-565-4923  
Ministry of Health .....905-275-2730  
Mississauga Ambulance 905-844-4242  
Mississauga Crime Prev. 905-803-8118  
Mississauga Fire .....905-615-3777

Mississauga  
Property Taxes .....905-896-5575  
Mississauga  
Senior's Centre .....905-615-4810  
Mississauga Transit .....905-615-4636  
Parking Control .....905-896-5678  
Peel Dist. School Board 905-890-1099  
Peel Regional Police.....905-453-3311  
Poison Control Centre ....416-813-5900  
Port Credit Arena.....905-615-4830  
Port Credit Library .....905-615-4835  
Recreation and Parks ....905-615-4100  
Recreation & Parks  
Booking Office .....905-615-4100  
Region of Peel  
(after hours) .....905-791-7800  
Waste - Region of Peel  
(24 hours) .....905-791-7800  
Water - Region of Peel  
(24 hours) .....905-791-7800  
Water Billing - Region of Peel  
.....905-791-8711

## By-Law FAQ's

**Q:** Does a dog have to be on leash?

**A:** Yes, ALL dogs must be on a leash on public property. Also, no dog shall be allowed to run at large or trespass on private property even when on a leash. The minimum fine is \$90.00 plus a \$20.00 service charge. Get information on leash-free parks or Animal Services from 905-896-5858 or [www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/animallicensing](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/animallicensing).

**Q:** Do owners have to clean up after their pets?

**A:** Yes. The fine for not doing so is up to \$5,000 – first offences at \$90 with a \$20 service fee. Chronic offenders will be fined more severely.

**Q:** Does my dog or cat need a license?

**A:** Yes. Dogs and cats need to be licensed. Licenses can be obtained in person or online at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/animallicensing](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/animallicensing)

**Q:** How many pets can a resident keep?

**A:** No person other than a licensed kennel operator, pet store or veterinarian may keep more than four animals in the City of Mississauga.

**Q:** My neighbour's dog barks all the time. What can I do?

**A:** Excessive noise caused by barking dogs is contrary to the Noise By-law 360-79. Call 905-896-5655 for more information.

**Q:** My neighbour leaves junk all over his property. Is this allowed?

**A:** No. The storage of refuse or debris on private property is not allowed.

**Q:** Can I park a car on the part of the driveway between the sidewalk and the road?

**A:** No. This is City land and unless a specific bylaw is in place permitting lower boulevard parking, you may not park a vehicle there. For more information, contact Traffic Operations at 905-896-5131.

**Q:** Can I park my car or a visitor's car overnight on my street?

**A:** There is a three-hour parking time limit on all City roads unless posted otherwise. You can request a Parking Consideration for visitors or for special circumstances. Call 905-896-5678 during the day and 905-615-3000 after hours.

**Q:** Are residents required to clear snow from their sidewalk?

**A:** The City does not have a by-law requiring residents to do so. However, most residents are good neighbours and do clear their sidewalks for the safety and convenience of their fellow neighbours.

**Q:** My neighbours make a lot of noise with stereos, etc. Is there anything I can do?

**A:** The City of Mississauga Noise Control By-law No. 360-79 prohibits the playing of loud music or amplified sound between 5:00 p.m. of one day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day (9:00 a.m. on Sundays). Call 905-896-5655 for more information.

**Q:** How high can I make my fence in a rear or side yard?

**A:** The maximum height for a fence cannot exceed 6 ft. 7 in (2 metres) above effective ground level.

## eCity - a "Virtual" City Hall

Two years ago, the City of Mississauga made a bold commitment-promising to allow residents to conduct their business with the City electronically, on a 24/7 self-serve basis, without ever having to visit City Hall. Last year, that enterprising vision took a giant step toward reality with the launch of eCity, Mississauga's new and interactive website.

eCity has seen Mississauga become the first municipality in Ontario to offer a full range of services and functionality via electronic channels. The web site is designed to help customers easily connect with the City and one another.

### Residents, businesses and visitors are able to:

- access City services online;
- sign up and receive city e-mail alerts such as by-laws, Council and Committee agendas, and job opportunities;

- participate in discussion forums and online polling;
- subscribe to mailing lists;
- interact with City staff;
- complete online forms;
- direct information to any wireless device;
- and shop online.

Mississauga's decision to develop eCity was based on a growing awareness that electronic government is and will continue to play an integral role in enhancing the economic and social fabric of those communities that embrace it. In large urban centres and smaller towns, the Internet has become a gateway that is transforming today's traditional communities into the smart communities of the future. I urge you to visit [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca) to see for yourself the enhancements we have made and the commitment we have to delivering you a virtual city hall.

