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COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Ward 8 Resident:

I'm pleased to provide you with my 2012 Fall and Winter Councillor's Report to keep you updated and informed on Ward and City issues currently affecting our community. I have highlighted issues and information I hope you will find informative and interesting. I urge you to contact my office should this Report prompt any questions or concerns. I appreciate receiving your comments so please feel free to contact me.

You may also visit the City of Mississauga website at mississauga.ca to access more information on City services and access numerous online services. I also invite you to visit the Ward 8 website at mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward8

which is updated on a regular basis with featured articles, community information and notices of Ward 8 community meetings.

As always, it is a pleasure serving you as your Ward 8 representative and I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of my husband Steve and my family, I would like to wish you and your families all the best for a safe holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2013.

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Winter Highlights at Mississauga Celebration Square

Since opening in June 2011, Mississauga Celebration Square has become a top event destination in the GTA. Having hosted more than 200 events in just 16 months, the Square has already welcomed one million visitors!

No matter the time of year, Mississauga Celebration Square is a place where residents and tourists alike gather to be entertained, eat, play and experience all it has to offer. From a successful summer event series that included interactive fitness classes, outdoor movie nights and community festivals to an exciting winter program featuring skating parties and the City's first official New Year's Eve party, the Square is a place where people choose to be.

In preparation for the 2012/13 winter events season, mark your calendars for the City's second annual New Year's Eve celebration on December 31. While you're there, drop by C Café, a new eatery at the Civic Centre. And be sure to visit the Civic Centre on January 1 for the annual Mayor's New Year's Day Levee.

For a full listing of winter events on the Square, visit mississaugacelebrationsquare.ca.

Slowdown, Watch for Pedestrians in your Neighbourhood

Our neighbourhoods are where we walk, play and live. Ensuring our streets are safe and drivers are watching the speed limit is paramount. The City's Transportation and Works Department, Traffic Operations Unit offers education and awareness programs to combat speeding in city neighbourhoods.

Residents who observe speeding in their neighbourhoods can request the Traffic Operations unit to conduct a speed awareness program to determine travel speeds in the area. Residents can call 3-1-1 to request the program. Traffic Operations staff will review the speeding complaint and conduct a study using radar speed devices which determine if police involvement is required. If the study results indicate that speeding is an issue, staff contacts Peel Regional Police for assistance.

Residents also have the option of reporting aggressive or speeding drivers through the Peel Regional Police Road Watch reporting program at: peel.police.on.ca/en/aboutus/roadwatch.asp Excessive speeding complaints can be directly reported to police by calling 905-453-3311 and requesting to be directed either to the police division closest to your neighbourhood or to the Regional Traffic Unit.

The City takes road safety seriously and has an advisory committee of Council called Road Safety Mississauga and a committee called, the Traffic Safety Council. The Road Safety Council has a mandate to review safe driving issues and make recommendations to address aggressive and unsafe driving and pedestrian behaviour, through programs and community education and awareness initiatives. Visit mississauga.ca/roadsafety for more information. The Traffic Safety Council makes recommendations regarding traffic operations and the placement of crossing guards in school zones. As residents, we must remember to drive safely, adhere to speed limits in residential areas and school zones and remember to stop for school buses with flashing red lights. Visit mississauga.ca/trafficsafetycouncil to learn more. We all have a role in keeping our neighbourhood roads safe.

Holiday Hours



The City of Mississauga
will be closed at noon
on
Monday, December 24, 2012
to
Tuesday, January 1, 2013
and will reopen on
Wednesday, January 2, 2013.

Visit mississauga.ca for a full listing of the City's services and holiday hours of operation during the closure period.

2013 Budget Process Begins

With a population of 741,000, Mississauga is faced with the same challenges as other big cities – a growing population, aging infrastructure, rising costs and revenues that have remained flat. Over the last few months City staff have been focused on developing the 2013-2016 Business Plan and Budget. This plan outlines where and how our resources will be used and provides a guide for moving the City forward over the next four years.

When Budget Committee convenes this fall, Council will review the recommendations in the Business Plan and Budget and will be faced with some tough choices. We don't want to cut the programs and services you have come to rely on, but the reality is we won't be able to do everything. The good news is, staff have already identified efficiencies and cost cutting measures in many areas and prioritized the projects that require our immediate attention.

It is important for you to know that property tax is our largest source of funding, providing 57 per cent of total City revenues. Forty-three (43) per cent of the City's budget is funded through other sources such as licences and user fees. At the same time, funding from other levels of government has declined over the years.

As a two-tier municipality, the money residents and commercial property owners pay for property taxes is shared between the City, the Region and the Province (for education). The City receives only 30 cents for every residential property tax dollar and 18 cents for every commercial property tax dollar paid.

Budget Committee meetings began September 19 and aired live on Rogers Cable 10. I encourage you to visit the City's website (mississauga.ca/budget) for further information.

South Common's Celebration Day

On Saturday October 13th South Common Community Centre & Library hosted an open house to celebrate the community. Over 650 participants attended this fun filled day of activities and attractions.

Jerry Love Zumbathon – 67 participants raised \$333 towards Jerry Love Children's Fund

- 40 vendor exhibits
- Free swim sponsored by RBC
- Credit Valley Senior's Club Tea Room
- Library story time and kiddie crafts
- Fitness centre tours
- Program demonstrations
- Youth Chill Room – Hosted by EYPC – South Common's Youth Plan Committee
- HAZE FM – Live broadcast on site
- Free giveaways and barbecue



Get the Lowdown on Winter Road Service

While flurries and visions of snow banks on the sides of your street may not be on your winter wish list, but you might feel more at ease knowing that City of Mississauga winter maintenance crews are busy getting ready for the 2012/2013 winter season.

Clearing priority and residential roads is the responsibility of the City, while Regional roads such as Airport Road, Britannia Road West, Erin Mills Parkway and Derry Road are maintained by the Region of Peel. The City's Transportation and Works Department is an integral part of the winter maintenance program and its success depends on the co-operation between City staff and residents. The City reminds residents to avoid shoveling snow onto the street and to keep their sidewalks clear of snow and ice. An on-street parking restriction is in effect from November 1, 2012 to March 31, 2013 from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

We ask residents to keep their parked cars off the streets during these hours to ensure faster, safer and more effective winter maintenance operations.

Priority Roads

During a snowstorm, the first item on the list of plowing and salting is priority roads (major roads, arterial roads, and local collector) such as Burnhamthorpe Road or Dundas Street. These roads are salted if the accumulation is less than eight cm (three inches) or plowed and salted if accumulation is more than eight cm (three inches).

Residential Roads/Priority Sidewalks and Bus Stops

After priority roads are serviced focus switches to residential roads, priority sidewalks (sidewalks on priority roads or on bus routes) and bus stops.

Our Levels of Service After the End of a Snowfall:

Snowfall Accumulation	15 cm (6 inches) or less	15 – 30 cm (6 – 12 inches)	More than 30 cm (12 inches) or back-to-back storms
Priority Roads	12 hours	24 hours	More than 24 hours
Residential Roads, Priority Sidewalks and Bus Stops	24 hours	36 hours	More than 36 hours

Throughout winter, keep up-to-date on winter maintenance by visiting mississauga.ca/snow or following us on twitter.com/MississaugaSnow

Community Working Together

This summer, while Sheridan Library was under construction, the Sheridan Centre partnered with a number of community groups and service providers to transform vacant store space into a great place for the residents to meet and participate in a variety of free summer programs.

"The Community Hub" became the place to be for hundreds of people of all ages to escape the heat, hear a story, make crafts, play board games, or just catch up with friends. "The Community Hub" is a great example of how the private sector and non-profit community organizations can work together to effectively serve their community.

The spirit of partnership and working together continues at the Sheridan Centre. Check out the new Sheridan Library Computer Lab, The Reading Garden located beside the food court or MERGE - a new Youth Centre located beside Blue Notes. Thank you to the staff at Sheridan Centre for their ongoing support of these community initiatives. For more information, go to sheridancentre.ca.



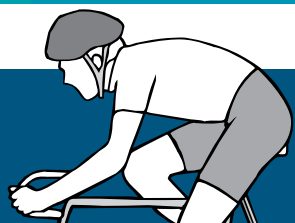
Sheridan Computer Resource Centre Official Opening

The official opening of the Sheridan Library Computer Resource Centre located in Sheridan Mall was held on November 1, 2012. This is a joint partnership project with The City of Mississauga and Polycultural Immigrant and Community Services.

Front row, L to R - Carl Cadogan, Katharine Pryma (Sheridan Library),

Councillor Mahoney, Sue Coles (Library), Juan Botero (Facilities and Property Management) and Darrel Carvalho

Back row, L to R - Derek Boyce (Business Planning), Maurice Swaby (Business Planning), and Marwan Ismail (Polycultural Immigrant & Community Services)



Cycling in the City



The City of Mississauga recently received the Bicycle Friendly Community Award – Bronze Designation from the Share the Road Cycling Coalition, in recognition of our active support of cycling. There are over 427km of bicycle routes throughout the City, including on-road bicycle lanes and multi-use trails. Every year, we continue to add to this network with a goal of reaching over 900 km in the next 20 years and placing every resident within 1 km of a cycling route. Last year alone, we added over 23 kilometres of new cycling routes including sections of the Queensway Trail, Rathburn Trail, Lakeshore Trail, and

Derry Trail and bicycle lanes on Tenth Line West, Camilla Road and others.

Additional bike parking has been installed at city facilities, including secure bike rooms at the Civic Centre and Central Library for parking your bike during trips to the downtown and Celebration Square. We have also implemented cycling safety pilot projects, installed new way-finding signage and hosted several cycling events.

The benefits of cycling are endless and I encourage you to get on your bike and explore the city in a safe and courteous manner.

Trail Etiquette

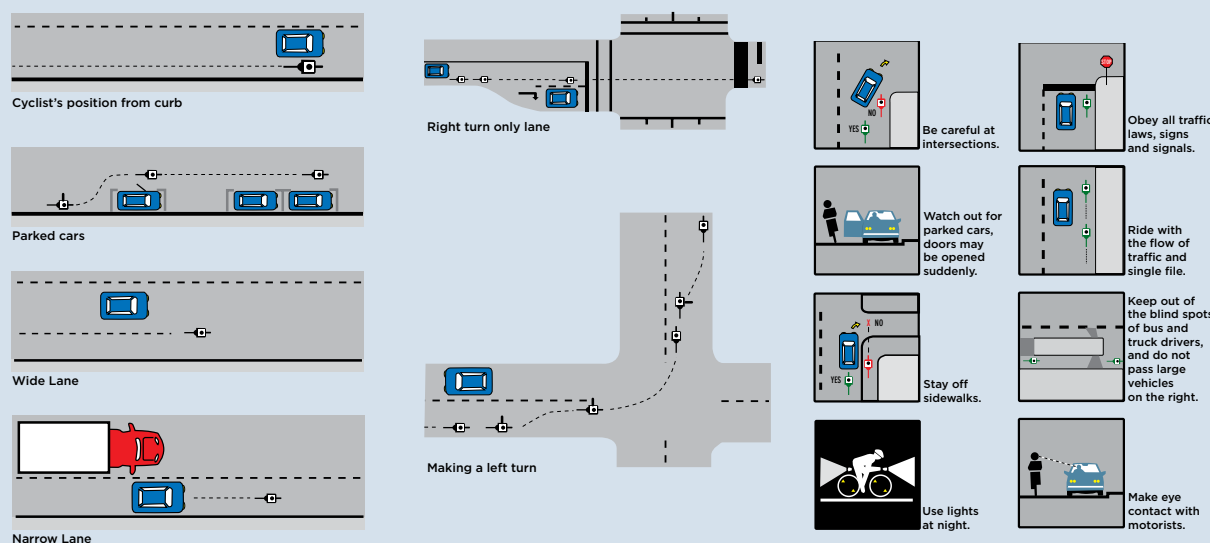
Here are some quick tips to help keep everyone courteous and happy on our trails system

- Keep to the right
- Cyclists yield to pedestrians
- Give audible warning when passing
- Keep to the trail
- Do not litter
- Respect nature and private property
- Have your dog on a leash

For more information on cycling in Mississauga, including a trail map, visit mississauga.ca/cycling.

ROAD POSITIONS FOR CYCLISTS

According to the Highway Traffic Act of Ontario, bicycles are vehicles. Cyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as motorists and are subject to the same traffic laws, signs and signals.



Second Units

Did You Know?

1 in 3 Mississauga households have affordability issues (spending more than 30 per cent of their income on housing)
1 in 8 have severe affordability issues (spending more than half their income on housing)

Housing Choices: Mississauga's Affordable Housing Strategy and Action Plan

Mississauga needs housing choices for everyone to feel they belong. Ontario laws now require municipalities to allow second units in homes. Second units are also known as in-law suites or basement apartments.

Second units have the potential to expand housing opportunities within established communities and provide much needed safe, healthy, housing choices. They can offer affordable accommodation to youth, older adults and new immigrants while providing additional income for homeowners, or older adults wanting to stay in their neighbourhood.

Next Steps

We are currently developing a made-in-Mississauga strategy for second units and recently held a series of public consultation workshops to gather thoughts and ideas on how best to allow them. I particularly want to ensure that if allowed they must pay their fair share of increased property tax. We will be bringing a report to Planning and Development Committee in late fall. It will be posted on the City's website. Please visit mississauga.ca/housingchoices for more information and updates.



Ontario's Bicycle Helmet Law

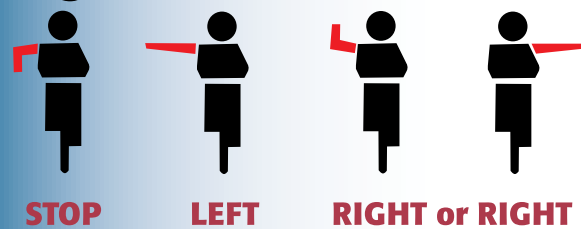


It is strongly recommended that all cyclists, irrespective of age, wear a CSA, ANSI or SNELL approved bicycle helmet. Your personal safety is your responsibility. However, it is the law for those 17 years old and younger to wear a helmet. Wearing an approved bicycle helmet will reduce the number and severity of head injuries

sustained in bicycle crashes. Following the rules of the road and using safe equipment may prevent collisions.

The CSA, ANSI or SNELL approved helmet should cover the top of your forehead. If the helmet is tipped too far forward or backward, it will not protect you properly. The straps should be snug without pinching and be easy to fasten and release. Helmets with four fully adjustable straps are best.

Signals to Indicate Turns



Failure to use proper signals and ride in proper road positions can result in charges under the Ontario Highway Traffic Act or worse a collision.

Did You Know?

The height of the fence on your property is regulated by the Fence By-law and the maximum height of the fence is restricted depending upon the location on your property.

If you are planning on building a new fence or altering your existing fence, view the Fence By-law 397-78 online to check the regulations, or call the City's Compliance and Licensing

Enforcement at **905-896-5655** for more information. The City's website has information about this and other by-laws at mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/bylaws.



Two images (above and at left): Get on track with the HURONTARIO-MAIN Light Rail Transit project hurontario-main.ca

Mississauga Culture on the Map

A new online cultural resource tool called Mississauga Culture on the Map was recently launched by the City of Mississauga's Culture Division. This is an exciting tool that everyone can now use to find cultural information in Mississauga such as: arts and culture businesses; public art; heritage properties; festivals and events; cultural organizations; cultural spaces and facilities; and other related information. The site can be accessed at cultureonthemap.ca and will be updated on a regular basis.

We invite those who contribute to our city's cultural vitality to visit Mississauga Culture on the Map or contact Michael Tunney at 905-615-3200, ext. 4602 or via e-mail michael.tunney@mississauga.ca to have relevant information or updates included.

2012 Exceptional Accessible Customer Service Award

Terri Dale, recipient of the City of Mississauga's 2012 Exceptional Accessible Customer Service Award – Rabia Khedr, Citizen Chair of Mississauga's Accessibility Advisory Committee (left) and Ward 8 Councillor Katie Mahoney (right) congratulate Terri Dale on her Exceptional Accessible Customer Service Award. Terri is the Special Needs Coordinator for the 'Sauga Stroke Breakers, a program that provides a range of Aquatic Therapy, Articulation and Conversation (Speech) Therapy, Tai Chi and individual activities for people who have had strokes. Terri has led the program for the past 31 years in partnership with the City of Mississauga, Trillium Health Centre, Credit Valley Hospital and the Mississauga Central Lions Club.



Playground Equipment Upgrades

Under the Playground Redevelopment Program, two playgrounds will be replaced this year along the Glen Erin Trail, and a new swing set at Trapper's Green. The playground for King's Masting will introduce barrier-free play features as a pilot project to improve accessibility in smaller playgrounds. The new playgrounds will include swings, slides, and spring toys meeting the current CSA Standard for playground safety.

The City of Mississauga promotes inclusion for all, and works to improve accessibility standards and to remove barriers to children with disabilities. For more information, contact Bill Montague, Project Coordinator, 905-615-3200 ext. 3676, or william.montague@mississauga.ca.

CITY PROJECT INFO

Are you curious about the big projects that are shaping your City? Browse to the bottom of the homepage at mississauga.ca to find a new directory of projects and plans that are transforming Mississauga.

Erin Mills Scout Food Drive

On April 29th Councillor Mahoney attended the Erin Mills Scout food drive event. More than 60 people, scouts, leaders and parent volunteers distributed 4,000 food bank fliers and donation bags to homes in Erin Mills on their regular meeting nights the week before the food drive. They then returned to the same streets on Sunday to collect the hundreds of donations. The Erin Mills neighbourhood donated 4093 lbs of food which was given to the Mississauga Food Bank. Councillor Mahoney spoke with the youth and helped them understand the importance of volunteering in their community.



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