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## COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

*Dear Ward 8 Resident,*

As your Ward Councillor I welcome you to the 2011 Spring/Summer Edition of the Ward 8 Councillor's Report. I am pleased to send this to you and I thank you for your ongoing support of my efforts at the municipal and regional levels of government. Having been first elected to City Council in 1992 and presently serving my 7th term in office, it is my privilege for the past 20 years to represent you as your Councillor.

This issue of my Councillor's Report will provide you with information and updates about interesting community and citywide matters. I hope you take the time to read the articles and learn more about the issues, programs and news that are helping to shape our city.

As well as my newsletter, you can stay up to date on key issues and meetings

in the Ward by visiting my Ward 8 webpage at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward8](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward8). I appreciate receiving your comments, so please feel free to contact my office at 905-896-5800 with your enquiries or concerns. You can also send me an e-mail directly at [katie.mahoney@mississauga.ca](mailto:katie.mahoney@mississauga.ca). Once again, I thank you for your support and will continue to work diligently to create a safe and healthy community to live and work.

Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.

Katie Mahoney  
Councillor, Ward 8



### 3230 Mississauga Road

In November 2010 the City acquired the property at 3230 Mississauga Road, formerly owned by Bernice Inman-Emery. The property is approximately 1 acre in size and is within the Sawmill Valley Creek area. Bernice passed away in February 2009 and was known as the "bird lady" as she helped sick and injured birds on the site. The bird sanctuary began with Roy Ivor who owned the adjacent property which the City acquired over twenty years ago. Roy Ivor operated a bird sanctuary known as the "Winding Lane Wild Native Bird Sanctuary" on the lands for 50 years and wrote a book called "I live with Birds". Roy passed away in 1979. The bird sanctuary ceased operation several years ago when Bernice began to have health issues.

The acquisition of the site is important because it is part of the City's greenbelt system and provides access to the lands from Mississauga Road. The house on the site, built in the 1970's and with a long dirt driveway, has been removed to allow for natural plantings within the land and the possibility of a trail. The City did undertake a Heritage review of the property and it was determined that the house was not worthy of designation. The fireplace from the original Roy Ivor house has been retained for historical purposes.

It is planned to recognize the wonderful work by Roy and Bernice through information panels that will be installed along a trail within the area.



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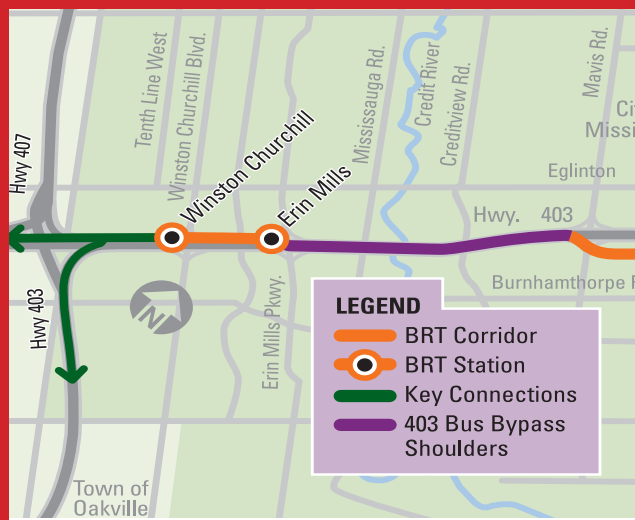


The Terrence Donnelly Health Sciences Complex at U of T Mississauga will welcome its first student, staff and faculty occupants when it opens its doors this summer. The \$37 million four-storey building is well on its way to completion and will house the Mississauga Academy of Medicine, the graduate

biomedical communications program, research laboratories, classrooms and offices. In the facility, researchers and scientists will work side by side with faculty members who will teach future medical practitioners, creating an environment that will bring theory to life for students. The Mississauga

Academy of Medicine, which will educate 54 undergraduate medical students a year, is a partnership among U of T's Faculty of Medicine, U of T Mississauga, Trillium Health Centre and Credit Valley Hospital.

## Rapid Transit Growth



### Ward 8 BRT Stations

*Two stations are to be constructed within Ward 8. One to be located at the northwest corner of Winston Churchill Boulevard and Highway 403, and one at the northwest corner of Erin Mills Parkway and Highway 403. Both stations will provide MiWay and GO Transit bus services and provide parking, (275 spaces at Winston Churchill Station and 335 spaces at Erin Mills Parkway Station). Station facilities include Kiss 'n' Ride drop off areas, heated enclosed passenger waiting areas, and full accessibility to patrons.*

The Mississauga Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project will see the creation of a dedicated east-west transit corridor (busway) across Mississauga which will run along Highway 403 (combining the use of the existing bus by-pass shoulders), Eastgate Parkway and Eglinton Avenue corridors, connecting Winston Churchill Boulevard in the west to Renforth Drive in the east.

Visit the BRT website: [www.mississauga.ca/brt](http://www.mississauga.ca/brt) for project updates and additional information. Should you have any questions

or concerns regarding the construction of the BRT, please contact:

- **W. Scott Anderson**, P.Eng., Sr. Project Manager, City of Mississauga Transportation Project Office, 905-615-3200, ext. 4399
- **Kevin Rodger** or **Glenn Caverson**, McCormick Rankin Corporation 905-823-8500
- **B. Gottardo Construction Limited** 416-745-9120

## 2011 Business Plan and Budget

The 2011 Business Plan and Budget includes some exciting new initiatives. This June, we open Mississauga Celebration Square, an outdoor event venue that will host year-round community activities. We are expanding the collections at our 18 libraries to include multiple formats and languages, and adding therapy pools at recreation facilities for our residents to enjoy. We are adding 30,000 additional transit service hours to meet the growing demand for transit in our city and we have broken ground on our Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor. We are relocating and expanding three fire stations that will allow for quicker response to emergency calls, and with the approval of our Cycling Master Plan, we expect to introduce approximately 30 kilometres of new cycling routes per year.

Visit the City's website for more information.

## Leslie Log House



The grand opening of the Leslie Log House located at 4415 Mississauga Road was held on May 14, 2011. The opening day featured tours of the building, community displays, great kid's crafts and activities and more!

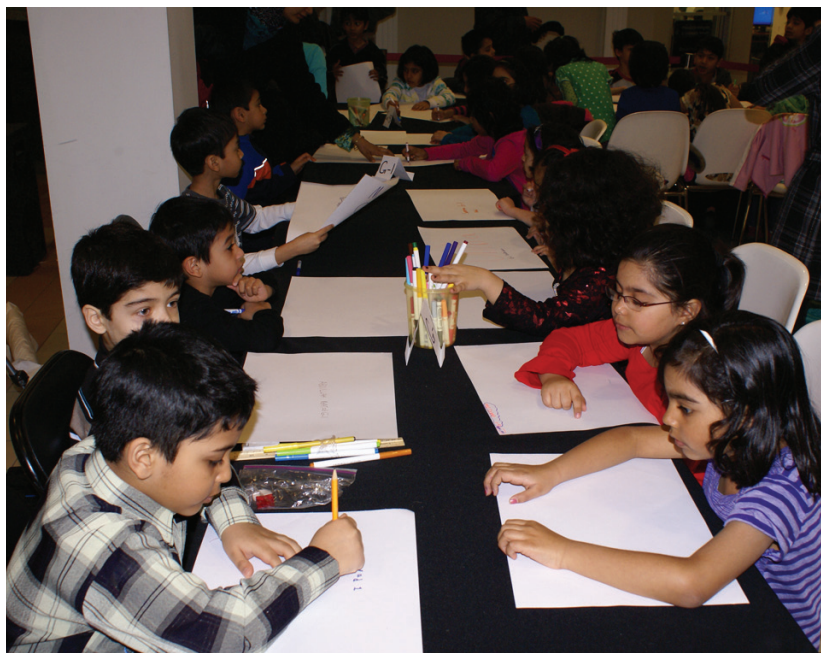
Originally located at Mississauga Road and Derry Road, the 1826 home of Robert Leslie was moved to its new site on Mississauga Road just north of the 403 a number of years ago. Now, it has been renovated to be the new home of the Streetsville Historical Society and their rich archival collection, in partnership with the Museums of Mississauga, Culture Division, City of Mississauga. There will be changing exhibit, educational programs, and meeting rentals available in this lovely heritage building.

Many thanks to our community partners including the Streetsville Historical Society, Streetsville Horticultural Society, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, and the Parks Staff, Recreation and Parks!

Future events at the Leslie Log House include Driftwood Theatre Company presenting Shakespeare Under the Stars in August, and Doors Open Mississauga on Saturday, October 1, 2011. For more information please go to [www.museumsofmississauga.ca](http://www.museumsofmississauga.ca).

## 3rd Annual "Art for Kids" Painting Event

The 3rd Annual Kids Art Event was held at Sheridan Center Mall Mississauga on March 19, 2011. There were 161 young participants. The event started at 11:00 a.m. and once the event got underway, there was a short introduction of the Sheridan Asian Community Services and Sheridan Branch Library.



A grade 6 student, Afsa, played music during the painting time. Mr. Jack, Mississauga professional artist was the special guest who selected the best 20 paintings and delivered useful tips to kids. Organizers arranged refreshment for parents and the children. The event organizers, Sheridan Branch Library and Sheridan Asian Community Services worked very hard to arrange this successful event. Sheridan Center Mall did all siting arrangement, stage and provided their space for this event. Goodie bags were also distributed to all children. The organizers thank all the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

## Did You Know?

### Council approved a new Residential Rental Accommodation Licensing By-law

Mississauga City Council approved a new Residential Rental Accommodation Licensing By-law that requires all landlords to apply on an annual basis and be granted a licence to operate a lodging house. The new bylaw enables the City to inspect an accommodation to ensure that landlords and tenants comply with property standards, City fire and building codes that protect the health and safety of all occupants in the home.

Under the by-law, a lodging house is a dwelling unit containing more than three rental rooms that are occupied by one person in each room. A maximum of four (4) lodging units are permitted in a lodging house. Lodging houses are only allowed in detached homes, and basement apartments are not permitted. A lodging house should be located in proximity to transit facilities and can be a minimum of 400 m (1,312 ft.) from another lodging house. A lodging unit is defined as a room intended for sleeping, and may contain sanitary facilities, but no appliances for storing, cooking or heating food or for washing clothes or dishes.

The City's website has information about this and other by-laws at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/bylaws](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/bylaws).



### Mississauga 3-1-1 is in Service

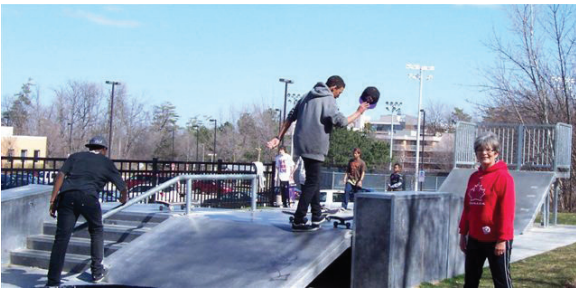
Mississauga residents are able to access City and Region of Peel information, programs and services through this 3-digit phone number or dial 905-615-4311 outside City limits.



**PEEL PLANET DAY**

On October 30, 2010 a group of student volunteers and a number of community leaders and politicians united to make a dynamic impact on their communities. Organized by Volunteering Peel and Erin Mills resident, Gary Nickerson, Peel Planet Day was founded to encourage stewardship and to simply make the Region of Peel a greener place. Peel Planet Day was hosted at the Claireville Conservation Area in Brampton where 200 youth volunteers picked up litter, planted 500 trees, built bird boxes and participated in educational workshops hosted by Brampton Clean City, One Change, and the Peel Environmental Youth Alliance. Volunteers worked hard from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and had the opportunity to be addressed by the Honorable John Wilkinson, Minister of Environment who spoke about the great work volunteers were doing to eliminate some of the carbon in our atmosphere. The Lions Club of Mississauga from Credit Valley were in attendance cooking burgers, Eugene Wilson from the City of Brampton oversaw set-up and take down and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority led the tree planting and bird box building activities. Volunteering Peel has already started to plan for its second annual Peel Planet Day with the motivation to Educate, Engage and Empower the youth in the Region of Peel.

## South Common Satellite Skate Park



The Satellite Skate Park at South Common Community Centre, an important initiative for Ward 8, opened up to the public on November 29, 2010. The Skate Park consists of prefabricated concrete skate elements consistent with the 2007 Satellite Skateboard Park recommendations. This satellite facility is the City's 8th skateboard park. It has been a huge hit with the kids in the surrounding schools who have been lining up to use the equipment, rain or shine.

South Common Community Centre programming staff are in the process of

planning some special events and programs for the youth in the area utilizing the new Skateboard Park. This is only one of the many great opportunities at the Community Centre. We continue to host our Youth Advisory Committee meetings on the first and third Friday of every month to plan new and exciting special events and programs for the youth of South Common. As well we have free drop in basketball programs on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for different age groups. At South Common we have something for everyone. Swimming lessons, dance lessons, preschool programs, sports programs and the Credit Valley Seniors club. Don't forget to visit the Library or drop by our Fitness centre to fit in a work out! To view the full program menu for South Common Community Centre visit <http://www.mississauga.ca/southcommon> or get updates from our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/southcommoncc>

The Erin Mills Tennis Club is also gearing up for another season and is always looking for new members. For more information contact [inquiries@ErinMillsTennis.ca](mailto:inquiries@ErinMillsTennis.ca) or visit them on the web at <http://www.erinmillstennis.ca>

## Playgrounds Equipment Upgrades

Under the Playground Redevelopment Program, playgrounds will be replaced this year at Arbour Green (Treetop Crescent), Glen Erin Trail (Folkway Drive), and King's Masting (Martin's Pine Crescent). The new playgrounds will include swings, slides, and spring toys meeting the current CSA Standard for playground safety. The playground at King's Masting will introduce barrier-free play features as a pilot project to improve accessibility in smaller playgrounds. 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](mailto:william.montague@mississauga.ca)

## Celebrate Canada Day at Mississauga Celebration Square

Join us on Friday, July 1 for Canada's 144th birthday on the newly renovated Mississauga Celebration Square! Free entertainment and activities for the whole family begin at 1 p.m. The night ends at 10 p.m. with a stunning fireworks show over Mississauga's City Centre.

More info on Mississauga Canada Day and the City's summer events program will be available in the coming months on the City's website.

## City's Older Adult Plan Responds to Needs of Aging Population



In the next 20 years, the City of Mississauga will experience an unprecedented demographic shift. The proportion of our population 55 years of age and older is expected to increase from approximately 20 to 38 per cent.

Mississauga has a vision of itself as an age-friendly city where older adults will lead purposeful and active lives, live in their community with dignity, integrity and independence and be able to experience a diverse range of lifestyle opportunities to pursue their personal interests. The Older Adult Plan is the framework that helps to make this vision a reality.

The initiatives outlined in the plan are led by Council, City staff, community groups and older adults throughout the city. Since the Older Adult Plan was approved in 2008, the City has made significant progress in the following key areas:

- **Older Adult Advisory Committees:** Older adults, staff, agencies and businesses that have a vested interest in the older adult population are now engaged and active in committees that help implement the Older Adult Plan initiatives.
- **Access Policy:** Low income residents, including a growing number of older adults, are now able to access municipal leisure programs and services through "ActiveAssist," a new fee assistance program.
- **Communication:** A new website "Older Adults In the Know" now provides older adult residents, their families and caregivers convenient access to a municipal information resource at [www.mississauga.ca/olderadults](http://www.mississauga.ca/olderadults)
- **Transportation:** Understanding that transportation can be a barrier to older adults, the City introduced transit services that accommodate the needs of passengers of all physical abilities, as well as ensured roadways and pathways are accessible, safe and easily navigated by our pedestrians.
- **Volunteerism:** Older adults are becoming empowered and involved by volunteering in their communities. This reduces isolation by promoting social interaction and provides opportunities for older adults to share their knowledge and skills.

For more information about the Older Adult Plan as well as City programs and services for Mississauga's older adult community, visit the City's website at [www.mississauga.ca/olderadults](http://www.mississauga.ca/olderadults) or call 3-1-1 (905-615-4311 if calling from outside city limits).

## City of Mississauga Introduces a Refreshed Litter Program

To help fight the battle against litter in Mississauga, the City is targeting the problem by changing attitudes and creating "litter consciousness."

To achieve this goal, the City refreshed its 'Don't be a LitterBug' program. This includes a number of new initiatives like the development of a 'Green Chair' program involving local schools, and a new website, which is easy to navigate for information like volunteer opportunities or adopting a park or street. In addition, the City launched a marketing campaign in March and was followed by a Litter Enforcement Blitz in April at our Transit Terminals.

### Remember Earth Day is every day!

For more information about 'Don't be a LitterBug', visit [www.mississauga.ca/litterbug](http://www.mississauga.ca/litterbug) or e-mail [litterbug@mississauga.ca](mailto:litterbug@mississauga.ca).

### Thank you to 'Don't be a LitterBug' groups in Ward 8:

**Credit Valley Horticultural Society** - Adopted Sawmill Valley Trail from Mississauga Road and the Collegeway south to Burnhamthorpe Road at the north end.

**Crane-Rodrigues Smith** – Adopted John C. Pallett Park (Glen Erin & Credit Valley).

**ICNA Canada** – Adopted South Common Woodland located northwest off South Common Community Centre parking lot in behind Erin Mills Senior Public School.



## Active Assist

Everyone should be able to participate in recreation as it brings communities together and improves lives. Recreational programs provide opportunities for you to have fun, reduce your stress level, increase your energy level, express your creativity, learn new skills and meet new people. In 2010, 5,500 benefited from the ActiveAssist program.

What is ActiveAssist? ActiveAssist is a fee assistance program designed to help low-income families and individuals in Mississauga participate in Recreation and Parks programs. Confidentiality is always maintained. This assistance is given in the form of a credit to your Recreation and Parks account.

How much do I get? Once your application is received and approved your account will be activated. Each family member on your application will receive a credit of \$275 which is valid for one year. You will receive an approval letter with account activation and registration information. You may apply for and receive the credit once per year.

The credit has no real cash value. Any refunds from cancelled or withdrawn programs will be returned to your account as a credit. Any unused credits remaining at the end of your enrolment period can not be carried over or transferred to another individual or family member or redeemed for cash.

Visit: <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/assistanceprograms> for details.

## The following streets will be resurfaced under the 2011 Resurfacing Programs. Work is anticipated to be completed prior to Nov. 1, 2011.

Street	From	To
Deer's Wold.....	King Forest Dr.....	Sherwood Forest Cir.
Fountains Abbey .....	Sherwood Forest Cir.....	End
Mississauga Road.....	Dundas Street.....	The Collegeway
Redstart Drive.....	Dundas Street .....	Sir John's Homestead
Sir John's Homestead .....	Redstart Drive .....	Dundas Street
Solitaire Court.....	Sir John's Homestead .....	End
Hornbeam Cres.....	The Collegeway.....	Chokecherry Cres.
Cabot Trail .....	Bridlepath Trail .....	Summit Court
Chase (The) .....	Credit Valley Rd.....	Eglinton Avenue East
Colter Court.....	Sawmill Valley Dr.....	End
Coppersmith Court .....	Folkway Drive .....	End
Dory Court .....	Cabot Trail.....	End
Globe Court.....	Paddock Crescent .....	End
Grindstone Court.....	Sawmill Valley Dr.....	End
Musket Court .....	Folkway Drive .....	End
Paddock Crescent.....	Bridlepath Trail .....	Bridlepath Trail
Ploughshare Court .....	Sawmill Valley Dr.....	End
Stonemason Cres.....	Sawmill Valley Dr.....	Sawmill Valley Dr.
Summit Court .....	Bridlepath Trail .....	End
Laird Road.....	Winston Churchill Blvd.....	Vega Boulevard
Vega Boulevard.....	Dundas Street.....	Laird Road

## Partnering for Patients

On April 7, 2011 the Boards of Directors of The Credit Valley Hospital and Trillium Health Centre announced their intent to voluntarily merge the two hospitals, subject to the outcomes of due diligence, to create a new, world-class community academic health network offering the best possible patient care. The proposed merger will help significantly improve health care in our community by creating a leading, dynamic and innovative health care organization will provide the best quality patient-centred care to our community, in our community, attract and retain the best healthcare professionals, be a leading innovator in healthcare well positioned to meet the increasing demands of the future, and ensure the most effective allocation and utilization of resources for our community by creating one patient experience with interdependent sites.

More information can be found at <http://partneringforpatients.ca>



## Credit Valley Hospital opens Erin Mills Regional Women's and Children's Health Centre

In May the beautiful Erin Mills Regional Women's and Children's Health Centre opened its doors at The Credit Valley Hospital. The Centre houses a comprehensive range of programs and services to meet the health care needs of women and children in Mississauga and surrounding communities. The Centre includes expanded birthing and mother-baby units and an advanced Level II Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. In addition, the Centre houses the regional paediatrics program, which includes medical and surgical inpatient and outpatient units and the largest paediatric oncology satellite program in Ontario outside of Sick Kids Hospital. A public celebration of the opening will take place in early July.

*On April 17, 2011 more than 60 kids as well as 30 leaders and parents from local 3rd and 6th Erin Mills scout groups delivered over 2,000 food bank donation bags as well as Credit Valley Hospital Plant sale fundraiser flyers to homes in the Erin Mills area. Councillor Mahoney joined the kids on Sunday as they collected 4,096 lbs of donated food. What a great response to help those in need in our community!*

