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Councillor's Message

Dear Neighbours,

It is with great pride that I entitle this edition of my Councillor's Report "Ward 7 Successes".

With the tremendous honour and privilege of having the Ward 7 voters re-elect me to City Hall for a record 8th term many of you in the Ward 7 family know me well enough to realize that my entire service to you is based on successful outcomes. Great debates that lead to nowhere are of little value to Taxpayers. It is the tangible day-to-day benefits that you see in your community such as The Queensway Multi-use Trail and the new bike lanes on Confederation, Camilla and Cliff Roads, new Civic Celebration Square, and the re-developed Huron Park Recreation Centre that truly add to our quality of life. These are the types of initiatives that I will continue to pursue on your behalf. This is

why I am so delighted to have this opportunity to update you on more successful outcomes within the Ward 7 family, particularly a milestone achievement regarding the Flooding along the Cooksville Creek.

I hope you enjoy this Report, and based on your comments on past issues, I trust it will again be well received.

Should you have any concerns or questions, our professional team in the Ward 7 Office would welcome your call. My Executive Assistant Barbara Johnstone can be contacted at 905-615-4614 and our new Administrative Assistant Carmen Mach-Fell can be reached at 905-896-5700.

This is also the first Report that the Ward 7 family has received since the retirement of Brenda Robertson from the Ward 7 Office

after 23 years as my Administrative Assistant. Hundreds of you have commented on what a great service she was to our community and the cheerful, professional manner with which she dealt with Ward 7 constituents. Carmen has proven to provide the same quality of service and it is only because Barbara and Carmen run the day-to-day operations in the Ward 7 Office so smoothly that I am permitted to pursue legacy projects such as the Hancock Woodlands, Queensway Trail and the Civic Celebration Square that are of lasting benefit to the quality of life of all constituents.

Our door is always open and we would love to be of service.

Best personal regards,

New Cooksville Secondary Plan and Official Plan Update

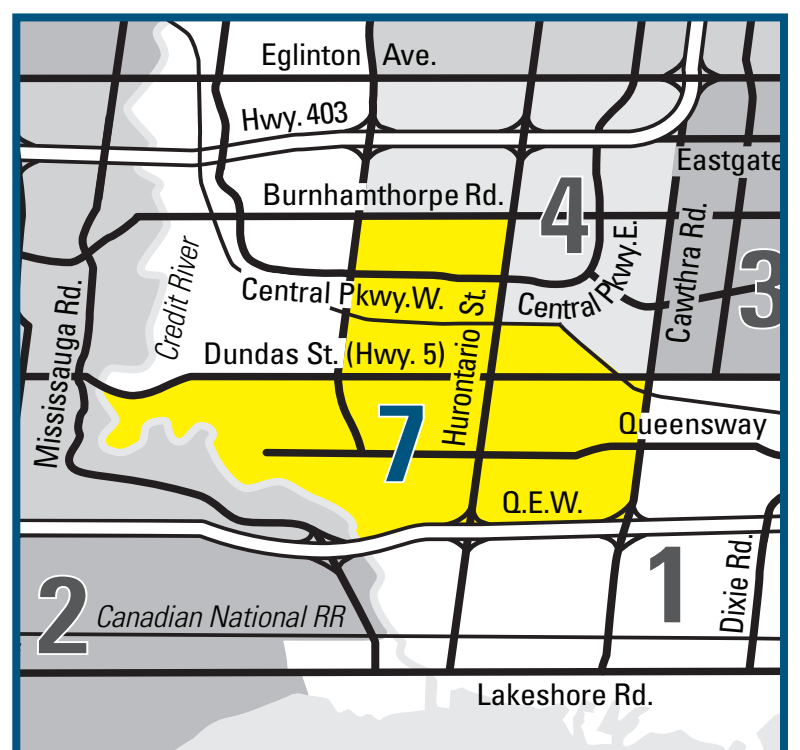
As much as I take great pride in the physical achievements we have attained, this is a somewhat unusual success because it speaks to what we will not be doing. The Cooksville Secondary plan was up for review and revision this past year and a great deal of community stakeholders and I spent a considerable amount of time consulting with municipal planning staff to establish the planning framework for the communities on both sides of Highway 10 north of the Queen Elizabeth Way generally known as Cooksville Munden Park, the Gordon Woods and approximately all the way west to the Credit River.

In what is unquestionably the greatest initiative to preserve residential communities in this City, I am absolutely delighted to advise you that Council recently received the report from staff which more or less dictates that all future development in the heart of these communities must conform to the single detached residential character of these areas. What is even more dramatic, as my friends in the Gordon Woods are well aware, is that the Policies in this new document were recently challenged by a land developer in the Gordon Woods who wished to create 80 foot frontage lots where only 100 foot frontages are and will continue to be permitted. The Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) actually upheld the provisions of our new Secondary Plan. This gives you an idea of how

powerful a document we have created and how practical its usage can be applied in actual outcomes before the OMB.

The simple explanation for why we have been successful in obtaining such a dramatic outcome is entirely due to the broader planning context I have been able to instil in the Ward 7 community over the last 20 years and foreseeable future. So while we are still entirely subject to the dictates of the Province of Ontario who have passed legislation related to "Residential Intensification" and "Places to Grow" we have set up a zoning and planning framework in Ward 7 that says we will take our fair share of development but only along the major intensification corridors of Highway 5 and Highway 10 and at the two specific nodes of Cooksville and the Downtown Core.

You are also well aware that the new bus rapid transit line which Council has approved will be running along the spine of Hurontario from the Port Credit Go Station up through Cooksville beyond our Downtown Core and into Brampton. In other words, our transportation policy dovetails beautifully with our planning policy which is why we have the right to direct



Ward 7's boundaries

medium and high density development along these corridors and nodes.

The additional benefit, and interesting irony, is that virtually all of us in the Ward 7 family agree that the historic four corners of Cooksville need this redevelopment which will also achieve the added benefit of preserving our existing residential communities.

Cooksville Creek Blockbuster

The first special project I ever started after being elected in 1988 was the historic problem of flooding in the Cooksville Creek. During my research I was startled to learn, as many of you would later find out, that residential properties some distance away from the Cooksville Creek had the potential to flood. I was more surprised to learn that no one had actually mapped the flooding problem for two decades before me, and would go on to be completely flabbergasted when I had the mapping done over the next several years at the dramatic depth and breadth of the problem.

Putting aside theoretical plans and maps, we all witnessed first-hand the devastation this neglected corridor would bear during the August 4th and August 9th storms in 2009. Notwithstanding the damage that was caused, the silver lining of that event was that all of Council and the entire City now had first-hand evidence of what we in the Cooksville community have been attempting to deal with over the last 20 years.

With this heightened awareness, the City established the Cooksville Creek Task Force which recently reported back on their findings and the projects that can be undertaken to mitigate the flooding. I am absolutely delighted to advise you of the following. The technical experts have reported back on various measures that will dramatically mitigate the flooding. They generally fall into two categories; creating more storage for water during peak flows, and also increasing the capacity of the Cooksville Creek to accommodate greater flows at any given time.

As it relates to creating greater storage, the newest technique we wish to implement is really as old as time and involves the creation of underground storage wells on municipal lands within this flood plain to temporarily store water during peak flooding conditions. The second design solution is to expand the capacity of maximum flows along the Creek itself. Unfortunately, although the design and engineering of the solutions are relatively straight forward, it is estimated the cost to implement all of the remediation is somewhere between \$150 to \$200M - the majority of which is unfunded in our budgets. But the tremendous news which I am delighted to announce on behalf of the Ward 7 community is that two of the more immediate solutions for which we have been able to provide the funding are the expansion of the two bridges in Ward 7 at King Street West and Paisley Boulevard West.

I am pleased to remind you that during my service as your Councillor the two other major bridges in Ward 7 along this watercourse at Kirwin Avenue and Dundas Street have already received such expansion. It is also because of my effort that almost \$10M of work has been done and/or budgeted for continuing remediation such that some of the funding was already ear-marked for further works to be done which we will direct to expanding these two bridges. The dramatic result that we will achieve according to the experts is that we now will have reduced the maximum peak flows of storm water along the Cooksville Creek in our ward from 220 cubic metres per second to 120 cubic metres per second; this amounts to reducing the 100 year flow almost in half.

Engineering and construction of these works which may also include the building of additional berms along the creek in Ward 7, is expected to be completed over the next 2 to 3 years. You all know that as soon as the engineering work has been done I will host a Public Meeting with all of you who live in the Ward 7 Cooksville Creek watershed to provide all of the detail on this tremendous outcome.

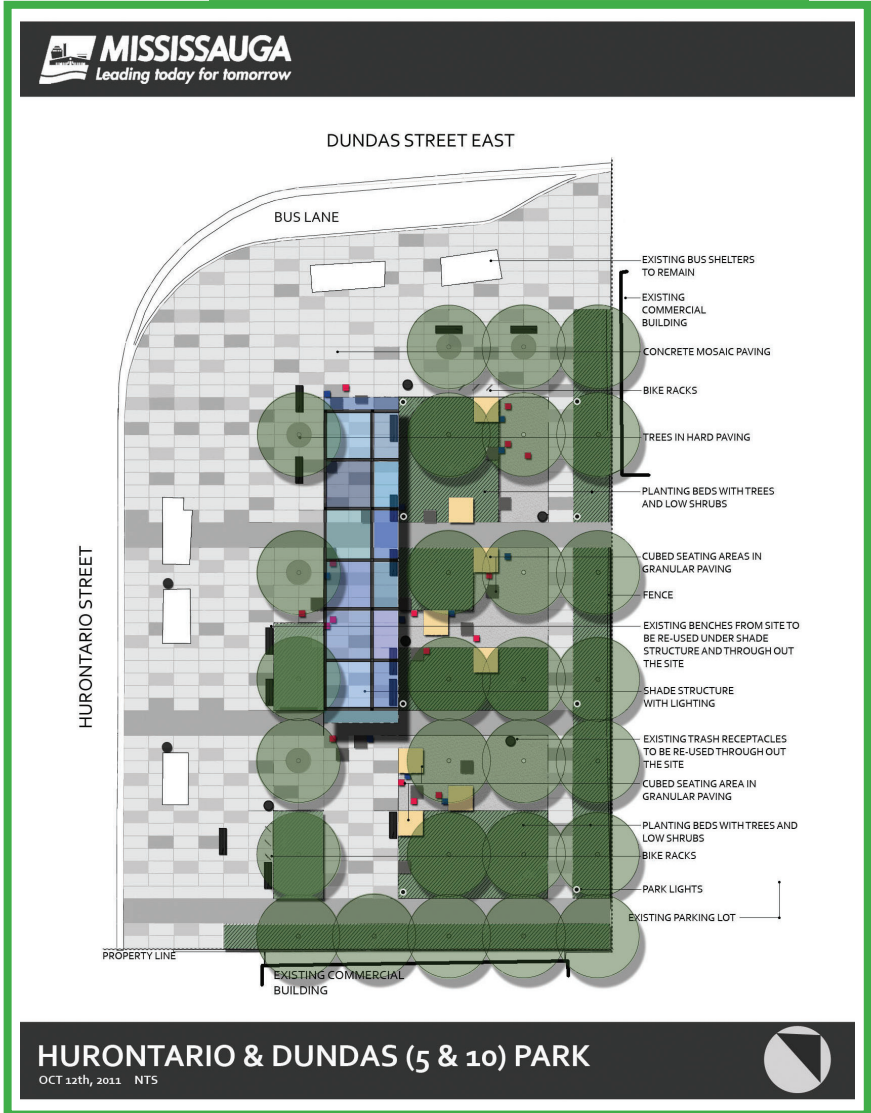
This was a really big item on my “To Do List”. And while no one can guarantee this will forever control Mother Nature, it provides a dramatic improvement and welcomed outcome to our 20 year quest.

Celebration Square

Finally...“Our Great Public Space and Meeting Place”. Many of you know that it has been a dream of mine since first elected to Council and what a tremendous joy to now have our magnificent Civic Square. It has become an overnight success and with the added benefit of the tremendous summer weather we enjoyed has overwhelmingly exceeded our wildest expectations regarding the hundreds of thousands of visits it has already received. Many of you will recall I ran this \$40M initiative up the flagpole many times at City Hall only to have it regularly turned down during the budget process. Yet fate and opportunity shined on us when the Federal and Provincial governments announced their Infrastructure Stimulus Funding program for job-ready projects and my plea to Council to place it at the top of our list along with our one third of the committed funding was answered. With thanks to our Federal and Provincial partners for their one third of the funding each, I have to acknowledge the special efforts of local Member of Parliament, Bob Dechert who spent a considerable amount of time over a Christmas holiday season conversing with me to iron out the details of the project so he was then able to have it treated as a priority in Ottawa.

Finally, you may be surprised to learn that one of the greatest beauties I see in the Civic Square, which also extends to our Queensway Multi-use Trail and properties such as the Hancock Woodlands and Kariya Park, is that they are free to all with no user fee. Just as importantly, as taxpayers you and I do not have to provide wages, benefits, heating and air conditioning which are the costlier side of government spending to enjoy these outdoor gems. And get ready for next year! Now that we know what we have got and the tremendous usage it is receiving, you can expect quite a list of free programming such that you really don’t have to check any schedule before coming down because you know you will encounter activity and be amongst friends any time you show up – which is truly the hallmark of “Great Public Spaces and Meeting Places”.

“Four Corners” Park

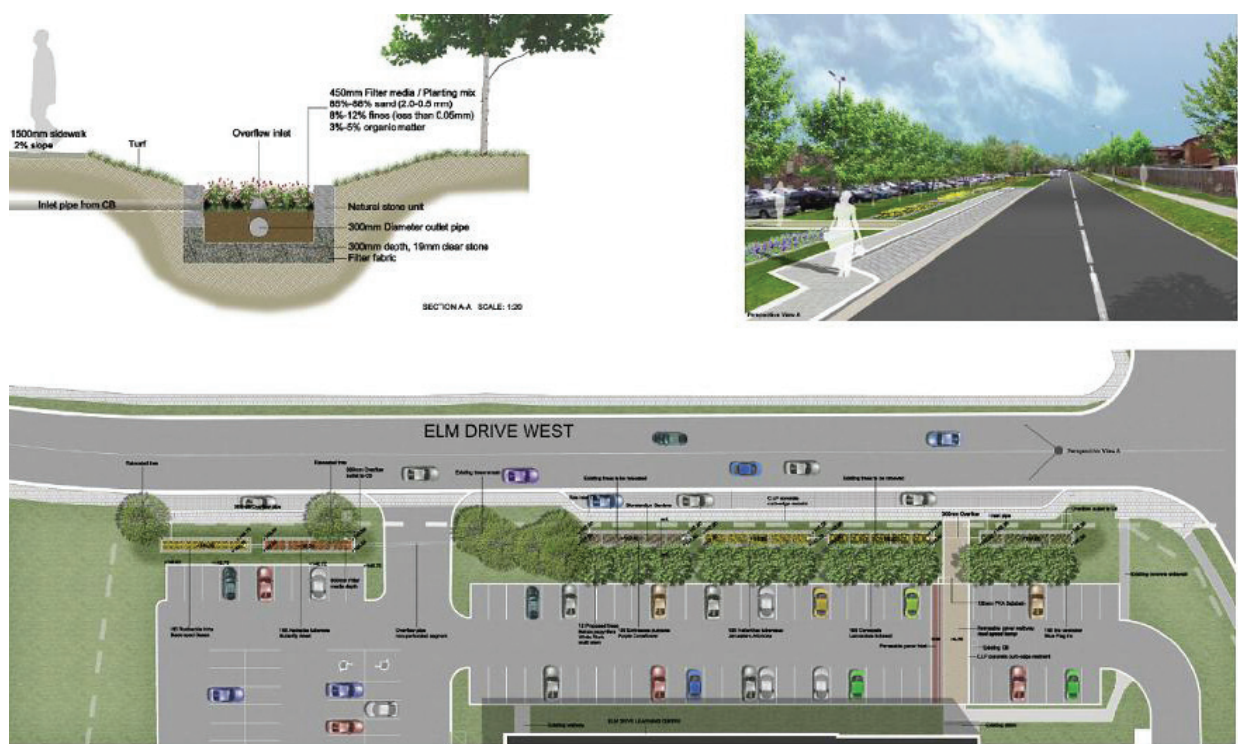


The south east corner of Dundas and Hurontario Street presents a unique challenge and a significant opportunity. After having the City acquire the property, I initiated a quick face lift in 2009 so that, while we discussed the long-term plan for this site, it would be more accommodating for public use in the interim. The benches and trash receptacles were added just to get us by for a few years until we were ready to move forward with a more creative plan.

Since this first step, the City has partnered with a local business owner who will be donating labour, materials, and construction equipment to create an urban park at this corner. The design and features are currently being developed with a focus to provide a full renewal of this corner for the residents of Cooksville and the thousands of people who pass through it on a daily basis.

Following extensive consultation with the benefactor and the City’s Consultant, I approved an exciting new concept that will turn this site into a people place where all can wait for the bus, people watch, gather or relax while enjoying new and varied seating arrangements in the sun or shade. Extensive tree and low planting beds allowing for clear sight lines are intended to turn this former gas service station into a green oasis at what is commonly known as the “Four Corners”. The design includes paved spaces for circulation and group gathering and lighting for ambience and security. Park signage has also been incorporated into the design to welcome people, communicate the site’s history, and acknowledge the Donor.

The construction schedule is yet to be finalized; however, construction is anticipated to be completed by the end of summer 2012.



Elm Drive and Erindale Village Low Impact Development

The City of Mississauga and Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) partnered with the Peel District School Board to develop a “Green Street” pilot project for Elm Drive in Ward 7.

As many of the residents in the Cookville Creek area are aware, more frequent and severe rain events have increased urban flooding, and in August 2009 the Creek flooded its banks causing far-reaching damage to both public and private property.

To help address the rising concern over urban flooding, the Elm Drive pilot project incorporated green features such as permeable pavement and bioretention planters that filter and store water that runs off roads and parking lots before it enters the Cookville Creek and Lake Ontario. This technology is referred to as Low Impact Development (LID).

The Elm Drive plan included sidewalks on both sides of the road to connect Joan Drive to Kariya Drive; permeable parking lay-bys that increase stormwater infiltration by allowing water to soak into joints between paving stones and into the ground, and Bioretention planters that utilize the biological and physical properties of plants and soils to treat stormwater run-off. The planters are designed to mimic natural conditions that promote infiltration, retention, and the slow release of clean stormwater run-off before it enters our waterways.

As part of the ongoing study of LID Practices, the City of Mississauga will continue to monitor the stormwater flow and run-off volumes. The collection of data has already begun and the post retrofit data indicates

that the bioretention cells will reduce existing run-off volumes by 71% during a two year storm event and 23% during a 100 year storm event - a marked difference to the pre-construction volumes.

In keeping with the City’s new Strategic Plan and in particular, the Living Green pillar, I have proposed the Erindale Village as a potential pilot project for LID technology in the future. It was my pleasure to host two of our Erindale Village residents at a recent LID Conference which was facilitated by the Credit Valley Conservation aptly called “Transforming to a Green Economy”. Colleen Peddle, President of the Village Homeowners’ Association and area resident Janet Miazga were invited to attend the Conference on October 3rd where the former Mayor of Chicago, Richard Daley was the keynote speaker.

As well as a tour of the Elm Drive project, the afternoon session included a trip to Green Glade Public School and their outdoor classroom where local students have planted Fusion and Rain Gardens and Lakeside Park; all projects that incorporate LID technology.

I take this opportunity to thank Colleen and Janet for showing such keen interest and for taking the time out of their busy lives to attend the Conference in addition to the on-going efforts of Andy Bourgeois. I also reiterate my commitment to advocate on behalf of the Erindale Village community to include Low Impact Development as part of a complete road rehabilitation in the near future.

Emergency Preparedness

The City of Mississauga is well prepared to handle emergencies. The City of Mississauga Emergency Plan is a tool to assist emergency personnel in their response to emergency situations. The plan is reviewed annually and outlines action for the efficient deployment and co-ordination of city services, support agencies, and personnel to provide the earliest possible response in order to: protect and preserve the life, health, and safety of the residents and businesses of Mississauga as well as preserve property and environment.

Emergencies are situation, threats, or serious situations that will adversely affect a significant number of persons, properties, or areas. By their nature or magnitude, these situations may require municipal expenditures, requests for additional resources, provisions for emergency shelter, or evacuation. These situations are distinct from normal operations where coordinated activities among agencies are adequate to resolve the situation.

Mississauga’s Emergency Management Office works under the direction of the City’s Emergency Management Program Committee and is responsible for the development, implementation, and overall emergency management initiatives in support of citywide preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery in emergency situations. This includes the development, updating and execution of policies and procedures to be adopted in regard to prevention, preparedness, response and recovery phases of emergencies.

The office ensures development and delivery of adequate training of all City staff, elected officials, external agencies and volunteers involved in an Emergency Program. It also promotes emergency preparedness for all citizens of the City of Mississauga.

Visit the Emergency Management Office website www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/emergencymanagement for the City’s Emergency Plan and information on how to prepare your family for emergencies such as floods and extreme weather conditions.

Did You Know?

The width of your driveway is regulated under the Zoning Bylaw. Before making changes to the size of your driveway pad, check the City’s website for Zoning Bylaw details 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 www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/bylaws.

The Fitness Institute Site (North east corner North Service Road and Cliff Road)

Residents in the area who will have received notice or attended one of the many Public Meetings I have had on this project will be very pleased to learn that we have achieved a major success regarding the

future development of this site. I am pleased to officially advise you that the component of this proposal that included two high density point tower buildings on the corner have now been abandoned in favour of maintaining a renewed Fitness Institute. What this means is that the balance of the site is continuing to come forward for redevelopment but will only include new retail commercial space, townhomes, and

a seniors project of approximately 10 storeys that will front on the Cliff Road portion of the site opposite the existing building on the west side of Cliff Road. Additional approvals are still required and I will again be coming back to the community with a Public Meeting in advance of the future Planning and Development Committee meeting to be held at City Hall.

Stay Tuned

Queensway Multi-use Trail

I continue to work with our Community Services staff to implement our tree planting and naturalization plan along the Queensway Multi-use Trail. Many of you may recall that this trail was built on land leased from Hydro such that all planting concepts require their approval. *Stay tuned...*

Bicycle Lanes in Ward 7

In order to provide residents with enhanced cycling opportunities that connect to the Queensway Multi-use Trail, I recently advocated for bike lanes on Kirwin Avenue, Webb Drive between Duke of York and Grand Park Drive and Camilla Road between North Service Road and Dundas Street. In addition to the bicycle lanes on Cliff Road and the Multi-use Trail, Ward 7 now boasts the most connective network of bicycle lanes in the entire City. And I also have a new dream to add a dedicated pedestrian and bike crossing of the QEW to connect Mississauga Road to the corner of Stavebank Road and Premium Way by extending the trail over the Credit River when the Ministry of Transportation rebuilds this bridge. I have introduced this proposal to Council and staff have advised the implementation is not that difficult if done as part of the bridge rebuild. *More to Come...*

Harborn Road/Mary Fix Creek Culvert

As part of the 2011 Capital Works Program work has begun on the culvert replacement on Harborn Road over the Mary Fix Creek. As a result of the limited working area, location of utilities, road width and depth, it is necessary to close Harborn Road at the culvert for the duration of the construction. I spoke to the issue at Council and gave clear direction that this project should be completed quickly in order to minimize the impact on the surrounding community.

Speed Monitors on Stavebank Road

I advocated for Speed Monitoring devices to be installed on Stavebank Road and Premium Way this past spring. This much sought-after pilot program captures a motorists' optimum speed using a solar panel to supply power. A radar detector measures the speed of approaching traffic and if a particular vehicle exceeds the pre-set threshold speed, the sign will illuminate warning the driver that they are exceeding the speed limit. Seems simple enough...but it works!

Isabella Ave. and Stillmeadow Woodlot

In partnership with the Peel Regional Police and City of Mississauga Corporate Security and Parks Department, we continue to carefully monitor the illegal activity in the Stillmeadow Woodlot. With a zero-tolerance for the cars that park on Isabella Avenue or Stillmeadow Road in order to access the woodlot to conduct unwelcomed business we have noted a marked decrease in activity. With a reminder to all residents that our woodlots close at dusk and with the positive results of our still-active and successful campaign, we celebrated with local residents in May when we met at the end of Isabella Avenue to share a BBQ.

Hancock Woodland Property (Camilla Road)

I take this opportunity to extend my sincere appreciation to the folks who took the time to attend the Public Engagement Meeting for the Hancock Woodlands property on October 5th - it was a very productive evening!

Parks Development staff made a brief presentation and update on the redevelopment project schedule, then we really got down to business. The room was buzzing with excitement as you shared your views and ideas that will help to formulate the common vision for the future of this property.

Tax

On review of the Customer Service Strategy, I noted with great interest that the majority of the calls to our new 311 Call Centre are related to property tax information. The largest number of calls are for tax account balances, and combined with requests for general tax, tax payment options they far out-number all other calls for information. This concerns me but does not surprise me. It is the reason why I will continue to view all City and Regional initiatives from the perspective of what the cost is to us as Taxpayers.

Tree Planting

I continue in my efforts to engage our local youth in naturalization projects in our community. This year, students from St. Jerome School and youth from the Huron Park Youth Group planted seedlings along the Huron Park/Queensway entrance and the Stillmeadow Woodlot. Upcoming initiatives include Brickyard Park adjacent to Father Daniel Zanon School.

If you were unable to attend the Workshop and have some ideas you would like to share, please contact my office at 905-615-4614 to request a Comment Sheet.

As discussed at the Engagement Meeting, the City will be installing a chain link fence to secure the site until park construction is completed in 2013. In addition, the City has developed a comprehensive maintenance plan for ongoing weeding and removal of invasive plants, mulching of azaleas and rhododendrons, tree maintenance and the identification of the historic woodland trails for future delineation.

Once your ideas have been consolidated I will be hosting another public meeting so that we can elaborate on our plans.

As many of you will recall, this City treasure was purchased when I was able to procure the funding, and the Hancock family were very reasonable in their demands as Sellers. I have also obtained \$600,000 in the upcoming budget so that we can shape this site in keeping with the wishes of the Community.



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