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## Councillor's Message

Dear Neighbours,

I am pleased to bring you another edition of my Councillor's Report. I have highlighted issues and information that will be of interest to you and the many diverse communities that make up Ward 7. I did not produce a City Newsletter in 2008, electing instead to distribute a Regional Newsletter that focused on social housing, waste management, policing and crime prevention and environmental services; all topics that are dealt with at the Region of Peel where I serve alongside my duties as a City Councillor. This was a conscious choice that in these challenging economic times saved taxpayers \$7,000.

This Winter 2009/2010 Report is full of good news for Ward 7 and brings you information on the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding; the new Highway 10/QEW Interchange; Queensway Multi-Purpose Trail, and the Cooksville Four Corners Parkette improvements. I am working on a number of significant initiatives that will have a positive impact on the Ward 7 community but are yet to be finalized or ratified by Council. They will be the focus of my next Councillor's Report in the spring of 2010.

I hope you will find this edition informative, and based on your comments on past issues I trust it will again be well-received.

Our professional team in the Ward 7 office welcomes the opportunity to assist you in any matter of concern. My Executive Assistant, Barbara Johnstone, can be contacted at 905-615-4614 and Brenda Robertson, my long-time Administrative Assistant, can be reached at 905-896-5700.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and input; it is a privilege to represent you at City Hall.

Best personal regards,

## WARD 7 UNDER CONSTRUCTION

I devote much of this Newsletter to the tremendous amount of construction taking place in the City of Mississauga. This is a concerted effort on the part of the Federal, Provincial and your local government here at City Hall to try and keep people working during the economic downturn. We are very fortunate in the Ward 7 community to be receiving the 'Lions Share' of this funding and by the time it is complete we truly will have transformed Ward 7, particularly in the historic four corners of Cooksville and the Downtown core. This transformation has been a long-term goal of mine and I am also aware

that many of you consider it long overdue. When all the work is done I am certain that you will all be very pleased with the transformation and so I take this opportunity

with what will probably be an historic newsletter to provide a chronicle and a vision of what is unfolding. So please join me in this walk around Ward 7.



## Bus Rapid Transit for Dundas and Hurontario Streets

An enormous piece of the puzzle fell into place when, in conjunction with the transportation planning exercise through the province of Ontario, the Provincial government came back and told us that two of the most important initiatives in the GTA were the upgrading of Hurontario Street from the QEW to Brampton as a Bus Rapid Transit Corridor and a similar upgrade for Dundas Street from Toronto to Hurontario Street.

This transformation at the four corners will also include a new Transit Hub created by acquiring more land at the four corners, most likely on the northeast corner to be added to the existing open parking lot, which many of the Old-Timers will recall was a Fire Hall, so that this quadrant can be converted into the main transit transfer station in the heart of Cooksville.



## Cooksville Four Corners Parkette

I have always believed great communities are defined by great public spaces. The best example is the European Town Square or "Piazza". It has served as a Community's information highway long before there was an internet. With all of the developments now taking place and the fact that we are now focusing on the north-east corner as the main transit hub, this allows us to fulfill my long-term dream of finally being able to build a permanent parkette on the south-east corner of Highway 5 & 10. In addition to approximately half a million dollars of funding I have obtained from the City for this project, I'm absolutely delighted to advise you that a long-time Cooksville family will also be making an additional donation of several hundred thousand dollars of the materials needed to build the new parkette. And if you'll permit me a personal aside, it was on this site that in the 1950's a young Italian immigrant named Mario got off a bus and took his first step in Cooksville only knowing the two words "Cooksville" and "Brickyard". The first person he encountered immediately understood the context and pointed him westbound on Dundas Street towards Mavis Road to the site of the Old Domtar Brickyard Quarry. He walked up the hill and was immediately hired and was happy to live like so many others in the old Military Barracks that were constructed on the site for the Prisoners of War from the Second World War. He proceeded to devote the next forty years of his life making bricks by hand so that his family could have a better life. Mario was my father and he lived long enough to see his son get elected to public office and eventually re-zone all of Brickyard lands into the marvellous and self-sufficient High Park subdivision. I trust he will look down on the new parkette fondly. I love to re-tell this story, not just because of its sentimental value to the Iannicca family and the old 'Cooksville Cottagers' but because it is another small example of why we live in the best country in the World.



## Queensway Multi-Purpose Trail

In travelling north along Hurontario from the QEW to Dundas Street you will cross the Queensway which is the main residential arterial road in Ward 7. Phase One of this Trail has commenced from its western terminus at Old Carriage and Glengarry that will take us to Cawthra Road. When Phase Two is completed from this point easterly to Etobicoke you will be able to walk, ride your bike, rollerblade, or take a leisurely stroll from Huron Park to Sherway Gardens. You will also be aware that as part of the project to upgrade the municipal services for the emerging downtown core near City Hall which run under Confederation Road, that I was successful in obtaining a dedicated bicycle lane as part of the rehabilitation program. Between the Queensway Multi-Purpose Trail and the Bicycle lane on Confederation you will soon be able to use anything other than a car to traverse our entire ward. Many of you would be aware that this corridor also includes the re-constructed Huron Park Recreational Centre which is a constant 'Beehive of Activity'. Another wonderful asset is the re-zoning I approved for the now completed construction of the new wing of the Trillium Hospital.

The news gets even better. I have been successful in obtaining dedicated bicycle lanes for Camilla and Cliff Road when both streets are completely reconstructed in 2011. When all of these works are completed we will have achieved the finest pedestrian and bicycle-friendly community in the City.



## The last piece of the puzzle... T.L. Kennedy Secondary School Re-construction – New Cooksville Community Centre and Library – New Cooksville Urban Park

The vision that I have for our community will never be complete without constructing the finest community centre in the City in Cooksville. It is the biggest piece of the puzzle that substantiates and gives reasons for all of the infrastructure being invested in historic Cooksville. As I remind my colleagues regularly, and as many of you have heard me say before, you cannot live in the highest density residential node in the City, then add all of this transportation infrastructure thereby creating the environment for the re-development of Cooksville by way of residential intensification, and then destroy the perfect plan by providing absolutely no social or recreational services forcing everybody to travel away to fulfill these basic needs turning the perfect "smart growth" model into "stupid growth".

I am very excited to advise you that a very prominent and well respected land development company have seized upon my idea for T.L. Kennedy and want to see if they can make it happen. The reason why this private/public sector partnership is so important is because I am trying to achieve this transformation on the T.L. Kennedy site with absolutely no taxpayer dollars. The proponent would have to re-build T.L. Kennedy School on a much smaller and taller floor plate; build a first-class community centre and library adjacent to the school, and on the remainder of the lands pay for their initiative by building an appropriate amount of condominium housing. The tremendous advantages such an initiative would bring to Cooksville and all taxpayers are endless. Students immediately get a brand new school which is certainly needed but is otherwise not funded; Cooksville gets its community centre and library; residential density is being built where it appropriately belongs keeping it out of established residential neighbourhoods; the community centre and library fulfill needs of the students in the adjacent new school; the new residential condominiums now have no need for individual and expensive recreational facilities but instead have a special arrangement with the City where for a fee they are monthly members of the community centre thereby dramatically reducing the annual taxpayer operating costs of the facility. And finally, the entire new complex is of tremendous benefit to the existing residents of Cooksville. All told, in conjunction with all of the projects noted above, it will serve as the centrepiece and catalyst for the revitalization of the historic centre of the City.

It also needs to be stressed that the province has made it very clear that by funding infrastructure and creating legislation that mandate residential intensification that we are compelled by law to accommodate more and more new residents in the urban centres of the Province. In putting forward the model I have described, we have laid the foundation to preserve communities such as Cooksville Munden Park, the Gordon Woods, Huron Park, Erindale Village, and Fairview, because instead of throwing the NIMBY argument back at the developers and province (which ultimately gets you a hearing before the OMB), we are instead saying that we welcome development where it is appropriate provided the necessary infrastructure and recreational facilities are in place. In Ward 7 that means only along the Hurontario and Dundas Street corridors and in the re-developing Cooksville node and emerging City Centre.

We have a long way to go, we need a lot of help from our partners, but I hope this vision I have been working towards for almost two decades is something you welcome as long overdue and has your support. I would certainly love to hear your comments.



## CIVIC SQUARE

The Civic Square itself will soon become our City's greatest meeting place. You all know how strongly I felt about this initiative simply because it addresses the need for our young City to grow from a functional habitat into a vibrant and animated community with a Soul.

The new Civic Square will include an expanded ice skating rink and a new water feature; a permanent sound stage; a re-developed amphitheatre, raised gardens, and a library pavilion. In addition the new Civic Square will have a state-of-the-art media wall facing into the Library and Civic Square, and memorial and recognition features. As part of the re-development many infrastructure repairs are being done

including underground parking lot repairs and site servicing upgrades to support market and food vendors. Originally constructed as two separate squares, the Library and Civic Square will now be accessible and will represent one consecutive concourse which is capable of supporting larger events and will become a welcomed and dynamic venue for signature events both large and small. To this end, City Centre Drive, the roadway between the Library and Civic Square will be reduced to two lanes of traffic through the central part of the squares and will be graded to remove barrier curbs to allow the space to function for unimpeded pedestrian movement when the road is closed for events.



## DID YOU KNOW

**Did you Know** all Council and Committee Meetings are open to the public. Come into Council Chambers and experience local politics in person. Visit the City's website at [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca) for a full schedule and details on upcoming meetings.

**Did you Know** the City recognizes Mississauga residents celebrating 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th and 70th Wedding Anniversaries, or 90th, 95th, 100th, or 105th Birthdays. Requests for a plaque can be made by visiting [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca). Six weeks notice is required, though requests should be made no earlier than four months before the milestone. For more information, please call 905-896-5000.

**Did you Know** Enersource is responsible for street lights. Call Enersource Hydro Mississauga Services at 905-566-2718 to report that the street light is not working. You can also visit [www.enersource.com](http://www.enersource.com) and use the convenient link on that page to report a street light out. If there is a light not working in a park, please call Facilities and Property Management at 905-615-4999. They are responsible for the maintenance of park lights.

## Highway 10/QEW Interchange

This provincial initiative by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario will dramatically improve the historic gateway into the City. We are advised that all of the work shall be completed early in 2010. The simplest way I can describe the outcome is to tell you that the interchange and the service roads here at Highway 10 and the QEW will be designed almost identical to the existing interchange immediately to the east at the QEW and Cawthra Road. The local successes we achieved as part of this provincial plan were to ensure that the west-bound off-ramp of the QEW would not align with Premium Way thereby preventing vehicles travelling 100 km per hour on this road if they were to catch a green light when crossing Highway 10. We also ensured that the existing pedestrian underground tunnel in close proximity to the Ontario Provincial Police office on the south side of the QEW will remain.

## Cooksville Go Train Station \$30 Million Upgrade

The infrastructure bonanza continues with the funding from Go Transit to dramatically improve parking, vehicle, and pedestrian movements at the Cooksville Go Train Station. We are already in discussion with the appropriate Transportation Departments to determine how best to loop the Highway 5 and 10 bus rapid transit with the enhanced Cooksville Go to make this service as seamless as possible. You now have a greater appreciation as to why I fought so hard as part of the CPR/Hurontario Railroad overpass re-construction to ensure we punched through those two pedestrian corridors which I knew in years to come would be an integral part of the bigger picture. As well, once you have reached Burnhamthorpe Road from Hurontario and proceed west to get to the Civic Centre it was a great deal of planning and foresight to ensure that all of the buildings on the south side of Burnhamthorpe Road were deliberately set back from the roadway and included in their designs a wide pedestrian Esplanade built entirely at the Developers' expense. This initiative along with the opening up of Confederation Road which now links up with McLaughlin, and the soon-to-be realized completion of the eastern end of Webb Drive so that it will finally link up with Kariya at the Sussex Centre means another huge piece of the puzzle will fall into place. I soon hope to actually reduce the width of Burnhamthorpe Road because we want to build a downtown core for people and not for cars. More to come...



# The Ticking Time Bomb...

I hope that in the 21 years that I have had the privilege of serving as your Municipal Councillor at City Hall you have come to know me as someone who focuses on the 'Big Picture'. This is why I devote so much of my time to the long-term operating and capital budgets of the City simply because all too often politicians throughout the world focus solely on the short term defined by when the next election might be. The short sighted and unsustainable policies has created what I refer to as the biggest Ticking Time Bomb we face. It is for this reason that I drafted the enclosed resolution carried by our Council and addressed to the Provincial government to try and get a handle on the ever escalating wages and benefits we pay to those of us who are privileged enough to work in the government sector. It acknowledges the fact, long understood by those in the private sector, that based on the prevailing economic climate, wage and price adjustments have to constantly be made both on the upside and especially on the downside. Unfortunately, for the reasons outlined in my Motion, these downward adjustments never occur in the government sector, and yet they are long overdue.

### RESOLUTION 0136-2009

adopted by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Mississauga at its meeting on June 24, 2009

Moved by: N. Iannicca    Seconded by: F. Dale

Whereas the global economic recession continues to harshly impact all Taxpayers;

And whereas those of us who have the privilege of serving in the public sector enjoy the job security that comes with providing essential services such that our employment, wages, benefits, and pensions have been largely unscathed;

And whereas the private and global market place has generated harsh re-adjustments with the Canadian Automobile and Parts Manufacturing sector as a dramatic example whose Union went so far as to re-open fairly bargained contracts to deal with the crisis, while the Public Service has avoided such dramatic and profound readjustment;

And whereas the time has come for those of us in the public sector to fairly and equally share some of the burden faced by our fellow taxpayers, but municipal councils are impeded and prevented from taking many actions due to the long term contracts with unionized staff signed in better times, the inability to reopen such contracts, and other impediments in the form of provincial legislation and bodies such as arbitration tribunals;

And whereas said restrictions with unionized public sector staff would force us to unfairly and disproportionately place the burden solely on our non unionized staff, or those unions with the unfortunate timing of having their contracts expire in the midst of this crisis, with some going so far as to threaten strike action when thousands harshly hit by the recession would gladly accept these jobs, or any other job in the public sector;

Therefore, be it resolved that the City of Mississauga Council petitions the Premier of Ontario to take a leadership role on behalf of all Ontarians and pass the enabling legislation to freeze all wages and benefits for all Ontario public sector employees for a one year period; respectfully making this request after having already approved such a freeze on our wages and benefits, and a 10% reduction on our expenses.

## Some Winter Fun at Terra Cotta...

My duties on your behalf include sitting on the Board of the Credit Valley Conservation. I am pleased to let you know we have just completed a major upgrade of the Terra Cotta Conservation Area but the word has not gotten out yet because the information did not make its way into the various Region of Peel Parks and Recreation publications. This gives you and your

family a great opportunity to take advantage of some fantastic winter fun before this new attraction is rediscovered by our one million neighbours in the Region.

Terra Cotta Conservation Area offers 12 km of walking trails through the Niagara Escarpment, where you can

catch a glimpse of wildlife, such as deer. Once the snow starts to fly, cross country skiers can access scenic groomed trails. Starting in the new year, visitors can warm up in the newly renovated Visitor Welcome Centre where cross country ski and snow shoe rentals will be available.

Terra Cotta will host events throughout the season, including the popular Egg Nog Jog on December 13th, as well as a planned Maple Syrup Festival as spring approaches. Credit Valley Conservation is also developing educational programs for all ages at the recently-opened Watershed Learning Centre. Please visit [www.creditvalleyca.ca/education](http://www.creditvalleyca.ca/education) for the latest information.

Terra Cotta Conservation Area is located at 14452 Winston Churchill Blvd., just a few kilometres north of the village of Terra Cotta. Visit [www.ourcredit.ca](http://www.ourcredit.ca) to explore all of the Credit Valley Conservation's recreational opportunities.



# Mississauga 3-1-1 is Now in Service

The City of Mississauga has officially launched its 3-1-1 telephone service as of the week of October 5th. For the first time ever Mississauga residents will be able to access City and Region of Peel information, programs and services through a simple 3-digit phone number.

By calling 3-1-1, callers will access an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) menu that provides the option of selecting either city or regional services. Regional calls about waste and recycling, water, health or social services will be routed to the Region of Peel customer contact centre. Callers inquiring about City of Mississauga information and services will be assisted by a trained Mississauga Customer Service Advisor.

While this new service will assist residents in readily accessing information, it by no means replaces our office services, and we encourage you to contact us should you require assistance with any matter; however, we do recommend that you utilize the 3-1-1 service for all snow related complaints and concerns. Trained staff at the call centre are able to track snow plough activity, whereas, our office does not have access to the most up-to-date information.

Visit [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca) for further information and FAQs.



## Red Oaks Park Redevelopment

Over a period of several years, and at the urging of local residents, we have been examining the redevelopment of Red Oaks Park on King Street.

I am pleased to announce that, following public engagement, the long-awaited improvements to Red Oaks Park will be realized in 2010 and will consist of the removal of one of the soccer fields, the replacement and relocation of the playground, a

new steel pergola with complementary planting, paving and seating areas. Construction will begin early in the new year with completion anticipated by June 2010.

The removal of one of the soccer fields will have an added benefit to the local community by relieving some of the on-street parking and congestion. The new park design is also intended to provide a more passive park setting.



## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Animal Services .....	905-896-5858	Recycling, garbage pick up .....	905-791-9499
By-law Enforcement .....	905-896-5655	Region of Peel (after hours).....	905-791-7800
City (after hours) dispatch	905-615-3000	Region of Peel Water (24 hours) .....	905-791-7800
Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board.....	905-890-1221	Region of Peel Water Billing .....	905-791-8711
Enersource Mississauga ..	905-273-9050	Traffic Signal Inquiries ....	905-615-3022
GO Transit .....	416-869-3200	Call Before You Dig Utility Services .....	1-800-400-2255
Health Line Peel .....	905-799-7700	Water and Sewer Problems .....	905-791-7800
Mississauga Ambulance..	905-844-4242		
<b>Mississauga Fire.....</b>	<b>905-615-3777</b>		
Mississauga Property Taxes.....	905-896-5575		
Mississauga Transit .....	905-615-4636		
Parking Control .....	905-896-5678		
Peel Dist. School Board...	905-890-1099		
<b>Peel Regional Police .....</b>	<b>905-453-3311</b>		
Poison Control Centre.....	416-813-5900		
Recreation and Parks.....	905-615-4100		



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