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## Councillor's Message

Dear Resident,

Welcome to my first Councillor's Report!

I am thrilled to announce that many of the ISF (Infrastructure Stimulus Funding) and RInC (Recreational Infrastructure Canada) Programs located in Ward 3 are nearing completion. Most notably is the completion of several noise attenuation barrier projects as well as the much anticipated re-opening of the Applewood Heights Outdoor Pool and the Burnhamthorpe Library later this summer. See the articles on both these projects for scheduled dates and details.

I look forward to working with the Committees I have been appointed to and represent your interests and work with both internal and external agencies to support and promote arts and culture, older adult housing, waste management and cycling to name a few.

I aim to keep the lines of communication open between us and would welcome your comments and suggestions. Please contact me at **905-896-5300** where Linda Downie, my Executive Assistant and Deanna Dubicki, my Administrative Assistant would be pleased to assist you. You can also contact me at [chris.fonseca@mississauga.ca](mailto:chris.fonseca@mississauga.ca). In order to keep you up to date or advise you of upcoming events in Ward 3, look for my periodic e-news blasts in your inbox from [ward3.eneews@mississauga.ca](mailto:ward3.eneews@mississauga.ca). If you would like to register, please send me your e-mail address. Information will also be available on my website [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3).

I have had the pleasure to attend some Cultural Group Meetings, Seniors Meetings, Youth Advisory Group Meetings and the Rockwood Homeowners Association Annual General Meeting on May 17. I appreciate the feedback, recommendations and invaluable insight all groups have provided and look forward to more of this! I am committed to focusing on staying connected with Youth, Seniors as well as promoting a Safe, Green Community.

It is my pleasure to work with the community and I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support!

Respectfully,

Chris Fonseca  
Councillor, Ward 3

## GTAA Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee

I am pleased to have been appointed to the GTAA Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee (formerly Noise Management Committee). The following link gives an outline of the Committee's responsibilities and commitments [www.gtaa.com/en/community\\_relations/noise\\_management/noise\\_management\\_com/](http://www.gtaa.com/en/community_relations/noise_management/noise_management_com/).

The Toronto Pearson Summer Construction Program has been announced for this year. For full details on construction information and time frames, please visit [www.gtaa.com/en/community\\_relations/noise\\_management/noise\\_office\\_advisor/](http://www.gtaa.com/en/community_relations/noise_management/noise_office_advisor/).

If you would like to register a noise complaint by telephone, contact the Noise Management Office at 416-247-7682. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Outside office hours, a prompted voicemail service will allow you to leave a complete and detailed message or use the form located at [www.gtaa.com/en/community\\_relations/noise\\_management/register\\_a\\_complaint/](http://www.gtaa.com/en/community_relations/noise_management/register_a_complaint/).

## Exciting Progress Being Made With Fire Station 106

Construction of the relocated Fire Station 106 to 1355 Winding Trail is well on its way and I am pleased that many of the comments and concerns voiced by area residents have been acknowledged and the following improvements have been made:

- The brick colour was changed from a dark graphite colour to a lighter brown or light taupe
- The square, flat topped hose tower was redesigned with an architectural accent to break up the flat symmetry to the front building face
- All overhead bay doors have been redesigned to break up the stark solid white panels with a single strip of glass windows to provide a more residential scale window pane type frontage
- The over bay door windows have also been changed to reflect a more residential scale
- The upper bay fascia area walls have been redesigned to use an opaque panel material that is energy efficient and allows light transfer and dark brick materials have been removed from these exposures
- There has been an additional 5 meter wide band of environmentally friendly permeable pavers added to the front of the fire station between the sidewalk



and concrete apron to break up the stark amount of concrete driveway in front of the station

- Additional planting areas have been envisioned for the base of the hose tower to allow for foliage or ivy plantings to soften the stark contrast of the concrete hose tower



## Everyone Needs a Hero... Like You

### Get Involved in Local Crime Prevention

Safe City is a self-help program designed to empower neighbours and neighbourhoods to take an active role in protecting one another's home and property from criminal activity.

I congratulate the Rockwood Area (Grazia Rd.), for being an active member of the Neighbourhood Watch Program. The Applewood Hills Area (Riverspray Cres.) is nearing completion to fulfill their requirements towards becoming a member and I encourage all other communities to become involved in this important program.

For more information on the Neighbourhood Watch Program, Crossroads Youth Academy, Counter-Act, Aspire and the 2011 Crime Prevention Conference scheduled for Friday, November 4, 2011 please contact 905-615-6272 or visit us at: [www.safecitymississauga.on.ca](http://www.safecitymississauga.on.ca).

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## 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.

## 2011 Business Plan and Budget Approved

In March, City Council approved the City's 2011 Business Plan and Budget and a tax increase of 1.6 per cent on the total property tax bill. Combined with the Region of Peel increase, Mississauga residents will see a 2.8 per cent increase on their total tax bill. This means an increase of \$113.81 on a Mississauga home assessed at \$409,500 or \$27.79 per \$100,000 assessment.

It is important to note that your residential property tax bill consists of three components which are calculated separately:

- 28 per cent is paid to the City of Mississauga
- 47 per cent is paid to the Region of Peel
- 25 per cent is paid to the Province for education

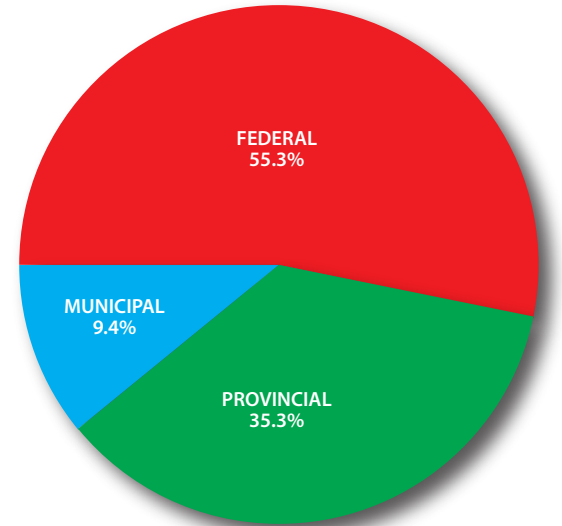
Approximately 28 cents for every dollar you pay on your property taxes funds City programs and services.

The services provided by the City are the ones that touch you closest to home and affect your quality of life on a daily basis such as roads and bridges, snow clearing, recreation programs, parks, trails, transit, library and fire and emergency services. Our Business Plan and Budget outlines how and where our resources will be allocated in order to continue to provide existing services at our current service levels and also provide some new services and service improvements that residents are asking for.

This year's Business Plan and Budget includes new initiatives such as:

- Opening of Mississauga Celebration Square, an event venue that will host year round community activities;
- Expansion of the collection at our 18 libraries to include multiple formats and languages;
- Relocation and expansion of three fire stations;
- 30,000 additional transit service hours;
- Therapy tanks at recreation facilities;
- Implementing our Cycling Master Plan – committed to 30km of new cycling facilities per year.

This year, Council was forced to make some difficult decisions during the budget deliberations as we were faced with uncontrollable cost pressures in areas such as fuel, utilities and contractual services combined with significant declines in revenue. The reality is that outside



### 2010 Breakdown of Average Ontario Family's Tax Bill

Source: The Fraser Institute's Canadian Tax Simulator, 2010

of the property taxes we have limited funding options. Only 44 per cent of City revenues are funded from other sources such as development revenues, transit fares and recreation and parks fees. These revenues have declined due to the economic downturn and puts additional stress on our budget.

The City is focused on reducing the cost of delivering services through efficiencies. Through energy conservation initiatives, efficiency in street cleaning and leaf collection and a reduction in staffing levels in some areas over \$4.7 million in savings were reflected in this year's budget. Council managed to identify an additional \$3.7 million in further reductions, savings which are transferred directly to our taxpayers.

Our focus is on finding a balance between meeting service expectations and achieving fiscal restraint. We are committed to providing good value for our taxpayers as we continue to build Mississauga into a vibrant city where people choose to be.

Our taxes are competitive. (based on total property taxes for a four bedroom home)

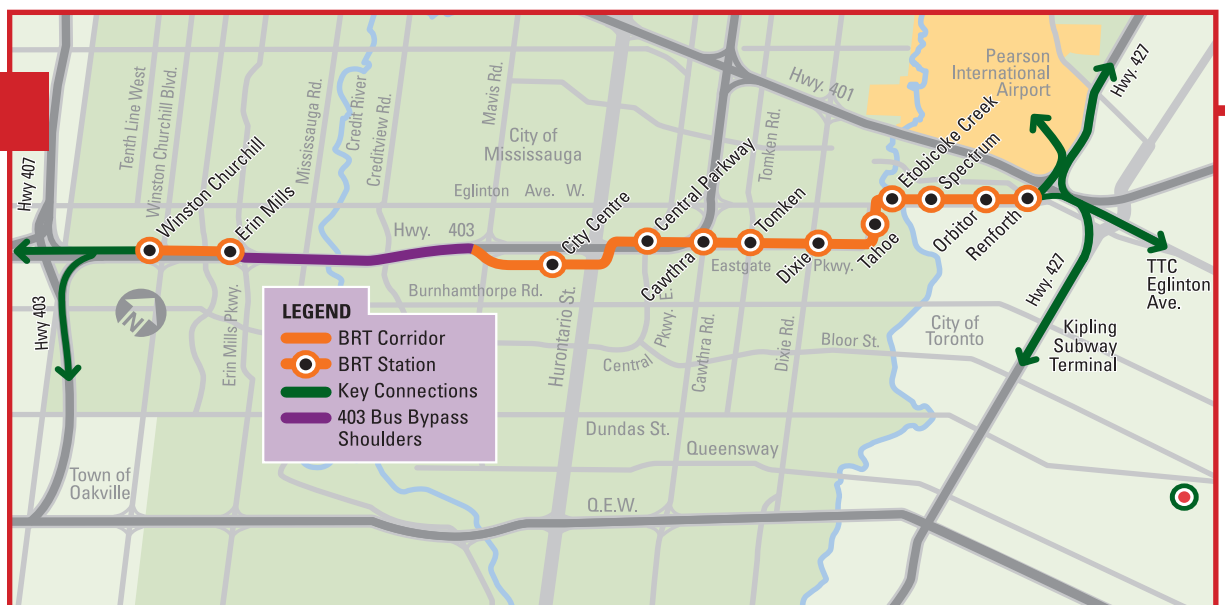
## Getting You There Quicker!

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.

The Mississauga BRT Project is a cooperative effort between the City of Mississauga, GO – a Division of Metrolinx, the Province of Ontario and the Federal government. With over \$270M invested, this project is connecting our community allowing the City to move closer to realizing a key Strategic Plan action: provide alternatives to the automobile along major corridors.

Construction began last October and will require lane restrictions and traffic diversions at various times to permit construction to proceed. Once operational in the spring of 2013, busway services will complement and connect with local bus service, inter-regional transit and the TTC subway, linking high-density development and employment centres across Mississauga. Designated stations along the busway will provide connection points for passengers.

The Mississauga busway will have eleven new stations at major road crossings and connect with the City Centre transit terminal at Square One as indicated on the corridor map above.



The first phase of construction, awarded to B. Gottardo Construction Limited, extends from Rathburn Road east of Hurontario Street, and runs easterly along the Highway 403/Eastgate Parkway corridor up to Fieldgate Drive. Phases two and three, yet to be tendered will extend the busway from Fieldgate Drive northerly along Eastgate Parkway and extend easterly along Eglinton Avenue to Renforth Drive.

The creation of this higher-order transit infrastructure both responds to and encourages growth in the city, and significantly improves transit service between key points – all of which will contribute to keeping Mississauga on the move.

Visit the BRT website at: [www.mississauga.ca/brt](http://www.mississauga.ca/brt) for project updates and additional information.

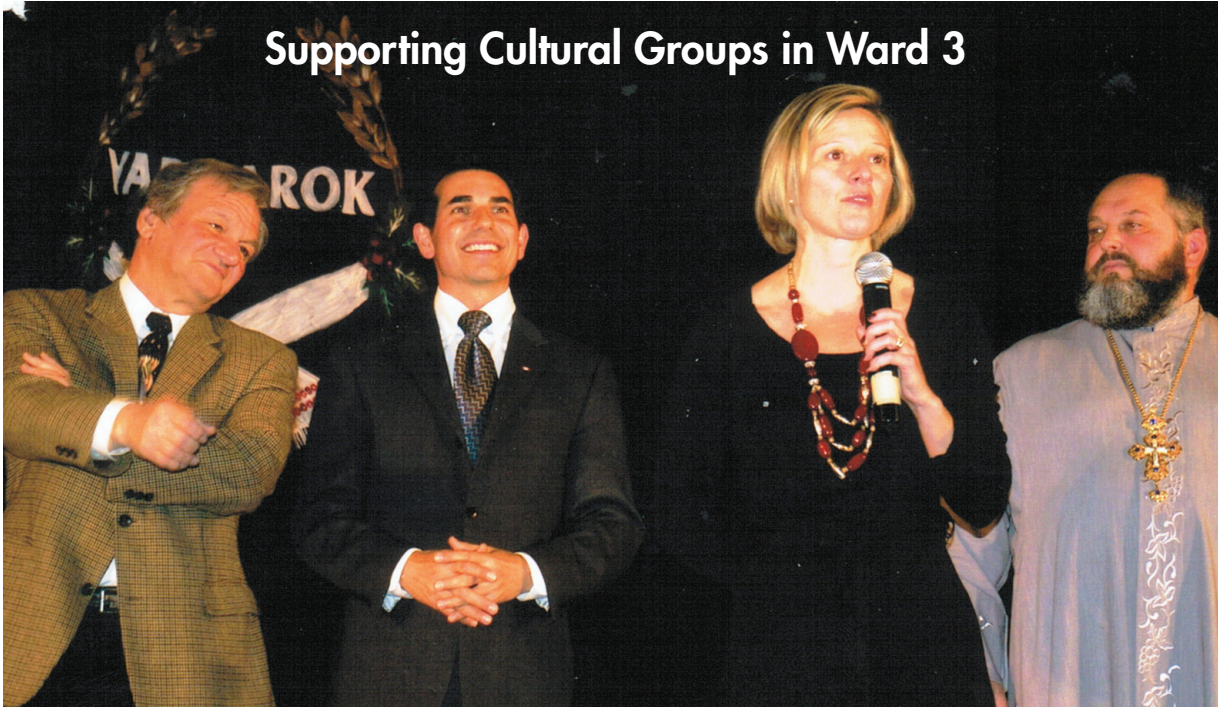
Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the construction of the BRT, please contact:

**W. Scott Anderson**, P. Eng., Senior Project Manager, City of Mississauga Transportation Project Office, 905-615-3200, ext. 4399

**Kevin Rodger**, McCormick Rankin Corporation or **Glenn Caverson**, McCormick Rankin Corporation 905-823-8500

**B. Gottardo Construction Limited**  
416-745-9120

### Supporting Cultural Groups in Ward 3



I am joined by Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board Trustee, Mario Pascucci, Former MPP Peter Fonseca and Rev. Bogdan Mironovich. Next year St. Mary's will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> Yarmarok!

## Youth Summer Camps at Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.

For more information please contact Customer Service at 905-615-4630

### ARCHERY CAMP - FULL DAY CAMP (9 - 12 years)

This camp is suited for children who are interested in a challenging activity. Participants will learn the safety aspects of archery, proper shooting techniques, bow knowledge and maintenance. Camp staff will guide and develop participants in a fun and relaxed atmosphere through the use of drills, and target practice each morning. A recreational program will be offered each afternoon, including a recreation swim. All equipment will be supplied, the program content is repeated each week.

### CHEERLEADING CAMP - FULL DAY CAMP (9 - 13 years)

Want to have fun, get fit, and learn some new chants? Then this camp is for you. Learn formations, cheers, stunts, chants and train to be a cheerleader. Daily activities will also include additional activities to work on strength, stretching and fitness.

### SUPER HERO TRAINING CAMP - HALF DAY CAMP (3½ - 5 years and 6 - 9 years)

Come join our 'training' camp to learn the exciting adventures of a super hero. Each day children will explore a variety of interactive activities that explore the good will of heroes such as Spiderman, Batman, Aquaman, and more through sports, games and theme days. Children will have the opportunity to develop their own super hero character.

### TUTOR CAMP - HALF DAY CAMP (6 - 9 years)

This half day camp will assist your children with the basics in reading, writing and math. This camp is for 'English as a Second Language' students or those that need extra help throughout the summer. They will complete worksheets, short stories & cooperative games to help with their learning experience. Program Tutors are university and/or college students

### DANCE CAMP - HALF DAY CAMP (10 - 14 years)

Have fun dancing, making new friends and putting dance routines together. This camp will teach you various dances such as hip hop, jazz, contemporary and much more.

## OFFICIAL RE-OPENINGS

**Official Re-Opening of Applewood Heights Pool** has been scheduled for Saturday, July 9, 2011 at 10:00 am. Visit my website [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3) or [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca) for details.

**Plan to join me for a free swim!**

**Official Re-Opening of Burnhamthorpe Library** has been scheduled for Saturday, August 6, 2011. The Library will be the new home of Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre and the Maja Prentice Theatre. The dedication for the Theatre will take place at 11:00am. Visit my website [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3) or [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca) for details.

**Plan to join me for the festivities!**

These two project would not have been possible without the combined investment efforts by the City of Mississauga, Province of Ontario and Government of Canada through ISF and RinC funding. This one-time funding initiative provided \$3M for the Applewood Heights Pool and \$16.6M for the Burnhamthorpe Library.

Over \$3M was invested in other Ward 3 projects including Noise Attenuation Barriers, Sidewalk Replacement/Refurbishing and Parks and Trails.

## 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 [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca).

### Hearing from Seniors



It was a pleasure to attend at Westminster Court on January 29th for their Annual Appreciation Dinner.

### Mississauga is Known World Wide



I was honoured to show off the Civic Centre to Mayor Jose Manuel Custodio, Mayor of Lourinha, Portugal. Mayor Custodio was in the GTAA to celebrate various events with the Portuguese community as well as share his City's successes and gain knowledge of Mississauga's accomplishments. This information sharing is beneficial to both cities.

## REPRESENTING YOU:

### Safe, Green & Active Living

Cycling Advisory Committee  
 Toronto & Region Conservation Authority  
 Peel Waste Management Committee  
 Greater Toronto Airport Authority  
 - Community Environment &  
 Noise Advisory Committee  
 - Partners in Project Green

### Arts & Culture

Orchestras Mississauga Board  
 Living Arts Board of Directors  
 Living Arts Business Affairs Committee  
 Peel Grants Ad Hoc Committee

### Youth, Seniors & Family

Peel Housing Corporation  
 Peel Advisory Working Group  
 on Older Adults Housing  
 Peel Newcomers Strategy Group

### Quality Services For Your Tax Dollars

Council & General Committee  
 (City and Region)  
 Audit Committee  
 Mississauga City Summit  
 Greater Toronto Airport Authority  
 Consultative Committee

## The "Lost Village" of Burnhamthorpe

Burnhamthorpe Road is named after the "lost village" of Burnhamthorpe (also called Sandhill), that was located around the intersection of Dixie Road and Burnhamthorpe Road. The name itself comes from the birthplace of British hero, Lord Horatio Nelson.

Dundas Street was named for Lord Henry Dundas, Secretary of War for the United Kingdom from 1794-1801. Dundas Street, sometimes called the Governor's Road after Sir John Graves Simcoe, was first surveyed in 1794.

For more historical tidbits visit  
[www.heritagemississauga.com/page/History-Bytes](http://www.heritagemississauga.com/page/History-Bytes)



Over 750 trees were planted in Ward 3 this Spring including Dixie Woods (100 trees); Fleetwood Park (100 trees) and Cherry Hill Park (100 trees). Congratulations to all the Ward 3 Schools and Community Groups that participated in the tree plantings and clean-ups. It was great fun on April 30<sup>th</sup> at Rathwood Park where I was joined by several members of the community to plant 350 trees. If you or your organization would like to participate in upcoming tree plantings in your neighbourhood, please contact Jessika Corkum-Gorrill at 905-615-3200 x 2878.

## Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Team Up Foundation Provides Grant to Refurbish Burnhamthorpe Community Centre



Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment Team Up Foundation awarded the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre a grant in the amount of \$25,000.00 from the Foundation's Rink Refurbishment Program and \$4,000.00 in materials and labour from the Foundation's RONA Rebuild Program. The funds will be utilized for improvements to the Centre's outdoor rink and dressing rooms and improvements to the Chic Murray Arena's storage area which houses equipment for free community programs such as the Got Skates? Program. The Team Up Foundation is committed to investing in recreational refurbishments and funding sustainable programs that will provide children and youth, of all abilities, access to sport and recreational opportunities.

**Left:** Councillor Fonseca pictured with two Marlies players, Nazem Kadri (to the left in white jersey) and Danny Richmond beside the councillor (to the right in blue jersey).