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Chris' Message

Dear Resident,

I want to hear from you! I have scheduled three Town Hall Meetings later this Spring and I look forward to meeting as many residents and business proprietors as possible. Please see the schedule on page 2 and make arrangements to attend a session that interests you. Your input, feedback and ideas are extremely important to the success of Ward 3 and our City.

This year, I am continuing with my commitment to connect generations. Computer Buddies is a vastly successful program at the Burnhamthorpe Library that brings Older Adults together with High School students with the goal of learning computer fundamentals.

From what I've heard this past year, community safety is important to Ward 3 residents. I am continuing to work with Peel Regional Police, Mississauga's Traffic Section, Safe City, Neighbourhood Watch, residents and schools to ensure anything that can be done is being done to make our City streets, parks and neighbourhoods as safe as possible.

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. 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. If you would like to register, please send me your e-mail address. Information will also be available on my website mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward3 and shortly on my Facebook Page.

I am committed to promoting the Strategic Pillars for Change – Move (developing a transit oriented City); Belong (ensuring youth, older adults and new immigrants thrive); Connect (completing our neighbourhoods); Prosper (cultivating creative and innovated businesses) and Green (living green). 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

My commitment to you!

Friday is Your Day!

To ensure you are receiving the quality service you deserve, I have reserved Fridays in my calendar for residents that would like to meet with me regarding City and/or Regional issues. Communication is the key to any good relationship and I value your feedback and input. Call my office to reserve the next available time.

Thank you to all who have participated in the Road Watch Safety Program.

Here are some of the locations that I have implemented traffic calming initiatives:

- Tomken Road, Runningbrook to Bloor – initiated Peel Regional Police enforcement and installed Speed Sign and Zebra Markings
- Burnhamthorpe Road, Dixie to Ponytrail – initiated pedestrian signal timing
- Better marked intersections and signage
- Bloor Street, Dixie to Cawthra – initiated Peel Regional Police enforcement

My Commitment to Community Safety and Neighbourhood Building

I am joined by Members of Multicultural Inter-Agency Group of Peel (MIAG) and the Westwood Neighbourhood Council at Blessed Theresa School to celebrate Westwood's many accomplishments. The residents of Westwood contacted me in an effort to improve their quality of community. With MIAG's assistance, Westwood Neighbourhood Council celebrated their first SummerFest, organized a youth soccer league, and implemented a Neighbourhood Watch. Another great example of a community coming together! There is a vast number of resources available to communities (apartment/condo buildings), neighbourhoods, etc. that can be implemented to address safety issues, community team building, community beautification, etc.

As a Member of the Mississauga Summit Steering Committee and my interest in the Neighbourhood Development Committee, I am committed to our vision: For Every Mississauga Resident to Have the Opportunity to Thrive. I am further committed to ensure our vision is firmly installed in Ward 3 by strengthening neighbourhoods in Ward 3 one at a time; improving the quality of life by ensuring access to necessities, housing and employment, bringing Ward 3 residents together to support the specific needs of the neighbourhood and enhance resilience and opportunities to thrive. If your community is interested in participating in a Community Safety Survey, please contact me directly.



Spring Town Hall Meetings

Residential – East Tuesday, April 3 @ 7pm

Tomken Twin Arena
Small Auditorium
4495 Tomken Road

Agenda

GTAA (Airport 101)
BRT Update
Hanlan Feedermain
Forestry
SNAP
(Sustainable Neighbourhood
Retrofit Action Plan)

Business Thursday, April 12 @ 7pm

Tomken Twin Arena
Small Auditorium
4495 Tomken Road

Agenda

Hanlan Feedermain
Business Improvement Area
Economic Development Office
Mississauga Board of Trade
Smart Commute
Mississauga Summit
Partners in Project Green

Residential – West Wednesday, May 9 @ 7pm

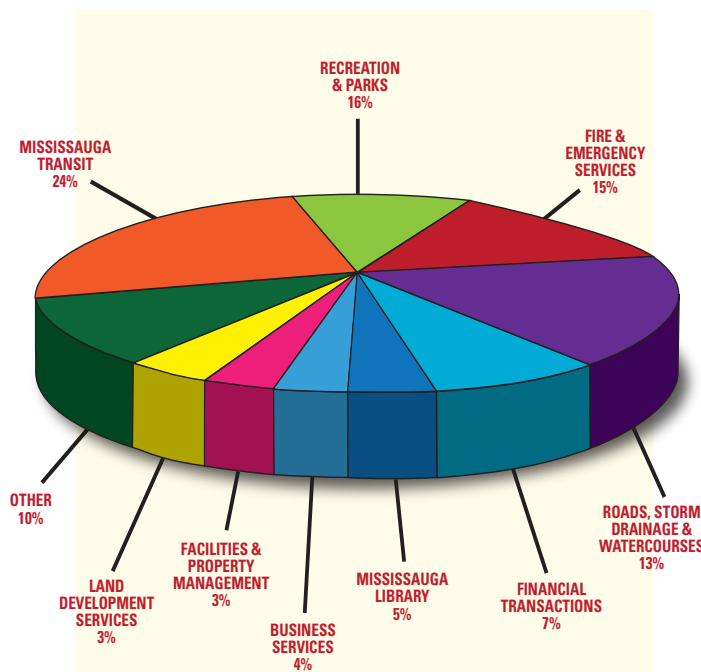
Dixie Curling Club
Dining Room, 2nd Floor
3071 Palstan Road

Agenda

Peel Regional Police
Licensing and Enforcement
Safe City
LitterNot
Mississauga Cycling Advising Comm.
Youth Programs
Computer Buddies
Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre
Mediation
MIRANET
Transportation & Works
Waste Management

My Commitment to Quality Services. I want to hear from you! Please join me at a Town Hall Meeting.

2012 CITY BUDGET BREAKDOWN Where Your Tax Dollars Are Spent



Fire Station 106 Update

As you may be aware Fire Station 106 is currently located on Dixie Rd just north of Bloor St. A feasibility study was completed in August of 2007 to identify renovation and rebuild options and at that time it was determined that the station was deficient in many areas and the building does not meet current City of Mississauga standards. Also, as part of the Region of Peel's ongoing efforts to enhance their paramedic services to the same community, Peel Regional Paramedic Services expressed an interest in locating a satellite station at this site. After review, it was determined that the current site was not adequate for a combined facility that would provide accommodations for two fire crews and two paramedic ambulances. As it is imperative that the Fire Station continue to be located in the same response area, an alternate site at 1385 Winding Trail was identified as the new location for this station.

This site is a 1.7 acre site just north of the existing station and is well located to continue to meet response requirements. It is also ideally located to allow both Fire and EMS vehicles easier access to Dixie Rd as there are existing street lights at the intersection of Winding Trail and Dixie Rd.

If you have had the opportunity to pass by the site recently, you will see that the building is currently under construction. At the outset, our goal was to find a suitable balance between a sustainable approach to the environment and the enhancing community safety. We believe we have achieved that goal. The facility will include the following "green" initiatives:

- Re-landscaped Park
- Addition of 60 new trees
- Defined walkway through the park from Dixie Rd
- Butterfly Garden plantings
- Protection of the adjacent natural woodlot
- "Green Roof" design over the building administration areas
- Permeable Pavers for driveways and parking areas to allow natural drainage of surface water
- Flat roof design to accommodate future solar cell technology

Construction is expected to be completed by May 2012 with an official opening to follow.

BRT eNEWS



I took a tour of this amazing transit project. The Bus Rapid Transit Project (BRT) will cut your commute time in half, alleviate traffic congestion and promote green living. Glenn Caverson, the Project Lead at McCormick and Rankin Corporation (MRC) and Serge Bianchin, the Site Inspector, also with MRC are leading a tour of the new BRT site.

BRT eNews is a fast and easy way to receive updates on Mississauga's Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.

The Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project will be a high-efficiency transit corridor running east-west across Mississauga. The BRT will support all-station stop and extensive express bus service for thousands of riders per day, making it faster and easier for you to travel to, from and through Mississauga and the GTA. Construction on the project is currently underway.

Once completed in 2013, the BRT will have 11 new stations at major road crossings and

connect with the City Centre Transit Terminal at Square One. It will also connect with inter-regional transit and the TTC subway.

Subscribe for free to BRT eNews and updates on the project will be e-mailed to you during the year.

All you have to do is register an account with mississauga.ca, or login to your existing account and add the "BRT eNews" option under "Mailing Lists" in your profile.

For more information, visit miway.ca/brt.

DIXIE BLOOR Neighbourhood Centre

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Going Green...It's a SNAP!



Above: I was on hand to congratulate Heliya Babazadeh-Olegi for her quick thinking and courageous efforts she displayed in response to a potential criminal action. Heliya is a valued employee of the City of Mississauga and has proven herself as a leader and an exceptional example to her peers.

Something exciting is happening in one of Ward 3's neighbourhoods...TRCA (Toronto and Region Conservation) in partnership with City of Mississauga and Region of Peel will soon be kicking-off a SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan) pilot in the community near Dixie-Bloor. The SNAP will focus on transforming this neighbourhood to make it more sustainable and resilient to climate change.

Starting this year, residents, businesses and community groups will be invited to get involved in identifying local projects to better manage water, energy, and make the community a greener, healthier place to live, work and play for generations to come! We plan to hold fun and informative events based on local interest, whether it's family BBQs, tree plantings, educational workshops on green home renovation, eco-chic gardening and more...



If you live in the area and would like to get involved with the SNAP, please contact Clifton Coppolino at ccoppolino@trca.on.ca (416-661-6600 ext. 5748) or Muneef Ahmad at Muneef.Ahmad@mississauga.ca (905-615-3200 ext. 4793). To learn more about other SNAPs happening in the GTA visit sustainableneighbourhoods.ca.



The Paul Henderson Rink

I was thrilled to launch a campaign to honour one of Canada's greatest heroes, Paul Henderson. Paul Henderson, a former Ward 3 resident, became a Canadian sports legend on September 28, 1972. His goal, with 34 seconds remaining in the final game, lifted Canada to victory in the "Series

of the Century", against the Soviet Union. Incredibly, Paul scored the winning goal in each of the last three games of this historic first series between the two superpowers of hockey. Not only a sports hero, Paul is really about community building and his impact in the neighbourhood clearly went beyond his dream to make it to the NHL. Paul's leadership, teamwork and commitment motivates, my neighbours and I felt it was time for a community rink - one where future dreams can be born and future heroes made.

Paul was on hand with his family and friends to join me in officially opening The Paul Henderson Rink on October 30, 2011 at Tomken Twin Arenas. This is another great example of what can be accomplished when our community works together to connect, belong and prosper.



Above: Grand Opening of the Westend Buddhist Cultural Centre on December 30, 2011.

40 Years of Music with the Mississauga Symphony Orchestra



For the last 34 years, under the direction of Conductor and Music Director John Barnum, the symphony has firmly established itself as an institute that both inspires and nurtures local talent. Acknowledged as the city's Best Established Performing Arts Group at the 2011 MARTY (Mississauga Arts) Awards, the MSO has been recognized as a cherished and vital component of the city's cultural fabric.

Today, in the midst of its 40th Anniversary Season, the MSO sits on the verge of a new era of beginnings. Most notably is that this special season sees the MSO conductor's baton passed on to a new hand, as Maestro Barnum looks to retire from the conductor's platform.

The celebration continues on March 24th with French Connection featuring guest pianist Elaine Hou; April 5th with the MSO - Living Arts Centre coproduction of Classic Albums Live The Beatles Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band; and on May 5th The Grand Finale, a gala concert. For more information please visit MississaugaSymphony.ca.

For tickets call 905.306.6000 or visit livingartscentre.ca



LAC 15th Anniversary

It's hard to believe the Living Arts Centre (LAC) will be celebrating its 15th Anniversary in the Fall of this year! We have come so far and hope you will join me later this year for the events and celebrations that are being planned. Check livingartscentre.ca for details.

Mississauga's Youth Plan

The City of Mississauga's Youth Plan was approved in 2009. Community Centres, libraries and community partners have been busy implementing the recommendations from a plan into a Youth Movement.

In 2011 Burnhamthorpe Community Centre and Burnhamthorpe Library worked with their youth advisory teams and community partners to deliver a number of exciting youth programs designed to keep young people busy after school, entertained on weekends, informed about important topics and provided many opportunities for young people to volunteer and become involved in their neighbourhood. Here are some highlights from last year 2011

Burnhamthorpe Community Centre had over 6,957 participants and 135 volunteers who put in 1023 hours towards Youth Movement programs and events. Popular programs included MyNBA drop in basketball, Chill Zone lobby drop in program, Dances, Raptors Community Liaison skills program, Co-op student placements from Humber College. Special mention to the Toronto Raptors Community Liaison event in December where 70 young people learned from Coach Davis life skills related to respect and leadership.

Burnhamthorpe Library was closed for renovations earlier in 2011 and as soon as it re-opened youth programs and events went into full swing with 295 participants and 608 volunteers who put in 1363 hours. Special mention to a new program called Computer Buddies mississauga.ca/portal/residents/library where 20 senior citizens were paired with 20 young people who taught the seniors basic computer skills.

The community centre and the library cannot do this alone, important partnerships assist in the delivery of free, drop in youth programming, these partners include;

Humber College
Dixie Bloor
Neighbourhood Services
Faith Sanctuary
St Alfred's PS
Glenhaven PS
Transformation Nation

Huron Park's
Youth Advisory Team
Nubreed
Ground Illusionz
XPlanet Games
DBNC
Toronto Raptors

For more information and links to the Youth Movement, check out: mississauga.ca/portal/residents/youth

Co-op Student Needed

Youth are the foundation of our success. I have expressed my interest to the Ward 3 Secondary Schools that I would like to offer a co-op student placement in my office. If you are a Secondary School Student interested in working with me and my staff, please contact the Co-op Placement Office in your School.

"TAG" Teen Advisory Group

I am proud to continue working with a very active Teen Advisory Group (or "TAG") at the Burnhamthorpe Library. If you are a student and would like to participate, visit <http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/tag>. TAGs are comprised of youth 14 to 18 years old who assist library staff in creating captivating programs for young adults. TAGs also provide staff with feedback on the library's teen collections, contribute website ideas, write book reviews, create teen-oriented displays to promote reading, provide input on the creation of inviting teen-spaces at the library and much more.

Teens join TAG for many reasons: to meet other teens, to share a love of books, to gain experience to list on university and scholarship applications, to receive credit for volunteering, and – above all – to have a direct voice in shaping the type of library they envision for themselves and their peers.

OLDER ADULT UPDATE

Computer Buddies

The number one question the Older Adult Coordinator receives is, "where can I learn how to use the computer." She often refers them to their closest library. Burnhamthorpe Library is a perfect location to learn computer skills as they have a unique program called Computer Buddies. Older Adults are paired with youth who sit with them to coach and assist while they are using the computer. It is amazing when generations can learn from each other.



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The Mississauga Furniture Bank

The Mississauga Furniture Bank (MFB) collects gently used basic household items and furniture from individuals and corporations and redistributes those items to families in need as determined by local social agencies. By acting as a hub between donors and social agencies, the MFB not only helps those in need but also has a positive ecological impact as furniture and other household items are diverted from local landfills.

For more information call 905-278-9444 x233 or mississaugafurniturebank.org

Applewood Hills Pathway

The Applewood Hills pathway (North of Rathburn Road to Eastgate Parkway) is scheduled for reconstruction. The Community Services Department realized cost saving efficiencies initiated through the Parks & Forestry Leadership Team and the implementation of the Pathway Paving Program. These efficiencies allowed the funding for one high priority unfunded park pathway from the previously unfunded list. It is intended to have construction work implemented immediately with the removal and disposal of the existing pathway and installation of a granular pathway which will receive asphalt paving surface in Spring of 2012.



As a Member of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee, join me for an upcoming Community Ride in Ward 3. Visit mississaugacycling.ca/ for dates and times. If walking is your thing, the numerous trails in Ward 3 are a great way to exercise and explore our community.