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## Clarkson Community Centre and Pool Updates

With funding available through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) program, the federal and provincial governments and the City of Mississauga have partnered to build a 25m lap pool and warm water therapeutic pool at the Clarkson Community Centre to replace the pool at Clarkson Secondary School.

This beautiful new facility will provide for a wide variety of programs and uses. It is fully accessible, will provide male, female and family change facilities and includes energy efficient systems. Participate in the wide variety of swimming and exercise programs in the 25m lap pool or take advantage of the warm water therapeutic pool that will provide a relaxing hydrotherapy bench for adults and leisure pool spray features that are sure to appeal to our younger audience.

Programming will include our popular learn to swim, leadership and drop in swim programs in the 25 m lap pool and warm water tank as well as a wide variety of new wellness and therapeutic programs in our warm water therapeutic tank.

Exercising in warm water is ideal for people who wish to include a gentle but effective exercise program into their lifestyle or for those in rehabilitation. Exercising in a warm water environment has many benefits! It improves circulation, increases exercise tolerance, helps maintain a mobile and independent lifestyle and promotes relaxation. Everyone can benefit from therapeutic and wellness classes, especially those who may not be able to participate fully in land based programs. The warm water therapeutic pool will offer a broad range of safe exercise classes for people with conditions such as:

- Recovering from surgery or injury
- Neurological Impairment
- Joint Degeneration
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Arthritis
- Fibromyalgia
- Osteoporosis
- Back Pain

### Councillor's Message

Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to my 2011 Spring/Summer issue of the Councillor's Report. I am very pleased to provide you with updates and share information about the issues that affect our City and Ward. I hope you find this edition of my Councillor's Report informative and I urge you to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

My staff and I are always available to assist you with any City or Regional concerns that you may have. I would like to introduce at this time, Helena Francisco who joined my office in November as my Executive Assistant and of course, Noreen Stesky, my Administrative Assistant. Please feel free to contact me directly at [pat.mullin@mississauga.ca](mailto:pat.mullin@mississauga.ca) or by phone at 905-896-5200.

As well as my Councillor's Report, you can also stay up to date on key issues in the Ward by visiting my website at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2). You can also visit, the City of Mississauga website at [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca) for information on City services and to access numerous online services.

It is my pleasure to work with our Community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support. I would also like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe summer season.

Regards,

*Pat Mullin*  
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Councillor, Ward 2

Our community can look forward to programs such as Yoga Tai-lates Water Combo, which combines movements from Tai Chi, Yoga & Pilates; Hip, Knee & Back, for people with hip and knee joint degeneration, focusing on joint range of motion and muscle conditioning; "Oh My Aching Body" Arthritis Workout, for those who suffer from Arthritis, Fibromyalgia, Osteoporosis and Parkinson's disease and need to exercise in warm water; Ai chi, a form of aquatic exercise designed to tone the body while also promoting relaxation and a healthy mind-body relationship. In addition, the pool will offer Aquatic Personal Training. Participants can enjoy the benefits of Personal Training in an aquatic environment. Work outs are customized for the individual and are geared for all, from the advanced athlete and tri-athlete to individuals interested in general conditioning or post rehabilitation exercise.

Programs are taught by instructors who have training in aquatic exercise program design and delivery and have taken additional training specific to post-rehabilitation and arthritic conditions.

**Join us for our Official Reopening Celebration on June 18, 2011**

Registered programs will begin July 2, 2011 to kick off the summer session.

To view the full program menu for the Clarkson Community Pool visit [www.mississauga.ca/clarkson](http://www.mississauga.ca/clarkson). Heather Robertson, Aquatics Supervisor at Clarkson Community Centre is also available to answer any questions you may have on any of the programs and is interested in hearing from you with your program ideas. She can be reached at 905-615-4840 x2143.

### Lewis Bradley and David Ramsey Outdoor Pools

Please join us for a sneak peak on Friday, June 17, 2011 and plan on attending the Official Reopening Celebrations on Saturday July 9!

### Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario

Affordability of arbitration for communities top priority for Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario (LUMCO). For further information, please visit my Ward 2 website at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2)

### Ward 2 ISF (Infrastructure Stimulus) & RINC (Recreational Infrastructure Canada) Official Openings

For dates and information, please visit my Ward 2 website at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2)

## Fusion Landscaping

The Region of Peel has been working together with residents, businesses and organizations in Clarkson to bring Fusion Landscaping to the community. Fusion landscapes combine the lush splendour of traditional landscapes with an innovative structure and eco-friendly design. The result: strikingly beautiful, contemporary landscapes for every taste and budget.

Peel is the first municipality in Canada to offer Fusion Landscape consultations. Clarkson residents who want to take advantage of this

free-of-charge service should contact 905-791-7800 ext. 4409 to schedule their consultation. Landscape advisors will provide you with a design outline and planting list to get started and a 20% discount on fusion plants at Sheridan or Humber nurseries.



## VOYCE

The City of Mississauga's Youth Plan is thriving in our Community but we want to do more! The concept of the Youth Plan is to really engage our youth, to enlist their involvement in the programs and services that we are offering in order to help ensure we are programming the sort of events and activities that our Youth would like to be involved in.

The Youth in our Community have been extremely active this year as part of VOYCE (Vision of Youth for Clarkson Events), putting their ideas into action in your community! Over the Christmas Break they put on an incredibly successful 3 on 3 Hockey Tournament (with nine teams and 69 players) with our prizes generously donated by Clarkson Crossing Turtle Jacks; over the Family Day weekend they introduced the first annual Capture Clarkson FREE Photography event in which over 200 members of the public came out and voted on their favourite photos submitted by our talented high school students (prizes for this event were generously donated by Clarkson Crossing Blacks Photography). In March, as a tribute to Earth Hour, a "Dancing in the Dark" event was organized complete with Glo in the dark paint. The Committee has also organized the FREE Friday night Chill Zone from 7-10 p.m. This event is to encourage youth from Grade 5 and up to come out to the Community Centre to "hang" with friends, play games and listen to music. On the third Friday of each month the Chill Zone offers a movie night in the gym (with popcorn of course!)

We are looking for engaged, enthusiastic individuals between the ages of 12-24 with great ideas that they would like to see turned into action to join our VOYCE Committee. The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Clarkson Community Centre from 3:30-4:30 p.m. You can also track the VOYCE activities at [www.facebook.com/clarksoncc](http://www.facebook.com/clarksoncc)

For our youngest crowd we have a whole new camp program menu this summer! New camps coming to the Clarkson Facilities include a BMX camp, Triathlon Camp, H2O Intro Camp, Cooking Camp, Ball Hockey Camp, Safari Kids Camp a full day Eco Kids camp at the Bradley Museum and so much more! Old favourites are back as well such as Benares Blasters, Little Divas Camp, Basketball Camp, Soccer Camp and Mini Adventure Camp. Please check out all the camps we have to offer at [www.connect2rec.ca](http://www.connect2rec.ca) and more about the camps in our area at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/clarkson](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/clarkson)

## Older Adult Initiative

In 2009 a group of representatives from the City of Mississauga (Recreation & Parks) and the Region of Peel (Long Term Care & Human Services) convened to work together on strategies to support older adults' wellness in our community. The Peel Data Centre (2006) reports that this neighbourhood has a significant population of persons over the age of 65.

Clarkson Community Centre, Clarkson Library, Sheridan Villa and Hillside Seniors Apartments are clustered in very close proximity to each other. Each of these services has well established programs and services for older adults. In the immediate vicinity there are accessible walkways, lighted cross walks and public transportation, which together reduce barriers to getting involved in programs and services.

The City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel partnered to organize a Wellness Fair in October, 2010 that showcased 19 programs and services available to the community. The following groups showcased their programs and services:

*Bayshore Home Health,  
Sheridan Villa Day Program,  
Peel Seniors Link,  
Falls Prevention,  
Alzheimer Society,  
CCAC,  
Region of Peel - Housing,  
Region of Peel - Healthy Sexuality  
Region of Peel - Transhelp  
City of Mississauga - Mi-Way;  
the New Mississauga Transit  
City of Mississauga - Clarkson Library  
City of Mississauga - Clarkson Senior's Club  
City of Mississauga - Clarkson Community  
Centre and Therapy Pool, and  
City of Mississauga Older Adult Plan*

The Fair was so successful that it will now be planned as an annual event. In addition to the displays and presentation, the Fair gave older adults an opportunity to provide comments to determine what additional programs and services are needed in the area. For more information about upcoming workshops, please call 905-615-4840.

## CLARKSON COMMUNITY AT PEACE

Clarkson Community at Peace was formed in April 2008 and is focused on creating a healthy, safe and peaceful environment in the community of Clarkson through education, communication and interaction with families, schools, businesses and community partners. For more information check [www.clarksoncap.ca](http://www.clarksoncap.ca) or email [ccap@gmail.com](mailto:ccap@gmail.com)



*Pat with Sue Piotrowski, Clarkson Community at Peace Ultimate Block Party.*

## Strike a Blow For Democracy: Scrap the OMB

Ontario has a uniquely powerful appeal body named the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB). Developers constantly use this body, as do occasionally, citizen groups, to modify or overturn decisions made by democratically elected municipal Councils.

Other Provinces have institutions that sound like the OMB, but none have its scope or powers. The OMB was established in 1897, as the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board, to prevent municipalities from giving away land too cheaply to railways and to safeguard municipal borrowing. The thinking today suggests that municipalities still cannot run their own affairs and need to be watched by a creation of the Provincial Government.

Today, the OMB is the favoured method by Developers to run around Council decisions when they do not agree with them or their Planning Staff. Attempts at reform have not had much success. The OMB would strenuously lobby against its elimination or dilution of its powers. Developers would argue their inability to overturn democratic decisions.

The OMB stands as an affront to democracy and municipal government, adding time and costs to planning.

In response to growing concerns over the OMB's powers, the Ontario Government recently changed legislation requiring the OMB to "have regard to" Council's decisions. How has this change affected the way the OMB functions? Not at all! In Ottawa, Council voted against a sprawl development for 1400

homes in Manotick, but the OMB allowed it. Ottawa appealed this decision to the Divisional Court because the OMB did not give enough deference to Council's decision, as required by the legislative changes. But the Court disagreed with Ottawa, stating that the changes did not require the OMB to do any more than "consider" Council's decision. Since the OMB had done this, the Court refused to overturn the OMB's approval of the development.

Clearly this wording as such, does not count for much with the Board's 27 members, making approximately \$100,000 a year. Ontario should take a stand for municipal government and democracy, while saving itself money, by scrapping the OMB or by weakening its powers because despite the recent changes to the law, it seems to be business as usual for the OMB. For instance, a Developer that was unhappy with a unanimous Hamilton City Council decision that turned down a proposal for two 10 storey apartment towers in a residential neighbourhood, appealed to the OMB. The hearing took place in February and March of this year, and a decision is expected soon. Will this be yet another example where the decision of a democratically elected municipal Council is overturned by the OMB? (Original article by Jeffrey Simpson).

I plan to bring forward at a later date, a Resolution requesting that my colleagues on Council, as well as other municipalities in the GTA, support elimination of the OMB.

### Sheridan Villa is Home Sweet Home

Located in the heart of a well-established residential community known as Park Royal, Sheridan Villa has more than 30 years of experience in caring for the Peel community. Sheridan Villa has recently been renovated into a modern home for residents and Adult Day Service clients. It has 142 beds, including 19 beds that are part of a recently opened Special Behaviour Support Unit.

Sheridan Villa's resident home areas are spacious, bright and welcoming. Each area has its own dining room, a designated space for activities, a lounge and a terrace. Its outdoor gardens provide a safe and relaxing space for residents and Adult Day Service clients to spend their time growing vegetables, caring for the gardens or just enjoying the view.

Recently, Sheridan Villa received some funds from the Local Health Integration Networks,

which allowed them to expand their hours and introduce new programs and enhanced services to the Adult Day Service program. Those enhanced services include: physiotherapy assessment and treatment, bathing and showering programs, and holistic therapies like gardening, aromatherapy and music.

Families are delighted to learn that they can bring their family member to a place where they can enjoy their days, build meaningful friendships and engage with the surrounding community.

For more information, visit [www.peel-longtermcare.ca](http://www.peel-longtermcare.ca) or contact Sheridan Villa at 905-791-8668.



Above: Tour of Specialized Behaviour Support Unit, Sheridan Villa Long Term Care. Inga Mazuryk (left), Administrator of Sheridan Villa, Councillor Pat Mullin, David Szwarc, CAO, Peel Region.



CVC Chair Pat Mullin, Janet Bumstead and Rae Horst, CVC Chief Administrative Officer at the Friends of the Credit Conservation Awards

### Councillor Pat Mullin Re-Elected Chair of CVC Board of Directors

In January, I was re-elected Chair of Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), marking 25 years of service to CVC's Board of Directors.

"CVC is an integral partner with our respective municipalities and it is crucial we continue to work together with provincial and federal governments to protect and preserve our environment."

CVC has been serving the community for more than 50 years, protecting land, water, plants, birds and animals that live in the Credit River Watershed. Working in partnership with municipal governments, CVC serves as the principal scientific advisor for the area, monitoring the health and natural resources from the Credit River's headwaters to Lake Ontario's shore. CVC's Board of Directors consists of 12 representatives from member municipalities in the Credit River Watershed.

During my tenure on CVC's Board of Directors, I have served on advisory boards such as: Water Management, Conservation Services and Parks and Recreation and I continue to serve as a member of the CVC Foundation Board. The CVC has grown into the third largest conservation authority in the group of 36 in Ontario.

A few years ago, I lobbied to increase funding particularly from the Region of Peel, which has allowed the CVC to build upon its core environmental research strength to put conservation projects in the ground, from urban and rural to education and outreach activities, planting projects, and low impact development initiatives.

### Credit Valley Conservation Studying Sheridan Creek

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is currently conducting an environmental study on Sheridan Creek, in partnership with the City of Mississauga. The study is examining existing environmental conditions in the creek corridor and surrounding lands that drain to the creek. The ultimate objective of the study is to identify restoration opportunities that will help improve, protect and enhance not only Sheridan Creek and Rattray Marsh but all surrounding lands that drain to the creek.

Part of the study included forming a focus group in 2008 to give the community opportunities for input. This group includes members from local interest groups, private landowners and concerned citizens.

The focus group met last November to discuss findings from field assessments that help CVC staff understand current conditions of Sheridan Creek, specifically water quality and quantity, how the creek functions, the insects and fish that live in the creek and the plants

and animals that live on the land. Later in 2011, CVC will publish a summary of the results.

Potential restoration opportunities have been identified for all land uses including, industrial, commercial, institutional, residential, roads and the stream corridor. Some restoration opportunities have led to in-the-ground projects such as naturalization of corporate properties, pollution prevention demonstration sites, and creek enhancements.

The next phase of the study will be to develop a Management and Implementation Plan to provide guidance for improving current conditions of Sheridan Creek.

Consider taking part in public information meetings this summer to learn more about the Sheridan Creek Watershed Study. Visit CVC's website [www.creditvalleyca.ca](http://www.creditvalleyca.ca) for more information.

*6 acres of naturalization on corporate grounds*



## Raccoons!

Raccoons have become a part of City life and while they can be amusing to watch they can also cause damage and become a nuisance. For further information, please visit my Ward 2 website at [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2)



## 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:

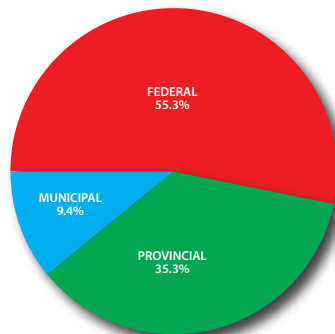
- 28 per cent is paid to the City of Mississauga
- 47 per cent is paid to the Region of Peel
- 25 per cent is paid to the Province for education

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.



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

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

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 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)

## Peel Police

### Lock It or Lose It

Peel Regional Police would like to remind citizens to "lock it or lose it".

The majority of the thefts occur late at night and in the early morning hours, when vehicles are left unattended. The most common means of entry into the vehicles is through unlocked car doors. However, if valuables are left out in the open, suspects quickly smash and grab the items before they can be detected. Some of the items being targeted are loose change, GPS navigation systems, IPODs, car stereos and laptop computers.

The 11 Division Auto Crime Unit is asking for the public's assistance in preventing these crimes. Parking in the garage is the best prevention against thefts from vehicles. However, if that is not an option, the following are suggestions for prevention:

- ensure that vehicles are locked at all times, when left unattended
- park your vehicle as close to the house as possible.
- install a motion activated light system to increase vehicle visibility.
- refrain from leaving valuables in your vehicle.
- if you're unable to remove valuables, do not leave them visible to would be thieves, thereby reducing the potential of being a target.

Anyone who has any information regarding these types of crimes is encouraged to contact the 11 Division Auto Crime Bureau at 905-453-3311 x1152. Information may also be left anonymously by calling Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or by visiting [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca) or by texting "PEEL", followed by your tip, to CRIMES (274637).

## QEW/Credit River Bridge

The purpose of this project is to implement a short-term holding strategy that will maintain the QEW/Credit River Bridge for a period of 10 to 15 years. This includes the rehabilitation of the deck surface as well as the underside of the deck. The work has been designed and staged to minimize the impacts to traffic on the QEW, while addressing environmental imperatives, including reducing noise levels, retaining and restoring heritage attributes of the bridge and providing the appropriate level of protection for the Credit River.

A second (long-term) strategy to accommodate future full bridge rehabilitation is also under development and will require the twinning of the existing bridge.

The work on the deck includes replacing the bridge expansion joints (a major source of noise), replacing the median steel beam guide rail with tall wall barrier, resurfacing the driving lanes, as well as replacing the median lighting system with "Elizabeth Regina (E/R)" light standards on both sides of the bridge. The work on the deck will be undertaken in stages and will require nighttime work, with closures of 1 to 2 lanes of traffic on the QEW. There will be no daytime closures of traffic lanes on the QEW. In general, one-lane closures during the weekday will be from 9:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. and two-lane closures will be from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. The lane closure time on weekends will be

different from the weekdays by up to 2 hours. The deck rehabilitation work is scheduled to commence in April 2012 and is expected to be completed at the end of October 2012. Light construction equipment (concrete saws, core drills, forklifts, chipping hammers and hand held concrete vibrators) will be required to undertake the rehabilitation work on the deck.

A construction access road to the Credit River valley from Mississauga Road immediately north of QEW is required to construct a temporary working platform underneath the existing bridge structure. The construction of the access road to the valley and the installation of the temporary working platform is for the under deck rehabilitation work, which is scheduled to commence in May 2011 and is expected to be completed at end of January

2012. The rehabilitation of the underside of the deck is scheduled to commence in April 2012 and to be finished in September 2012. All the under deck rehabilitation work will be carried out during the day time.

The entire short term work program is expected to be completed by end of October 2012. This is a Provincial project.

**For further information, please contact:**

**Mike Marinelli** – MTO, Project Manager, 416-235-4639, [mike.marinelli@ontario.ca](mailto:mike.marinelli@ontario.ca)

**Steve Barrett** – City of Mississauga, Manager, Transportation Asset Management, 905-615-3200 x3017, [steve.barrett@mississauga.ca](mailto:steve.barrett@mississauga.ca)



## Minister of Infrastructure Visits Clarkson Pool Site

In December, the City welcomed Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Bob Chiarelli, as he toured Clarkson Community Centre to check out construction of the new pool addition - an \$11.8 million ISF project. Charles Sousa, MPP Mississauga South, City staff and I joined him to point out the facility's many features including a fully accessible 25-metre, five-lane lap pool, warm-water leisure/therapy pool with spray features and a relaxing hydrotherapy bench. The new pool will also include an on-deck viewing gallery, viewing areas from the lobby, family, male and female barrier-free change facilities, a relocated Customer Service Desk and new main lobby concession area.

Construction is progressing well and the pool will be open for use this summer. Join us for the official opening on Saturday, June 18, 2011. The ceremony will take place at 1 p.m., followed by free swims, refreshments, entertainment and activities.

*Councillor Pat Mullin with Ontario Minister of Infrastructure Bob Chiarelli, Charles Sousa, MPP Mississauga South and Bruce Carr of Community Services.*



## Oakville-Clarkson Airshed

On June 25, 2010, Dr. Balsillie, the one-person Southwest Greater Toronto Area Air Quality Task Force, released and posted the Air Quality Task Force Action Plan on the Task Force website – see [www.ene.gov.on.ca/publications/7651e.pdf](http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/publications/7651e.pdf)

The Action Plan includes 35 recommendations to improve air quality and reduce associated health impacts in the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed. The majority of the recommendations, 27 of the 35, are aimed at the province, nine are directed at local government and six actions are identified for industry.

The most significant recommendation in the Task Force Action Plan aimed at the provincial government was to establish an Airshed Management System for the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed.

The Ministry of the Environment (MOE) has indicated its intention to create an effective air zone management system that works for all of Ontario and their interest in establishing pilot projects, possibly including the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed, for testing elements of the proposed new air zone management system. MOE staff met City staff on March 9, 2011 to hear our views on future work on air zone management in Oakville-Clarkson.

**On March 23, 2011, I moved the following recommendations:**

**That the City of Mississauga call upon the Government of the Province of Ontario and the Minister of the Environment to:**

*Lead the design of a comprehensive air zone management system in Ontario;*

*Lead the development of an air zone management plan for the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed as an initial pilot project for the Province;*

*Implement the recommendations of the Southwest Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Oakville-Clarkson Airshed Action Plan released on June 25, 2010 in reviewing any application for a Certificate of Approval or*

*any other approval required for any industrial activity in the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed; and Provide a detailed response to the Action Plan.*

*That the City of Mississauga not pursue the development of an air quality by-law until the outcome of the Ministry of Environment's 15 to 18 month review of the need for a new Act or regulation with regard to PM2.5, as requested by the Town of Oakville, is known.*

*That a copy of these recommendations be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Minister of the Environment, local Members of Provincial Parliament, MPPs Kevin Flynn, Ted Chudleigh and Charles Sousa, and to all municipal governments responsible for the Oakville-Clarkson Airshed including the Regions of Peel and Halton and the Town of Oakville.*

One of the key recommendations in the Report was advising the Ministry of the Environment to change its method of granting C of A's by starting from the premise of cumulative pollution already existing in an Airshed. This is a sensible, logical premise which the Ministry of the Environment on its own has never yet implemented.

The recommendation was made, that the reduction of pollution in the Clarkson/Oakville Airshed should be measured and verified (at Ministry of Environment expense) before additional polluters are added.

The recommendation made that there be an Inter-Ministerial Committee created at Queen's Park to include the Ministers of Energy, Health, Environment, Municipal Affairs and Infrastructure is extremely important. Requiring these Ministers to co-ordinate on projects that pollute would avoid repetition of the absurd situation of the Minister of Energy directing the OPA to put a gas plant in the Clarkson Airshed which the Minister of Environment's detailed study found to be "stressed" ie. toxic.

Co-ordination at Queen's Park on polluters is clearly not yet being practiced. It is, however, critically important for our future.

## Proposed Clarkson GO Station Parking Structure

The Planning and Building Department has received preliminary drawings from GO Transit, a division of Metrolinx, for a proposed 5-level parking structure at the northwest corner of the Clarkson GO Station south parking lot off of Royal Windsor Drive, west of Southdown Road. The proposed parking structure is intended to accommodate 1,658 parking spaces. A preliminary meeting with GO Transit representatives and City staff is to be scheduled in the coming weeks. A formal site plan application has not yet been submitted for the project.

For further information, please contact GO Transit, Istvan Szatmari, Project Manager, [istvan.szatmari@gotransit.com](mailto:istvan.szatmari@gotransit.com)



## Jack Darling Memorial Park Spray Pad

On July 1, 2010, the new Jack Darling Memorial Park spray pad opened to the public, followed by a public celebration and BBQ held on July 29, 2010. Constructed by the Region of Peel for the City of Mississauga, the new spray pad features a new look and more modern spray equipment in a larger setting.

Two distinct play zones have been developed, one intended for older, more active children providing wall jets, post-mounted water features, and an interactive 'Periscope' jet that can be steered. A smaller, quieter area with low-height, in-ground jets for tots have also been provided. Parents and caregivers can oversee the fun from nearby benches, stone seating walls, and adjacent grassed areas.

The new spray pad is located on the site of the previous one, ensuring that the existing playground area, washrooms, waterfront trail, and several parking areas are found just steps away.

During the spray pad redevelopment, the existing picnic area was also upgraded with accessible features. New plantings with natural stone details were also added to the area. The City of Mississauga thanks its partners at the Region of Peel for making the construction of this facility a priority during the Jack Darling Park sewer, sewage pumping stations and forcemain construction.

The 2011 spray pad season operates June to September, weather permitting. For safety, we ask that children wear rubber soled footwear on the spray pad and that the spray features are not to be climbed on.

## Development Updates

*For updated information on development applications in Ward 2, please go to my Ward 2 Website and click on the Ward 2 Major Development applications. [www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2](http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2)*

## Illegal Dumping Prohibited in Peel

The Region of Peel reminds residents and businesses that illegally dumping waste is prohibited and that violators face fines of up to \$5,000.

Illegal dumping often occurs in public parks, rural areas, construction sites and new housing developments. It is estimated that within the Region, more than 2,000 tonnes of illegally dumped material is found and sent to landfill annually.

A lot of the waste the Region finds is from construction sites and home renovations and is typically heavy, sharp and hazardous. Managing illegally dumped waste is costly for the Region and can pose a health and safety risk to residents.

If you are unable to meet the Region's two bag limit for garbage collection you may purchase garbage tags online at [www.peelregion.ca/waste](http://www.peelregion.ca/waste) or by phone, 905-791-9499 or in person at any of the locations listed online or in the Waste Management Guide. Tags are sold for \$5 per sheet of five tags.

The following items which are not collected at curbside may be dropped off at any Community Recycling Centre (CRC) for a small fee:

**Construction & renovation material**  
**Landscape building material**  
**Automotive parts**  
**Tires (accepted free of charge)**



**Household hazardous waste**  
*(accepted free of charge)*  
**Electronics (accepted free of charge)**

Information on CRC fees and locations is available at [www.peelregion.ca/waste](http://www.peelregion.ca/waste) and in the Waste Management Guide.

You may also drop off unwanted items at private transfer stations that can be found at [www.yellowpages.ca](http://www.yellowpages.ca). As well, there are many various community organizations that accept household items free of charge.

Habitat for Humanity ReStores are building supply stores that accept and resell new and used building materials such as windows, doors, paint, tools, lighting fixtures and more. Learn more at [www.habitat.ca](http://www.habitat.ca)

If you witness acts of illegal dumping, you can report the incident anonymously to 905-791-9499. Residents are encouraged to record and report as much information as possible about the incident. Please include:

**Date, time and location of incident**  
**Description of person(s) illegally dumping**  
**Vehicle type, colour and license plate number**  
**List of dumped item(s)**

For more information on these programs, please call the Region of Peel @ 905-791-9499 or visit [www.peelregion.ca/waste](http://www.peelregion.ca/waste)

## The Compass

The Compass is a place where everyone is welcome, people can simply drop in for a cup of coffee and a snack, or shop in the Market Food Bank. There are life skills groups for men and women, English as a Second Language classes and computer classes. A weekly breakfast is offered, as well as a weekly supper. In the summer months, a weekly BBQ is hosted by the member churches or community groups. Special occasion dinners are held offsite for seasonal holidays. The Compass is also a depot for "The Good Food Box", an economical way of obtaining fresh fruits and vegetables for anyone in the community.

The strength of The Compass is its' array of volunteers. Volunteers perform many roles; such as counseling, teaching classes, teaming up with clients to assist them in the food bank, organizing food drives, picking up donations, sorting food, stocking shelves or hosting dinners. More volunteers are always needed. Currently, the need is greatest for volunteers who can help out with office administration or would like to help people shopping in the food bank. Days and hours are flexible and the rewards are great. Of course, food and monetary donations are always welcome. The Compass is located at 310 Lakeshore Road West in Port Credit, 905-274-9309. Plan to drop in; it's a place where everyone is welcome.

## Museum News

The Museums of Mississauga along with the Friends of the Museums are offering fun filled family events throughout the summer season. The Friends of the Museums will once again be hosting the annual Gallery in the Garden & Strawberry Fair at Benares Historic House on June 5 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This highly successful event features a fine art show and sale, ranging from paintings to jewellery, featured by local artists displayed on the grounds of the historic site. In addition, visitors will also enjoy local musical talent and fabulous strawberry shortcake. This summer, you can also expect the return of "On the Verandah", a summer concert series held at Benares Historic House hosted by the Friends of the Museums. Throughout the months of June, July and August, local musicians will showcase their talent every Friday evening at 7:30 p.m. on the front verandah of the historic house. Bring your own lawn chair and/or blanket and enjoy being entertained. Driftwood Theatre will be returning to the Bradley Museum to present Shakespeare under the Stars on July 15 & 16 at 7:30 p.m., and will also be performing for the first time at the Leslie Log House on August 12 at 7:30 p.m. Bring your own lawn chair and/or blanket to enjoy an outdoor performance of Shakespeare's work. The highly anticipated 17th Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic will be returning to Benares Historic House on July 24 from 12 to 4 p.m. This popular event includes a teddy bear clinic sponsored by Credit Valley Hospital, a parade, musical performances, crafts and more! The Museums of Mississauga are also offering a variety of pre-registered programs for young and old. Register for "Old Fashioned Spa Day" (18 Yrs+) happening June 12 at Benares Historic House or "Cooking Sweets & Sours for

the Pantry Shelf" (18 Yrs+) on June 26 at the Bradley Museum. This summer, you can register your child for any of these four exciting camps taking place at the Museums. "Hands on History Day Camp" (7 to 12 Yrs), Discovery Camp (5 to 8 Yrs) or Eco Kids Camp (6 to 10 Yrs) will take place at Bradley Museum and "Benares Blasters" (4 to 5 or 6 to 8 Yrs) will take place at Benares Historic House. You can register for any of these exciting programs on [www.connect2rec.ca](http://www.connect2rec.ca) or by calling 905-615-4100.

Traditional Afternoon Tea is still being offered at the Bradley Museum every month through reservations. Call the Museums at 905-615-4860 x2110 to reserve your spot for the following dates: June 19, July 17 or August 28. The afternoon consists of a tour of the Bradley Museum followed

by a traditional afternoon tea in the Log Cabin. Call ahead to reserve your spot!

Drop in guided tours are available throughout the year, Wednesday & Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. with extended hours available during July & August, Wednesday to Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. For details on what the Museums offer, please visit [www.museumsofmississauga.com](http://www.museumsofmississauga.com) or call 905-615-4860.

The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga, are an incorporated, charitable organization, which strengthens and supports the Museums of Mississauga through promotion, volunteer participation and fundraising. For information about volunteering at the Museums or to become a "Friend" please visit [www.museumsofmississauga.com](http://www.museumsofmississauga.com) and click on the Friends of the Museums page or e-mail [friendsofthemuseums@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsofthemuseums@hotmail.com)

Bradley Museum is located at 1620 Orr Road, Benares Historic House is located at 1507 Clarkson Road North and Leslie Log House is located at 4415 Mississauga Road.

**Pictured (left to right):** Jenny Dale and Anne Fabierkiewicz, Co-Chairs of Gallery in the Garden and on the Board of the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga

