



Councillor's Report – Spring/Summer 2012

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Telecommunication Towers



On Wednesday, March 7, Mississauga's City Council adopted an interim protocol for Telecommunication Tower/Antenna Facilities to change the public notification and consultation regarding modification or installation of the towers.

Telecommunication towers fall under the federal Radiocommunication Act and are administered by Industry Canada. Industry Canada has the final decision on whether a tower can be constructed. The City does not have the authority to stop the construction of a tower or make the final determination on its location because provincial legislation such as the Planning Act and zoning bylaws do not apply.

Councillor's Message

Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to the spring/summer 2012 edition of the Ward 2 Councillor's Report – which I hope you find informative! This edition contains many exciting articles about what is happening in and around the Ward 2 community, along with useful information on various programs and services to assist you and your family.

It is an honour to serve as your Councillor and I invite you to share your thoughts, suggestions and questions. My staff and I are always available to assist you with any concerns you may have. You can contact me at pat.mullin@mississauga.ca or by phone at 905-896-5200, Noreen and Helena will be happy to assist you.

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 mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2. You can also visit the City of Mississauga website at mississauga.ca for information on City services and you can access numerous online services directly.

It is my pleasure to work with you and our community and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

Regards,

Pat Mullin
Councillor, Ward 2

In the last year, a number of telecommunications towers were constructed in the City that raised serious concerns amongst residents. Chief among those concerns was the inadequacy of Industry Canada's default public consultation process. Industry Canada's default public consultation process does not have a requirement for a notice sign or public open house. Also, public notice is only delivered to homes and businesses within a distance from the tower of three times the tower's height or less, and does not specify the delivery method.

While Industry Canada will still have the final decision-making authority, the City's interim protocol improves on the Industry Canada public consultation process. The interim protocol improves public notification and consultation and provides a clear and concise outline of the City's role in the consultation process. The new interim protocol will be circulated to Mississauga wireless service providers, local Members of Parliament and community groups.

The City of Mississauga Telecommunication Tower/Antenna Facilities Protocol includes:

- location and design guidelines for towers
- preliminary consultation
- telecommunication tower request form
- increased notification area for circulation
- delivery method of notice
- public notification requirements such as signage, newspaper, public open houses, where applicable, and
- concluding consultation where applicable

The City of Mississauga will also ask the Association of Municipalities of Ontario to work with municipalities across the province and wireless service providers to request that Hydro One reconsider its moratorium on locating telecommunication antenna on existing hydro infrastructure and change its practice.

The City will also request that Industry Canada require applicants to consult with the City and the public for new telecommunication towers with a height of less than 15 metres or almost 50 feet. To view the City's new interim protocol, please visit mississauga.ca/file/COM/Interim_Protocol.pdf

Cycling Mississauga

The City of Mississauga recognizes the importance of cycling as an active and environmentally sustainable transportation option and is actively working to improve cycling facilities across the city. The Mississauga Cycling Master Plan (passed by Council in September 2010) is a long term plan to foster a culture where cycling is an everyday activity, build a comprehensive cycling network, and adopt a safety-first approach to cycling. In 2011, a new Cycling Office was established as part of the Transportation and Works Department to lead the implementation of this plan.

In Ward 2, new cycling facilities include designated bicycle lanes on Lorne Park Drive (between Truscott Drive and Indian Road) and Truscott Drive (between Southdown Road and Lorne Park Road), as well as a walking and cycling-friendly public path connection between Walden Circle and the Clarkson GO station. In addition, a multi-use trail will be constructed on the south side of Lakeshore Road West between Meadow Wood Road and Lorne Park Road in spring 2012.

Finally, staff are currently reviewing opportunities for a proposed multi-use trail on the east side of Southdown Road between Orr Road and the Clarkson GO station. For more information and the City's Bikeway and Trails Map, visit mississauga.ca/cycling

TOUR DE MISSISSAUGA

The 5th annual Tour will take place on Sunday, September 16, 2012, featuring the south-east quadrant of the City. Everyone is welcome in this non-competitive event which offers 30 km, 60 km and 100 km options and more! Discover Mississauga's hidden gems which can only be seen by bike!

Event partners are the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee, City of Mississauga and Walk and Roll Peel. Registration details will be posted online in spring 2012 and in the fall/winter Active Mississauga. For the latest details visit mississaugacycling.ca/tour

CLARKSON LIBRARY

Clarkson Library has been busy this spring break offering storytime programs for children. The library has recently started a Seniors' Social club, which takes place on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 11:00-noon and an English Conversation Circle taking place every Thursday from noon-2 p.m. As warmer weather approaches we are all looking forward to summer fun, especially since Clarkson Library will be kicking off the TD Summer Reading Club for children of all ages in July! The theme for 2012 is FANTASY! Come into the library or register online for this fantastic reading program and participate all summer.

VOYCE

Clarkson has an incredibly active Youth Advisory Group in VOYCE (Vision of Youth for Clarkson Events)! Since September, the group has been engaged in the Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup, the Clarkson Library Appreciation Day, the Clarkson CC Holiday Appreciation Event (including a visit with Santa), an intergenerational program with Sheridan Villas and the Second Annual Capture Clarkson Digital Photography Event, displayed at the centre for National Youth Arts Week. VOYCE is always looking for engaged, enthusiastic individuals between the ages of 12-24 with great ideas that they would like to see turned into action in their community. The Committee meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Clarkson Community Centre from 3:30-4:30 p.m. To learn more, follow us at facebook.com/clarkson.cc

CAMPS

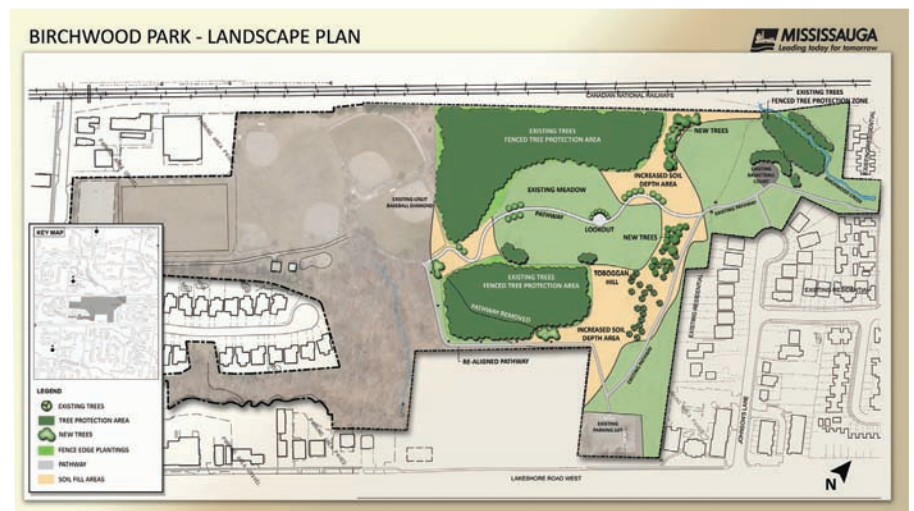
Clarkson Community Centre and facilities continue to offer a wide range of youth camps for all interests! Our full day camps include Reptile Rangers where you get to interact with real snakes, frogs and lizards among many other unique animals; BMX Camp, Triathlon Camp, H₂O Intro Camp, Eco Kids Camp or if you are looking for something even wilder check out Safari Crew Camp. We also offer a wide range of half day camps including Ball Hockey, Cooking, Discovery, and In Focus Digital Photography. For our youngest crowd we have Mini Adventure Camp, Benares Blasters, Outdoor Soccer, Superheroes, Little Divas, Mini Sports and Reptile Rangers Junior. Swing by the centre to check out our entire camp menu or look us up at connect2rec.ca

Birchwood Park Remediation Plan

The Community Services Department will be carrying out work in Birchwood Park from April to October 2012. Sections of the park will be closed during this time. The work in the park includes: repairs to the southerly unlit baseball diamond; removal and replacement of selected non-native and invasive trees; plant additional trees and plant material; and replace, widen and re-align some existing pathways.

As you may be aware a portion of the park including the toboggan hill, was constructed over fly ash, placed by Ontario Hydro in the early 1970's from the Lakeview coal fired power plant. The plan provides for increased soil depth over underlying fly ash sections of the hill and adjacent meadows.

The City of Mississauga held a public open house on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 to show residents the planned work for Birchwood Park. For further details, please contact the project manager, Michael Gusche at 905-615-3200 ext. 5363 or via e-mail at michael.gusche@mississauga.ca



CVC Chair Pat Mullin congratulates Young Conservationist Derek Rice at the 2012 Friends of the Credit Conservation Awards.

Councillor Pat Mullin Re-elected as Chair of CVC Board of Directors

In January, I was re-elected Chair of Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), marking my eighth consecutive term as Chair.

CVC is special to me because it is the home of local, science-driven expertise committed to protecting the environment in our own back yard.

CVC has been serving the community for more than 50 years, protecting the land, water, plants and animals in the Credit River Watershed. This results-oriented organization is producing significant results in the areas of environmental education, outreach, monitoring, and is a recognized leader in green municipal infrastructure.

Earlier this year, CVC was awarded a \$1 million provincial grant to implement innovative, sustainable rainwater management projects that will serve as models for communities all across Ontario.

CVC's member municipalities, including the Region of Peel, provide the lion's share of funding for CVC's work. My colleagues and I on the Board continue to advocate for ongoing provincial and federal support for local environmental protection, and together with CVC staff, we are developing new strategies for recreation and program revenue generation.

For more information, please visit creditvalleyca.ca

Second Units

The City needs a range of housing choices for everyone to feel they belong. Mississauga is working on Housing Choices: Mississauga's Affordable Housing Strategy. Second units, which are also known as basement apartments or in-law suites, is a part of that strategy.

A second unit is a separate living space inside a single family home. It could be in the basement, on the top floor, to one side or at the back of the home. It should have a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom/sleeping area and a separate entrance.

Last year, Ontario passed Bill 140, the Strong Communities through Affordable Housing Act, requiring municipalities to allow second units. It is part of the province's long-term affordable housing strategy.

In Mississauga, one in three households in the City have housing affordability issues – that means they spend more than 30 per cent of

their income on housing. Second units could help the City meet the needs of those who need more affordable housing options.

In late 2011, the City started consultations with stakeholder organizations. In February and March 2012, the City held five public consultation workshops across the City to talk to residents, and to get their thoughts and ideas about how to make second units work for everyone. Residents were asked to discuss how the City can allow second units while preserving neighbourhood character, ensuring safety and maintain public services at a reasonable cost.

More than 200 residents and stakeholder representatives participated in the consultation sessions and workshops, and provided City staff with a range of thoughts and ideas that will be considered as the City drafts its recommendations to Council.

Residents also had the option, if they were unable to attend a workshop, to watch the Civic Centre presentation and Q&A session on Rogers TV on March 6, and send their answers by e-mail, Facebook or Twitter.

The City's Housing Choices website has information about second units, the public workshops that were held, as well as the residents' survey used at the workshops. The survey was available online until March 31.

Please visit mississauga.ca/housingchoices for more information and updates.



Emergency Preparedness

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



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

Mississauga's Emergency Management Office works under the direction of the City's Emergency Management Program Committee and is responsible for the development, implementation, and overall emergency management initiatives in support of citywide preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery in emergency situations. This includes the development, updating and execution of policies and procedures to be adopted in regard to prevention, preparedness, response and recovery phases of emergencies. The office ensures development and delivery of adequate training of all City staff, elected officials, external agencies and volunteers involved in an Emergency Program. It also promotes emergency preparedness for all citizens of the City of Mississauga.

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

David Ramsey Outdoor Pool

Staff are currently working behind the scenes, preparing the facility for the upcoming season, with opening day on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

Program improvements include an afternoon lesson session for both adults and children in our new Swim for Life program. Included in this new program is a fitness lesson for children and youth. We have also added a new Fun Swim on Saturday and Sunday evenings and have moved the Friday night Fun Swim to 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.

The pergola is now covered, providing additional shade on the grounds of the pool.

Of course, with the Summer Olympics being held in London in 2012, we'll help bring that excitement to the Homelands by hosting our own David Ramsey version of the event. Start your training now!

We look forward to seeing you back this summer!

Oakville-Clarkson Air Zone Management Advisory Committee

On August 17, 2011, the Province announced a pilot project within Oakville-Clarkson to test elements of the proposed national Air Quality Management System.

The project entails the Ministry of the Environment working with the Oakville-Clarkson community to establish a multi-stakeholder Air Zone Management Advisory Committee.

A Terms of Reference for the Committee has been drafted by a working group (sub-set) of a larger multi-stakeholder group representing all sectors of the Oakville-Clarkson area which was convened by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to discuss the mandate and Terms of Reference for the committee. The draft Terms of Reference envisions a community-based committee that becomes a source of credible information and a knowledgeable voice on air quality in the Oakville-Clarkson airshed.

It is proposed that the committee will:

- comprise members representing resident organizations, industry, business, municipal government, Regional Health Units and the MOE; and

- provide advice, recommendations and facilitate appropriate local actions by government, business, industry, the public or other relevant parties to improve air quality in Oakville-Clarkson.

The Committee and its work will also serve to support and advise the MOE as it considers the development of policies to support the development of the air zone management element of the national Air Quality Management System. The work of the Advisory Committee will involve the entire community and is based on the belief that all levels of government, business, industry, environmental and community organizations and the public have a role to play in managing, improving, educating and reporting air quality.

Next Step

The MOE will reconvene the larger multi-stakeholder group to present Draft Terms of Reference for an Oakville-Clarkson Air Zone Management Advisory Committee.

For further information, please contact Brenda Osborne, Manager of Environment, City of Mississauga, 905-615-3200 ext. 3217, brenda.osborne@mississauga.ca

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.
mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2

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 Clarkson Community Centre and Library, Lorne Park Library and Sheridan 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, even with building renovations going on in Clarkson Community Centre and Lorne Park Library, the youth movement was strong in Ward 2 with over 3,623 participants and 134 volunteers who put in 511 hours towards Youth Movement programs and events. Popular programs included Chill Zone Friday night youth drop ins, Theme Dances, 3 on 3 Basketball, Photography Contest, and Video and Board Game nights.

The community centre and the libraries do not work alone. They have forged important partnerships, assist in the delivery of free drop in youth programming, these partners include;

Beading Buddies	MiWay
Clarkson Communities at Peace	Peel Board
Ground Illuzions	Reachout
MHL	Region of Peel

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

Vandyk Property 1601 Lakeshore Road West

Vandyk Development Group has approached the City on a preliminary basis to discuss the development of the property at 1601 Lakeshore Road West, located on the north side of Lakeshore Road West, east of Clarkson Road North. Vandyk has recently purchased these lands and is presently considering removal of the existing, partially completed structure, to make way for three, four storey apartment buildings on the site, with ground floor commercial uses proposed in one of the buildings facing Lakeshore Road West. Development applications have not been received by the City and the details of the proposal have not yet been refined. Additional information should be forthcoming in the near future. For additional information, please contact John Hardcastle of the Planning and Building Department at john.hardcastle@mississauga.ca or 905-615-3200, ext. 5525.



'Gallery in the Garden', will take place on the lawn of Benares Historic House on June 3, 2012. Organized by volunteers of the Friends of the Museums, pictured here is: Wendy Davies, Joyce Delves, Diane Timperley.

City's Older Adult Plan Responds To Needs of Aging Population

In the next 20 years, the City of Mississauga will experience an unprecedented demographic shift. The proportion of our population 55 years of age and older is expected to increase from approximately 20 to 38 per cent.

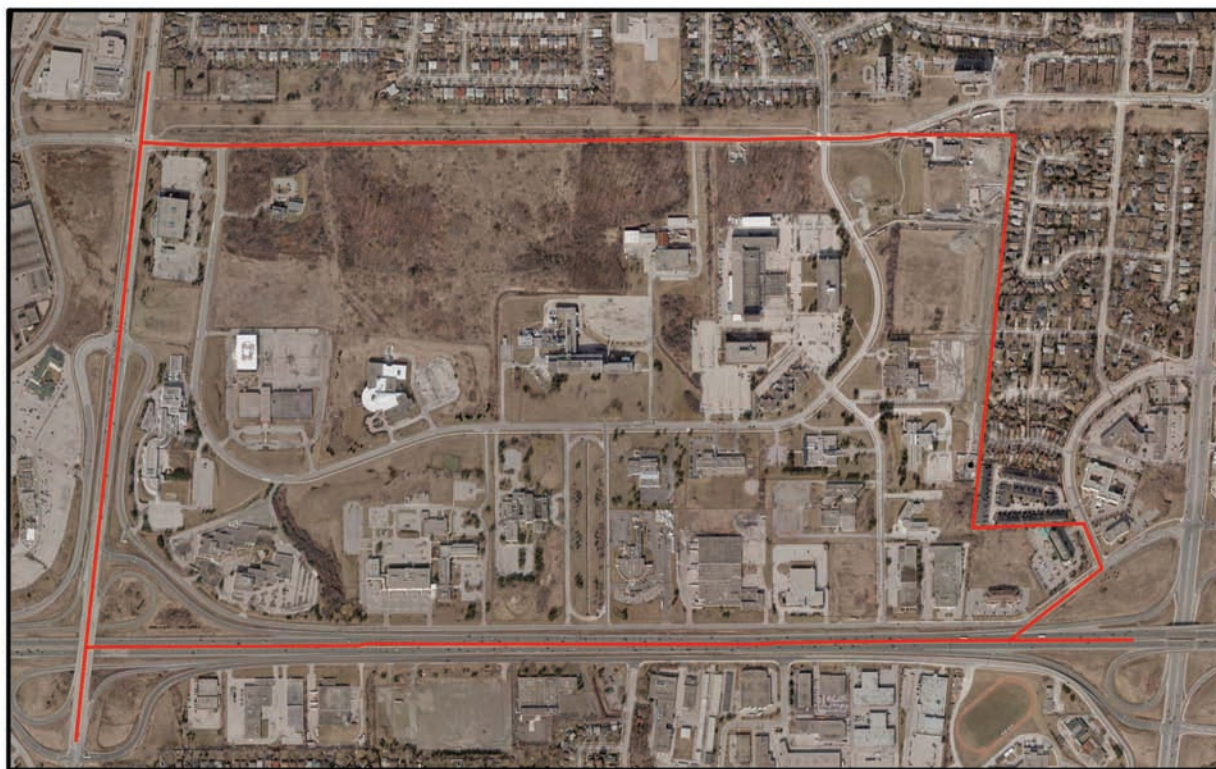
Mississauga has a vision of itself as an age-friendly city where older adults will lead purposeful and active lives, live in their community with dignity, integrity and independence and be able to experience a diverse range of lifestyle opportunities to pursue their personal interests. The Older Adult Plan is the framework that helps to make this vision a reality.

The initiatives outlined in the plan are lead by Council, City staff, community groups and older adults throughout the city. Since the Older Adult Plan was approved in 2008, the City has made significant progress in the following key areas:

- **OLDER ADULT ADVISORY COMMITTEES:** Older adults, staff, agencies and businesses that have a vested interest in the older adult population are now engaged and active in committees that help implement the Older Adult Plan initiatives.
- **ACCESS POLICY:** Low income residents, including a growing number of older adults, are now able to access municipal leisure programs and services through "ActiveAssist," a new fee assistance program.
- **COMMUNICATION:** A new website "Older Adults In the Know" now provides older adult residents, their families and caregivers convenient access to a municipal information resource at mississauga.ca/olderadults
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Understanding that transportation can be a barrier to older adults, the City introduced transit services that accommodate the needs of passengers of all physical abilities, as well as ensured roadways and pathways are accessible, safe and easily navigated by our pedestrians.
- **VOLUNTEERISM:** Older adults are becoming empowered and involved by volunteering in their communities. This reduces isolation by promoting social interaction and provides opportunities for older adults to share their knowledge and skills.

For more information about the Older Adult Plan as well as City programs and services for Mississauga's older adult community, visit the City's website at mississauga.ca/olderadults or call 3-1-1 (905-896-4311 if calling from outside city limits).

Sheridan Park Corporate Centre Master Plan Project



The City of Mississauga and Conor Pacific Development Inc., a landowner in Sheridan Park, are collaborating on a Master Plan for the Sheridan Park Corporate Centre. The objective and vision for the Master Plan is to re-invent "the Park as a commercially viable world class state of the art Science and Technology Business Park".

A consultant team, consisting of Urban Strategies Inc. with assistance from John Rogers and Associates, has been retained to assist with the preparation of the Master Plan. Stakeholder discussions and interviews have taken place in early 2012. Later this year, a report will be brought forward to a Planning and Development Committee meeting to request that the final Master Plan be brought forward to a formal public meeting, followed by the public

meeting of the Planning and Development Committee to consider the disposition of any policy and zoning amendments, as recommended in the Master Plan, in the fall of 2012.

There will be an opportunity for public engagement as part of the process. The Sheridan Park Association, the landowners and tenants, as well as local residents, were invited to participate in a visioning exercise and discussion of the Master Plan at an open house held in April.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Christie, Planner at 905-615-3200 ext. 5542, or lisa.christie@mississauga.ca

Clarkson Village Study Update

-Lakeshore Road West

At its September 20, 2010 Planning and Development Committee (PDC) meeting, planning staff was directed to hold a public meeting regarding the proposed amendments to the Official Plan and Zoning By-law related to the Clarkson Village Study. A Public Meeting of PDC was held on February 13, 2012, at which time planning staff presented a report outlining the proposed amendments and heard feedback from persons in attendance at the meeting on this matter. The Committee recommended that the planning staff report be received for information and that staff report back to PDC on any submissions made with respect to the report.

A further report will be prepared for consideration by PDC at a future meeting, which will address comments received from the public and, where necessary, any recommended modifications to the proposed amendments. Additional information and copies of the reports are available on the City's website at mississauga.ca/portal/residents/clarksonstudy. Area residents are encouraged to review the above noted materials and provide your comments to John Hardcastle of the Planning and Building Department at john.hardcastle@mississauga.ca or 905-615-3200 ext. 5525.



Above: June 2008: 200-year celebration Clarkson Village Lakeshore Road West.



Above: Barb Smith, Councillor Pat Mullin, John Van Camp and Wendy Davies at the Friends of Museums Christmas party on November 30, 2011.

The Friends of the Museums of Mississauga is a charitable, volunteer organization which supports our three City museums through promotion, fundraising, and volunteering. For more information, please call 905-615-4860 ext. 2110 or go to museumsmississauga.com

Clarkson Community Centre Pool & Lewis Bradley Outdoor Pool

A variety of swimming lessons at Clarkson Community Centre Pool & Lewis Bradley Outdoor Pool are being offered for all ages and levels which incorporates lots of in water practice, and valuable water smart education, to last a lifetime. Starting this spring, our Lifesaving Society Learn to Swim Program will be undergoing changes to improve your experience and will now be called Swim for Life. Improvements will include; fewer participants in every class, fewer skills per level for greater completion success and fitness components to improve swimming strength. The Learn to Swim progression chart found online at mississauga.ca/rec&parks/websites/aquatics/Program_Conversion_Chart.html can assist with level placement or free screenings are offered during all recreational swims. An aquatics staff on duty can be asked for this free service to assist you in determining which level is correct for you.

Listed below are some ways to make your swimming lesson participation a success:

1. Participate in a recreational swim before the first lesson. Orient your child to the change room, washrooms and pool. Everyone likes to know what to expect. Have fun and practice skills that your child already knows.
2. Swimming is like any other skill; it requires a lot of patience, practice & positive feedback. Talk to your child about his/her lessons and have realistic expectations.

Located within Clarkson Community Centre is a 25 metre, five lane rectangular shaped pool, as well as a warm water pool with a hydrotherapy bench & spray features. Features of the facility include a diving board, deep end slide, accessible ramps, day lockers, fully accessible male & female change rooms; and a family change room with a ceiling lift and height adjustable change table.

Lewis Bradley Outdoor Pool located at 745 Inverhouse Drive is a newly renovated outdoor pool which has a diving board, deep end slide, accessible ramps, barrier-free family change rooms with on-deck showers, male and female change rooms and a sheltered outdoor learning space.

Be safe, build your confidence & develop life long skills while swimming.

For further information, please contact Clarkson Community Centre at 905-615-4840 for information regarding recreational swim times, lessons and rentals of these facilities.



Above: Fred Durdan, Chair of the Friends of the Museums, speaking at Bradley Museum at a Mississauga in Bloom Garden Contest event.

Did You Know?

The width of your driveway is regulated under the Zoning Bylaw. Before making changes to the size of your driveway pad, check the City's website for Zoning Bylaw details or call the City's Compliance and Licensing Enforcement at 905-896-5655 for more information. The City's website has information about this and other by-laws at mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/bylaws

Fire Safety Begins With YOU!

- *Do you know what the leading cause of home fires is?*
- *Do your smoke alarms work?*
- *How much time do you think you have to escape a fire in your home?*

These are important questions and knowing the answers may save your life. Fire safety in your home is your responsibility! You must learn and practice the three lines of defence:

Fire Prevention, Detection and Escape.

1~Fire Prevention

The leading cause of home fires is unattended cooking. Oils and greases can easily ignite if the temperature is not monitored and controlled. These fires are preventable by staying in the kitchen and remembering to "Look While You Cook".

2~Detection

How do you know if your smoke alarms work? You might think they do, but unless you test them regularly you won't know for sure. Smoke alarms have saved countless lives over the years so look after them, and they'll look after you. Test them every month by pushing the test button. Install and maintain on every level of the home. Batteries should be replaced when you change your clocks in spring and fall. It is recommended to replace your smoke alarms every 10 years.

3~Escape

So how much time do you have to escape a fire? You may have less than one minute so it's extremely important that you have a home fire escape plan. Plan now for something that could save your life later. Gather your family and make it a project to work on together. Draw a plan of all floors showing windows and doors that may be used as an escape route. Be sure to check all windows and doors to see if they open easily from the inside. Hold regular fire drills and practice, practice, practice. Never re-enter a burning building, remember to "Get out and Stay Out".

These are just a few tips on fire safety. You can find further information related to this and other fire safety topics at mississauga.ca/fire Click on the "Fire Prevention Pamphlets" button which is also translated into 11 languages and check out "Protect Yourself from Fire".



'On the Verandah', Summer Concert Series will return every Friday evening to Benares Historic House, starting June 1, 2012.

Pictured above: Chamber Music Players and Becky Ryder.

Tree Permit By-Law Under Review

This May, the City of Mississauga's Community Services Department will host three public information centres on staff's proposed amendments to the Tree Permit By-law. In April 2011, City staff was directed to investigate strengthening the Tree Permit By-law to regulate the removal of single, large trees on private property.

Trees provide many benefits in an urban environment including reduced air pollution, energy savings, noise abatement, natural bird and wildlife habitats, higher property values and safe, walkable communities. As trees mature and increase in size, they add more value to the environment, store more carbon and allow for an increase in pollution mitigation.

Residents are invited to attend one of three public meetings to review the proposed changes which include:

- the addition of a single-tree removal permit for trees over 30 cm;
- changes to the permit fee structure;
- increased fines for non-compliance; and
- changes to the replacement tree requirements.



Residents are also encouraged to complete the Tree Permit By-law online survey, available May 12 – 31 at mississauga.ca Visit mississauga.ca/urbanforestry and select Private Tree By-law for more information.

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRES

Saturday, May 12

Location: Mississauga Valley Community Centre – Hazel McCallion Auditorium
1275 Mississauga Valley Boulevard
Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Monday, May 14

Location: St. Gregory Elementary School – Gym
1075 Swinbourne Drive
Time: 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, May 23

Location: Port Credit Memorial Arena – Credit Room
40 Stavebank Road
Time: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. & 6:30 – 9:00 p.m.

If you have questions regarding the Tree Permit By-law, please e-mail private.treebylaw@mississauga.ca

What's Happening at the Museums of Mississauga

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 3rd from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 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 20th & 21st at 7:30 p.m. An additional performance is set to take place at the Leslie Log House on August 16th 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 18th Annual Teddy Bear's Picnic will be returning to Benares Historic House on July 29th from noon to 4:00 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' on June 24th at the Bradley Museum or 'Cooking Sweets and Sours for the Pantry' on June 17th at Bradley Museum.

This summer, you can register your child for any of these five interactive camps taking place at the museums. 'Step Back In Time Day Camp' (7 to 12 yrs), Discovery Camp (5 to 8 yrs) and Eco Kids Camp (6 to 10 yrs) will take place at Bradley Museum. 'Benares Blasters' (4 to 5 or 6 to 8 yrs) and 'Mini Soccer Outdoor Camp' (4 to 5 yrs) will take place at Benares Historic House. You can register for any of these programs on connect2rec.ca or by calling 905-615-4100, ext. 3.

Traditional Afternoon Tea is being offered at the Bradley Museum every month by reservation. Call us at 905-615-4860, ext. 2110 to reserve your spot for the following dates: May 27th, June 10th, July 15th or August 12th. 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, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. with extended hours available during July & August, Wednesday to Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. For details on what the museums offer, please visit 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 museumsofmississauga.com and click on the Friends of the Museums page or e-mail friendsofthemuseums@hotmail.com

BRADLEY MUSEUM is located at 1620 Orr Road

BENARES HISTORIC HOUSE is located at 1507 Clarkson Road North

LESLIE LOG HOUSE is located at 4415 Mississauga Road



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2012 Operating and Capital Budgets Approved

In February, Council approved the City's Budget for 2012. While the cost for providing the services you are used to is increasing, due to rising fuel and utility costs, we are working hard to maintain our existing service levels and to reduce the impact of any increases.

This year, Mississauga residents will see a 2.8% increase on their total tax bill. This means an increase of \$113.76 on an average home assessed at \$430,000 or \$26.46 per \$100,000 assessment. It is important to note that only 30 cents for every dollar you pay on your property taxes funds City programs and services. Property taxes are shared with the Region of Peel (46%) and the Province (24%) for education.

Our City has approximately \$6.7 billion in assets including:

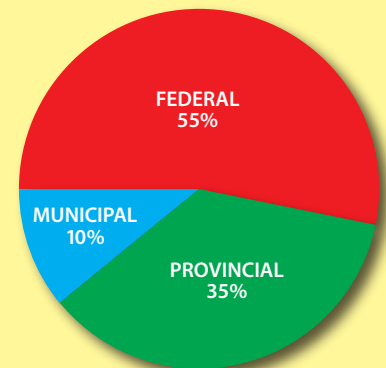
- 6,700 acres of parkland
- 5,209 kilometres of road
- 25 ice rinks
- 12 community centres
- 18 libraries
- 49,000 streetlights

All of these assets need to be maintained and operated. At the same time, as our City matures, this infrastructure begins to age and we need to provide the funds to keep these assets in a state of good repair.

For the first time, our City will have to take on debt to finance some of these costs. Specifically, \$21 million will be used to fund the retrofitting of our street lights with more energy efficient LED lights and to repair some bridges. This is a reality we knew was coming and we have planned accordingly. Outside of the property taxes we have limited funding options. Only 42% of City revenues are funded from other sources such as development revenues, transit fares and recreation and parks fees.

I am proud of our City and our financial stewardship. Mississauga has a strong legacy of excellence in financial planning and as our City matures, we have carefully planned and adopted a sustainable way to use debt as a financing tool to support plans for the future of our City.

MUNICIPALITIES RECEIVE SMALL SHARE OF TOTAL TAXES



TAXES PAID TO EACH LEVEL OF GOVERNMENT BY ONTARIO RESIDENTS

Lorne Park Library

Lorne Park Library is very pleased to offer various exciting events and programs.

We are excited to offer Friday afternoon films for adults in May and June. If you would like more information on the titles and dates, please call 905 615-4845.

On Thursday June 28 at 7 p.m., we are presenting, "An Evening In The Nepal Himalaya (Annapurnas)" presentation by a Tibetan mountain guide. Tickets are \$10.00 at the library.

Join us for exciting summer programs for children, including the Summer Reading Club and family story times. Please call 905-615-4845 for further information including times and dates. A Mad Science "Imagine" presentation will be held on Monday July 9 at 2 p.m., and tickets are \$4.00 at the library.

Jack Darling Memorial Park Update

Phase 1 of the expansion of the Lorne Park Water Treatment Plant was completed in 2011. Phases 2 and 3 are now ongoing and are expected to be complete in July and October of 2012, respectively. By the end of the year we will be capable of producing 500 million litres per day of drinking water from our new treatment process.

Significant progress has been made on landscaping of the park, specifically within the leash free and toboggan areas of the park. A significant portion of the leash free park is scheduled to re-open in September, 2012. The remainder of the leash free area is scheduled to re-open in the summer of 2013.

Bexhill Sewage Pumping Station

The new Jack Darling Sewage Pumping Stations are now complete and in service. With the new stations in service demolition of the existing Bexhill sewage pumping station can proceed and is scheduled to take place in the fall of 2012.

For more information on water treatment in the Region of Peel, please visit peelregion.ca



Bell Gairdner Estate



The Bell Gairdner Estate is located at 2700 Lakeshore Road West near the Mississauga/Oakville border. The site is set on a scenic setting along the lakeshore and offers a Manor House, Coach House and 18 hectares (44.5 acres) of woodlot/open space along the northern shore of Lake Ontario. The Bell Gairdner Estate buildings have been designated under the Ontario Heritage Act for their physical, historical and contextual value. The Estate was purchased by the City in 1999 from Ontario Hydro, who utilized the facility as office space.

In 2006, a building condition assessment was performed by George Robb Architect (GRA) which identified a number of maintenance issues to be addressed in the short and long term. In the summer of 2009, a concept design to determine the adaptive reuse was also performed by GRA which identified the site suitable for a banquet facility.

In 2011, ATA Architects were hired to develop a detailed design of the facilities. They are currently finalizing plans to transform the site into a formal banquet and conference facility.

The Manor House will be used for small social functions and corporate events as well as provide

a serving kitchen and administrative areas. The Coach House will be used for washrooms and storage. An outdoor tent area will be developed which will be suitable to host weddings and social functions of up to 200 guests.

The landscaping immediately surrounding the buildings will be returned to its original splendour and will be available for wedding ceremonies and photography. In addition there are a number of maintenance, security, accessibility and site servicing issues which will be addressed. Development of the remaining portion of the park has been included in the latter portion of the 10 year capital budget forecast.

The Manor House will be available for functions throughout the year and the tent will be available seasonally, from late spring to early fall. The facility will be operated and maintained by City staff with the exception of food service, which may be contracted to private catering companies.

Construction is expected to commence in the spring of 2012 and run through until the spring of 2013. The facility is targeting a summer 2013 opening date.

Celebrate Summer on the Square!

Experience the magic of summer at Mississauga Celebration Square.

Enjoy a series of fun, free events from June to September, including concerts and movies under the stars, open air fitness classes, fountain days, festival weekends and tasty treats from food trucks onsite.

Mark your calendar for July 1! Catch amazing kids' shows, live performances, local talent, delicious food and fireworks as we celebrate Canada Day on the Square!

Soak up the fun this summer on the Square. It all starts here: mississaugacelebrationsquare.ca



Design Your Own Rain Garden

Through the work of Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), we are implementing practical tools and techniques to protect the natural environment right here in our own community.

Hard urban surfaces such as roadways, driveways, rooftops and compacted turf lawns decrease the amount of rainwater that is absorbed into the ground. When rainwater flows directly into local streams, it can cause erosion and increase the risk of flooding. Rainwater that flows off urban surfaces like roads and yards also picks up pollutants along the way, flushing them into streams, and ultimately into Lake Ontario, the source of our drinking water.

Rain gardens and permeable driveways offer an effective and affordable way to protect our water, while beautifying your yard at the same time. Rain gardens are shallow gardens designed with special soils and plants that allow for absorption of rain water. Rain gardens can be designed in your own style, using a variety of flowers, colours and textures to create an attractive and easy to maintain garden that conserves water too.

Learn more about how to design your own rain garden in a publication from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation, "Rain Gardens: Improve Stormwater Management in your Yard". To learn more about CVC's water management programs, please visit creditvalleyca.ca/sustainability

Dementia Patients Access Unique Service at Sheridan Villa Long Term Care Home

For patients and caregivers living with dementia, the Spruce Lane Special Behavioural Support Unit is a place of hope.

The 19-bed unit, housed at Sheridan Villa Long Term Care Home, opened in September 2010 is the first of its kind in Ontario. Its goal is to help dementia patients, who have unpredictable responsive behaviours, reach a point where they can live in a regular long term care setting.

Residents at Spruce Lane live in a calm and comfortable environment where they can relax and focus. They are supported by nurses, therapists and support workers who have special training, and by other health professionals who provide a range of services and therapy. The service was created collaboratively with support from the local Community Care Access Centre, hospital representatives, the Local Health Integration Network and other community stakeholders.

"The beauty of this service is how effectively it brings existing community health resources together, to create a highly specialized and much needed service for residents," Councillor Patricia Mullin said.

Sheridan Villa, located at 2460 Truscott Drive, is one of five long-term care centres owned and operated by the Region of Peel.



Above: Inga Mazuryk, Administrator, Sheridan Villa; Pat Mullin, Councillor and David Szwarc, CAO, Peel Region.

Know Who to Call

(2-1-1 • 3-1-1 • 9-1-1)

2-1-1 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel. (e.g. finding employment, a doctor or social housing).

3-1-1 provides residences, businesses and visitors with direct access to City and Regional programs and services in Peel. (e.g. garbage pick-up, water billing, by-laws and taxes).

9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes. (e.g. a fire, a crime in progress or a medical emergency).



1130-1140 Clarkson Road

The Ontario Superior Court of Justice has released its decision in the matter of this property. The Decision deals with the boarded up property located at 1130-1140 Clarkson Road (the "Property") that has been the subject of ongoing litigation.

This case came about as a result of a failure to proceed with the sale of the Property in July 2003. Since this time, there has been ongoing litigation between the parties to this proceeding regarding ownership of the Property.

At trial, the plaintiffs chose not to pursue a claim for ownership and instead, pursued a claim in damages (among other claims). In the end, the plaintiffs were awarded monies to recognize certain improvements made to the Property. As the plaintiffs chose not to pursue a claim for ownership, ownership of the Property remains with the defendants to the proceedings.

It should be noted that the Decision has been appealed by both parties. The appeal does not deal with ownership, rather it deals with the judge's findings on damages and monies that were awarded to the plaintiffs at trial. The owners have advised Mayor Hazel McCallion that they have been advised by their lawyer not to do anything with the properties until the legal process is completely over. They have also indicated that they intend to restore the buildings as commercial space, and are actively doing market research and seeking potential tenants. They have indicated that they expect to commence discussions with City staff soon in this respect.