



Councillor's Report – Fall/Winter 2008

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Clarkson Airshed Study Advisory Committee

In March 2007, the Ministry of the Environment established an Advisory Committee consisting of representatives from the local Public Health Department, municipal elected officials, ministry officials, industry representatives and appointed volunteer community members. This committee was established following the release of the Ministry of the Environment results from its ambient air monitoring program. These results confirmed at times a taxed airshed.

The Advisory Committee was to recommend the development and implementation of a permanent ambient air monitoring program for the community. Since then the Government of Ontario, in August of this year, directed the Ontario Power Authority to undertake a competitive process to select the company that will build an 850 MW combined cycle natural gas-fired plant in the south western GTA region. I have met with representatives from OPA and our MPP to say that approval of a gas-fired plant in our already stressed airshed would be irresponsible.

The Clarkson Airshed Advisory Committee reinforced this position at the July 23, 2008 meeting by passing the motion. (see below)

This issue is of vital importance to our community. I would encourage you to support our position and write to:

The Honourable John Gerretsen
Minister of Environment
135 St. Clair Ave. West, 12th Floor
TORONTO, ON M4V 1P5

Mr. Charles Sousa,
Mississauga South MPP
120 Lakeshore Rd. West, Units 1 & 2
MISSISSAUGA, ON L5H 1E8

RESOLUTION OF THE CLARKSON AIRSHED STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE BAN GAS-FIRED GENERATION STATIONS IN SOUTH MISSISSAUGA

Whereas, the Ministry of Environment's Clarkson Airshed Study has determined that the ambient air in the study area is "stressed", and

Whereas, the Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region has advised the Council of the City of Mississauga that:

Councillor's Message

DEAR FRIENDS,

Welcome to the Fall/Winter edition of my Ward 2 community newsletter. I have tried to focus on issues of interest to everyone in my community.

Fall has been a very busy month at City Hall. It's the time of year for all the committees and community groups to kick off their annual work plans and get down to business.

Ward 2, as you know, is a very active area with so many interesting things to do and get involved with.

We celebrated Clarkson's 200th anniversary and a special thanks to the great enthusiastic volunteers who made this event so memorable. It was a wonderful day and a good time was had by all.

As always, I'm here to help you with any issues you may have. Debbie and Noreen in my office are doing a great job serving you as well. Please feel free to call or e-mail us anytime if you have any suggestions that you would like to see incorporated in my future newsletters. I would be happy to hear from you!

Once again, thank you for your ongoing support of my efforts and I hope you enjoy this newsletter. Best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season!

Take care, stay healthy and safe.

Pat Mullin
Pat Mullin,
Councillor, Ward 2

1. "Epidemiological studies have shown important population health impacts of current ambient air quality levels in Ontario - levels which largely meet the current requirement. This suggests that current regulatory criteria for air quality are not sufficiently protective of human health;" and
2. "For some pollutants there does not appear to be a safe level of exposure. Even low levels of air pollution can negatively affect human health;" and
3. "Poor air quality is a significant issue which negatively affects human health, the environment and the economy;" and
4. "Peel Public Health is concerned about the levels of air pollutants and has been active in advocating to the Province of Ontario that the current Point of Impingement Standards (POIs) are not adequately protecting human health and that the cumulative impact of multiple emitters in an airshed must be considered when approving new industry;" and
5. "Addressing poor air quality requires action on numerous fronts;" and

Whereas, Dr. David Pengelly, one of Canada's leading air quality scientists, has advised that for population health reasons no gas-fired generating stations should be built upwind of the GTA and

no closer than 75 kilometres east of the GTA because of wind patterns, and

Whereas, the Ontario Power Authority has announced its intention to issue a Request For Proposal for a gas-fired electricity generating station of 850 megawatts in the western portion of the GTA, and

Whereas, a gas-fired generating station is a emitter of sulphur oxides, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, volatile organic compounds, particulate matter 2.5 microns in diameter, the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide and water, and

Whereas, a gas-fired generating station in Clarkson would add substantial quantities of toxic pollutants to an already stressed air shed, and,

Whereas, the Ministry of Environment established the Clarkson Airshed Study Advisory Committee.

THEREFORE, Be it Resolved: That the Clarkson Airshed Study Advisory Committee authorize its co-chairs to write to the Premier of Ontario, copies to the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Energy and the Mayor of Mississauga, asking him to respond to the findings of the Ministry of Environment's Clarkson Airshed Study that the Clarkson airshed is stressed and to the call of Mayor McCallion to ban the location of any gas-fired generating stations in the Clarkson airshed.

Clarkson Airshed Study

The Ministry of Environment’s Clarkson Airshed Study, released two years ago, determined, among other things, that the Clarkson Airshed is, at times, a “taxed” or compromised area.

The Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region has noted that poor air quality negatively affects human health. He has expressed concern that current Point of Impingement standards in Ontario are not adequately protecting human health. He has advocated that the cumulative impact of multiple emitters in an airshed must be considered when approving new industry.

Based on its findings of a compromised airshed, the Ministry committed to asking existing industries in the area to develop and implement abatement programs to reduce their emissions. However, the Ontario Power Authority has launched a competitive bidding process to site a new gas-fired generating plant, possibly in the area. It is expected that Sithe Global Power will be among those submitting a proposal seeking a long-term contract to enable it to build and operate a new gas-fired generating station in the Clarkson Airshed. Such a facility would be

a major new source of pollutants in an already compromised airshed.

At its July 23, 2008 meeting, the Clarkson Airshed Study Advisory Committee (CASAC), a committee established by the Ministry of Environment and comprised of elected representatives, public health professionals, city staff, industrial representatives and independent volunteer community members, passed three resolutions calling on the province to:

- Ban the location of any gas-fired generating stations in the Clarkson airshed, based in part on the Ministry’s determination that the airshed is already stressed, the Medical Officer of Health’s input and studies that show that a gas-fired generating station in Clarkson would add substantial new quantities of pollutants to the already stressed airshed.
- Report to the community on its test results and planned corrective actions regarding two dangerous pollutants found in the airshed: acrolein and acrylonitrile.
- Provide technical support to the work of CASAC.

CASAC has not yet received a reply from the Minister of Environment on these resolutions.

However, following the passage of these resolutions, some events have occurred:

- My co-chair, the manager from St. Lawrence Cement, resigned and withdrew administrative support for CASAC.
- The senior vice-president of Sithe Global Power, the other industrial representative on CASAC, wrote stating that he felt that the first resolution would have great significance to the future of CASAC.
- Staff of the Ministry of Environment agreed to provide technical support to CASAC.
- Staff of the Ministry retained a facilitator to review the functioning of CASAC, including its terms of reference, structure, operating procedures, etc.

The group of industrial companies operating in Clarkson who are involved in the funding of the air monitoring program missed its deadline to have air monitors up and running by the 2008 smog season.

At this point, CASAC and the siting of any air monitors are on hold awaiting input from the Ministry-appointed facilitator and decisions by the Ministry as to the future of CASAC.

*By Julie Desjardins,
Volunteer Co-chair, CASAC*

| WARD 2 MAJOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS - OCTOBER 2008 | | | | |
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| SITE # | GENERAL LOCATION | PROJECT DESCRIPTION | STATUS | PROJECT/FILE # AND CONTACT |
| 1 | 2385 Truscott Drive, northeast corner of Truscott Drive and Bodmin Drive. | OPA/Rezoning applications to permit 9 condominium townhouse dwellings. | Applications deemed complete in June 2008. Community meeting scheduled for October 23, 2008. Scheduling of Information Report to Public Meeting of PDC to follow. Appeal of Zoning By-law 0225-2007 on subject lands and previous Site Plan application submitted under former zoning to permit an automobile service station with ancillary convenience commercial uses withdrawn. | OZ 08/010 W2 (1197140 Ontario Inc.) Planner: John Hardcastle (905) 615-3200 (ext. 5525) |
| 2 | (Satellite Restaurant) 1969 and 1971 Lakeshore Road West, northeast corner of Walden Circle and Lakeshore Road West. | OPA/Rezoning applications to permit a 15 storey, 124 unit condominium tenure apartment building with 580 m2 (6,243 sq. ft.) of ground level commercial, including a restaurant. | Community meeting held in May 2007. Subsequent to this, a focus group was established and numerous meetings held. Information Report considered at PDC on March 17, 2008. Scheduling of Supplementary Report pending various technical matters being addressed by applicant. | OZ 05/043 W2 (607074 Ontario Ltd.) Planner: John Hardcastle (905) 615-3200 (ext. 5525) |
| 3 | 1865 Lakeshore Road West, north side of Lakeshore Road West, east of CNR tracks. | OPA/Rezoning and Site Plan applications to permit a 7 storey, 149 unit retirement residence with at grade retail commercial. | Community meeting held on February 21, 2008. Subsequent to this, a focus group was established and numerous meetings held. Applicant referred subject applications to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) in May 2008. Information Report considered at PDC on September 15, 2008. Prehearing conference held on September 18, 2008 with 2nd prehearing conference scheduled for November 24, 2008. Scheduling of Supplementary Report pending confirmation from applicant on development issues. | OZ 07/013 W2 SP 08/098 W2 (Rio Can (Clarkson) Inc.) Planner: John Hardcastle (905) 615-3200 (ext. 5525) |
| 4 | 2688 Dundas Street West, southeast corner of Dundas Street West & Winston Churchill Blvd. | Site Plan application to demolish existing gas station and reconstruct with a new gas bar and convenience retail and service kiosk (Tim Horton’s). | Revised site plan submission received in September 2008 which eliminated the proposed drive-through and associated stacking lane. Revised submission under review. | SP 07/195 W2 (151544 Ontario Limited c/o Rainbow Esso) Planner: David Breveglieri (905) 615-3200 (ext. 5551) |
| 5 | 1110 Lorne Park Road, south west corner of Lorne Park Road and Albertson Crescent, south of CNR tracks. | OPA/Rezoning applications to permit a two storey office building having a total GFA of 681.88 m2 (7,339.93 sq. ft.). | Applications submitted on September 23, 2008. Circulation to affected City departments and agencies pending review for complete application submission. | OZ 08/015 W2 (Jacan Construction Ltd.) Planner: John Hardcastle (905) 615-3200 (ext. 5525) |

Queensway Trail Update

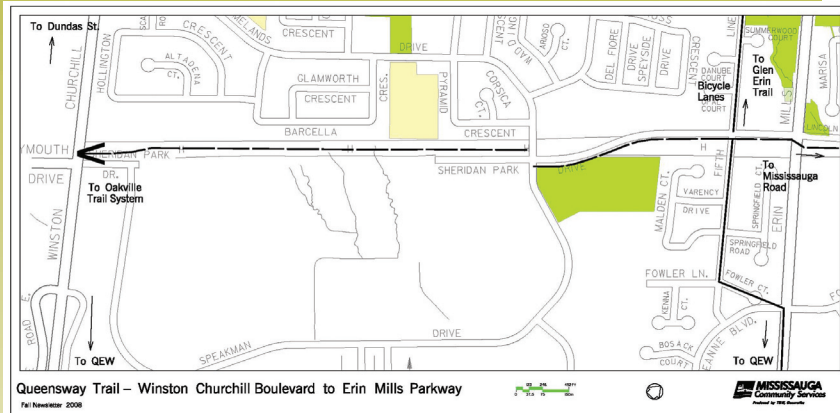
I am pleased to report that the trail development in the Hydro Corridor that runs between Winston Churchill Boulevard and Erin Mills Parkway is set to begin.

In September, Council gave approval to enter into a Licence Agreement with Hydro One for the construction of the trail.

The agreement has been signed by the City and is now with Hydro One. Once the agreement is signed, construction can begin. It is anticipated the construction will begin mid-October with an estimated completion date of late November, 2008, weather permitting.

When completed, the trail will connect into the Oakville trail system and to the bicycle lanes on Fifth Line that lead to the Glen Erin Trail to the north and the QEW to the south. When completed, the trail will also provide a connection to the bicycle lanes on Mississauga Road.

Should you have any questions regarding this work please feel free to contact Richard Roberts at richard.roberts@mississauga.ca.



Automated Speed Compliance

In response to concerns expressed by residents, the City of Mississauga proposes a full-time deterrent to drivers who choose to operate their vehicles at speeds that exceed posted limits, endangering the safety of other drivers, pedestrians and cyclists using Mississauga's road system.

The City of Mississauga plans to introduce automated speed cameras as a supplement to traditional police enforcement. The Automated Speed Compliance (ASC) Program will combine increased speed enforcement with an extensive public information campaign and is supported by the Peel Regional Police.

The primary objective of the ASC Program is to increase safety on Mississauga roadways by:

1. Increasing the number of drivers who drive within the posted speed limits;
2. Reducing the severity of collisions; and
3. Improving drivers' understanding of the dangers of speeding.

The City of Mississauga will monitor the ASC Program to measure its effectiveness and demonstrate the impact on speed compliance, speeding charges, conviction rates, and the severity of injuries which result from high speed collisions.

ASC would be located where conventional enforcement is unsafe or ineffective (as determined by the Police and statistical data); where there is a history of collisions that can be attributed to vehicle speeds; where there is an identifiable, documented history of speeding infractions; in school zones; in construction zones; and where the residents/public have expressed concern with vehicle operating speeds. This is subject to assessment and confirmation by City Traffic Operations staff and/or Peel Police.

This is a safety initiative and not intended to generate net revenues. Any net revenues will be used for traffic safety programs. Automated speed enforcement is currently not permitted in Ontario, but is currently being used in Alberta and Manitoba, and is proposed to be tried in Quebec. It is also being used successfully in many countries. The City of Mississauga is building a business case to present to the province to support the necessary change in legislation to allow a pilot program to be conducted. In the meantime, we will continue to focus on traditional engineering, education and enforcement to help make our roads safe for the travelling public.

Should you have any inquiries, please call Andy Harvey at 905-615-3200 ext. 5118 or e-mail: andy.harvey@mississauga.ca.

Southdown District Policies

Mississauga Plan Amendment 63

On June 23, 2008, City Planning staff presented a report on comments for the Southdown District Policies to the Planning and Development Committee. Amendment 63 (revised Southdown District Policies) were adopted by City Council on July 2, 2008. The revised district policies incorporate enhanced urban design policies for the district, prohibit certain uses in the Business Employment and Industrial land use designations particularly along major roads, and require that the storage goods and materials be located within enclosed containers. Amendment 63 has been appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by six parties. Staff will be working with all parties who have appealed the amendment to better understand the nature of their appeals and respective issues. Staff will also be working towards finalizing the implementing zoning for Amendment 63. Should you have any questions, please contact Susan Tanabe at 905-615-3200 ext. 3807.

Honorable Donna Cansfield Visits Credit Valley Conservation

On September 4, 2008, I met with the Hon. Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources at the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC). We discussed a number of important issues of significance to conservation authorities and the Ministry of Natural Resources. The Minister listened to all we had to say and will be formulating an action plan as well.

CVC staff provided the Minister with an overview of the work they carry out in the Credit River watershed and some of the challenges they face. They described that it is critical to create "natural systems" throughout southern Ontario in greenfield development and as much as possible in existing development. Conservation authorities are working with municipalities and developers to try to create these systems and negotiations are very difficult. The Minister listened and we commend the Minister's idea for creating a working group to protect and create viable healthy natural systems.

We talked about development charges and the ability of municipalities to use them to cover some of the costs of conservation authorities. Land acquisition is critical for remaining significant environmental lands in the GTA. These lands are very expensive and currently under development pressure. The province has programs in place which are helpful, but which we recommend could be expanded. These lands are critical for natural heritage systems creation especially where there are existing development rights. We also talked about detailed retrofit plans underway in Mississauga and potentially in Brampton.

Implementation of CVC plans and projects for environmental retrofits is estimated in the hundreds of millions of dollars. Funding is always a challenge and conservation authorities need assistance to mitigate impacts of population growth on the natural environment. Currently we are dependent on our local municipalities for funding and we compete with other municipal pressures, traditionally losing out.

We agreed with the Minister that environmental issues are fundamental to all aspects of our existence and need to be funded at a more equitable level in relation to their importance. This cost should be borne by all those who benefit from growth in the GTA at the expense of the environment – by the provincial and federal governments (not just municipalities) and by developers, aggregate producers and water bottlers. We look forward to working with the Minister and her departments and stakeholders in trying to generate greater investment in the natural environment in the GTA.



Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Natural Resources visits Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), September 4, 2008 with Councillor Pat Mullin, Chair of the CVC, and Rae Horst, General Manager, CVC.

Lakeshore Road Sewers

Early in the year the first phase of the relocation of the Bexhill sewage pumping station began. The first phase included the installation of the sewer pipe through Birchwood Park, from Lakeshore Road up to Clarkson Road. Restoration of that phase was completed in September. These sewers will connect the new sewage pumping station in Jack Darling Park with the wastewater treatment plant.

Over the past couple of months the second phase of the sewer installation has begun on the south side of Lakeshore Road between Jack Darling Park and Birchwood Park. A temporary pedestrian signal at the intersection of Lakeshore Road and Owenwood Drive was recently installed to provide a safe location for school children and other pedestrians to cross Lakeshore Road. Removal of the temporary signal and complete restoration of all roads and sidewalks should be complete in November.

Jack Darling Park Update

The third phase of the sewer installation connects the sewers near the existing Bexhill sewage pumping station with the new pumping station in Jack Darling Park. Construction of this phase has just begun and may cause some short term disruptions to the waterfront pathway in Jack Darling Park. Restoration of this phase will be complete by the spring of 2009.

At the beginning of September the expansion of the Lorne Park Water Treatment Plant (WTP) began. Significant steps have been taken to minimize the footprint of the expansion. Portions of the plant are being retrofitted with new technologies that save space and further improve the quality of Peel's drinking water.

Recently, the leash free dog area in Jack Darling Park was closed and a temporary area was opened further south in the park. Upon completion of the construction the leash free area will be restored and will include a year round washroom facility. It is expected the leash free area will be restored in 2012 and the entire construction at the plant will be complete by 2013.

New Watermain

In order to meet the growth demands in Peel and upgrade the current infrastructure a new watermain is being constructed from the Lorne Park WTP to the Herridge Reservoir and Pumping Station. Eighty per cent of the length of the watermain is being installed using tunnelling techniques. This method was chosen during the Environmental Assessment stage because it is much less disruptive to a developed community.

The construction of this watermain is taking place in three phases. Phases one and two are now underway and include the construction of the watermain from Jack Darling Park to the intersection of Southdown and South Sheridan Way. Intermediate tunnel shafts are necessary to provide ventilation in the tunnels and remove the rock. These shafts will be located at Birchwood Park, the northeast corner of Southdown and Lakeshore, and the northwest corner of Southdown and South Sheridan Way.

The third phase will begin in November and see construction of the watermain tunnel under the QEW and travel north by open cut construction, up to the reservoir. All three phases of this project should be completed by early 2010.

For more information and updates on each of the projects, please visit www.lorneparkprojects.ca or call Jeff Hennings, Project Manager, Region of Peel 905-274-9616, ext. 133.

GTA POOLING

In past newsletters I have informed you of Regional Council's efforts to encourage the provincial government to eliminate GTA Pooling, also known as the Toronto Tax. The province imposed largely to help the City of Toronto fund its social assistance and social housing programs as a result of the province's downloading of spending responsibilities to municipalities. Since its inception in 1998, Peel Region taxpayers have paid \$650 million into the GTA Pooling or about \$62 million annually on average. Council has always opposed GTA Pooling for a number of reasons; most importantly because it is an unfair and inappropriate program to address Toronto's social program needs. We have been clear in our position that the province should eliminate GTA Pooling and fund all social program needs from the provincial income tax base, not the Peel property tax base.

The actions taken by the Regional Council to draw attention to resolving the GTA Pooling funding issue was met with success. We're very pleased that the provincial government announced last year that it would start phasing out municipalities' contributions to GTA Pooling and eliminating it entirely by the end of 2013. This means that Peel taxpayers saw about a \$10 million reduction in their contributions to GTA Pooling in 2008 and will continue to see further reductions of an additional \$10 million in each and every year until 2013. These reduced payments allow more Peel property tax dollars to remain within Peel to help fund the community needs of Peel, something that we have always fought for.

Site Visit to Clarkson Wastewater Treatment Facility Outfall

On September 5, 2008, Councillor Pat Mullin visited the new outfall tunnel being constructed as part of ongoing upgrades to the Clarkson Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Region is expanding the facility to increase capacity from 200 to 350 mega litres per day.

The new outfall begins with a large vertical tunnel that is 12 metres in diameter and goes 45 metres into the ground. This vertical shaft leads the effluent (treated wastewater) into a horizontal tunnel that is 2200 metres long and is 3 metres in diameter. This tunnel is being carved into the rock that runs under Lake Ontario.



At the end of the tunnel are 18 smaller pipes that convey water from the tunnel into the lake. Releasing the effluent this way minimizes impact on the lake.

The project is presently 70% complete and is scheduled for completion next summer.

Councillor Mullin and William Fernandes, Manager Wastewater Treatment, visit the outfall tunnel.

MARK THESES IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS DOWN

For Wastewater odour complaints, please call (905) 274-1223 Ext. 0 during working hours, or Ext. 505 after hours.

For drinking water complaints please call (905) 791-7800 Ext. 4685 during working hours and (905) 791 7800 Ext. 0 for the region call centre after hours.

The on call water quality analyst will be contacted if required. There is also an e-mail address that can be contacted at all times Zzg-waterqualityinquiries@peelregion.ca

NOTE

If you experience strong objectionable odours from a suspected industrial/commercial source, you can report the incident to the Halton-Peel District Office at 1-800-335-5906 or 905-319-3847, during normal business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

AFTER HOURS OR ON WEEKENDS

You can contact the Ministry's Spills Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060.



I was joined by Regional Chair Emil Kolb, Enersource Corporation CEO Craig Fleming, Region of Peel CAO David Szwarc and Director Steve Hall on a beautiful summer afternoon as the new Solar Flairs™ officially began to help power the Clarkson Wastewater Treatment Facility. Enersource and the Region each funded half of the cost of this project, demonstrating an attractive solar energy alternative.

Solar energy blooms at Clarkson Wastewater Treatment Facility

This summer it was my pleasure to help Enersource and the Region of Peel unveil an attractive nature-inspired field of solar panels at the Clarkson Wastewater Treatment Facility. The photovoltaic (PV) panels, dubbed "Solar Flairs™," take the shape of flowers, and have sprouted up on a hilltop on Lakeshore Road, opposite Lakeside Park. Each Solar Flair™ consists of solar cells that convert sunlight into clean, renewable electricity. These nine pole-mounted structures are the first of their kind in Canada.

This project is a great example of how local businesses and our municipality are working together to find innovative methods to help meet future energy needs. I hope that this project will inspire others in our community to learn more about renewable energy sources as well as carefully consider their consumption patterns. Residents wishing to pursue sustainable green-energy alternatives may currently take advantage of Enersource's PowerHouse program (www.powerhouseprogram.ca), which offers zero interest loans for solar, geothermal and small wind applications.

Currently, plans are being made for some other projects in the area, including a 'green roof' and teaching garden at the Clarkson Community Recycling Centre, and a Lakeside Sustainability Park, which will demonstrate other green technologies. The Region of Peel has many more clean energy initiatives planned. With projects such as this, both the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel want to demonstrate a strong commitment to the environment, and share that within our communities.

Mayor McCallion 40 Years of Service as a Municipal Politician

On May 31, 2008, during the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) annual conference in Quebec City, I had the pleasure of attending a special reception to honour Mayor McCallion for her 40 years of service as a municipal politician.

The reception was held in the Quebec National Assembly reception hall and was attended by over 200, including politicians from every level of government. Mayor McCallion was not only recognized for her service to Mississauga, but for her extensive contributions in the provincial and national arenas as well. The award also honoured her for being a role model and mentor for women who are considering running for public office.

It was a wonderful event and our Mayor felt truly honoured for the recognition by her fellow political colleagues.



Annual FCM Conference, Mayor Morrison, Mayor McCallion, Mayor Fennell, Councillor Prentice and Councillor Mullin.



BIKE TO WORK DAY

Twice as many people participated in this year's Bike To Work Day event held in June.

About 50 riders set off at 7 a.m. from Riverwood Park on the north side of Burnhamthorpe Rd. W. at the Credit River, arriving at City Hall about 30 minutes later.

Glenn Gumulka, who heads Smart Commute Mississauga, noted a "marked improvement" in participation at three different events. There was one at Riverwood, one at Hatch Associates in Sheridan Park and another event in Meadowvale that attracted a large contingent of bikers.

Several other riding enthusiasts also organized rides from their own neighbourhoods to the Civic Centre.

As an enthusiastic cyclist who sits on the City's Cycling Advisory Committee, I decided to make the trek by bike to City Hall. The City's new Cycling Master Plan, currently the subject of public consultation, will provide many more bike paths and opportunities for cyclists.

A member of the Cycling Committee commented that he hopes to get more novice riders involved in Bike To Work Day and the Car-Free Days to be held in the future. Many new riders are intimidated by the thought of heading out on the road alone, but feel more confident when riding in a group.

Participants celebrated the event with a pancake breakfast at City Hall, in which myself and Ward 11 Councillor George Carlson, chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee, officially signed the Toronto and Region Inter-governmental Declaration of Clean Air.

PEEL REGIONAL
POLICE UPDATE

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce two staff members that will be serving the Ward 2 community from Peel Regional Police. As you can see from their Bios we are so lucky as a community to have them and their expertise! Should you wish to contact them please do not hesitate to call Division 11 at 905-453-3311 for any assistance.

First of all, we have Superintendent Bob Devolin and his background is as follows:



"I have 32 years with Peel Regional Police having started my career as a Cadet in April 1976.

Throughout the years I have been assigned to the Tactical and Rescue Unit, Auto Theft Bureau, Morality Bureau and Homicide Bureau.

As an Inspector I have been the officer in charge of our Records Services, Crimes Against Persons, Street Crime and most recently Intelligence Services. When I was promoted this past June to Superintendent I was pleased to learn that I was assigned to 11 Division, as this is the area of Mississauga I started with many years ago. Both Inspector Downer and I look forward to working with Councillor Mullin and the residents of Ward 2 to maintain the standard of living they currently enjoy."

Secondly, let me introduce Inspector Dave Downer and his background is as follows:



Inspector Dave Downer commenced his career in policing on June 29, 1981, with Peel Regional Police. He was promoted to Sergeant in February 1992, and Staff Sergeant in 1999. He has been assigned to the Child Abuse and Sexual Assault

Bureau, the Research & Development Bureau, the Major Collision Bureau, the Audit Unit, Auto Theft Bureau, the Canine Unit, the Regional Breathalyzer Unit and as a Divisional Staff Sergeant. As an Inspector he has been posted in the Duty Inspector's Office and most recently he was assigned as the Inspector in charge of the Communications Centre, prior to his posting at 11 Division.



Rattray Marsh Living Discovery
Centre Receives Another Boost

For the third consecutive year, The Pendle Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga has made a significant contribution to the Rattray Marsh Living Discovery Centre.

On Wednesday, May 28th, 2008, the CVC Foundation received another generous grant of \$100,000 from the Pendle Fund for continued implementation of the Living Discovery Centre. The Pendle Fund grant is designated to two primary areas; trail improvements and environmental education.

Rattray Marsh is an "environmental gem" located in a unique natural setting within the City of Mississauga. As the last remaining lakefront marsh between Toronto and Burlington, and the last remaining baymouth bar marsh between Oshawa and Niagara, this environmentally sensitive wetland offers a different experience for nature lovers. Rattray Marsh is home to a variety of wildlife and plants and a definite must see for avid bird watchers, photographers and nature lovers.

The Rattray Marsh Living Discovery Centre is a haven for environmental protection, exploration and education.

This 'Living Classroom' of experiential learning will reach diverse and expansive audiences with messages of contemporary environmental themes and human interactions. It can inspire and teach, instil awe and understanding. It offers the visitor an opportunity to explore the natural areas of our lives that open doorways to understanding, appreciation and protection.

It provides a doorway into appreciation and understanding: appreciation of the important environmental causes that this world fights for daily; appreciation of the simple and inherent beauty of a wetlands ecosystem; appreciation of the connections between our actions and our influence as humans; and appreciation of the intrinsic beauty of nature's miracles.

Between 2006 and 2007, the CVC Foundation received \$200,000 from the Pendle Fund at the Community Foundation of Mississauga in support of this project. Those funds supported the restoration of existing boardwalks, the construction of two new boardwalks, and surfacing at trail access points to ensure the safety of visitors is maintained. To further enhance the trail experience, one boardwalk rest and viewing platform was rebuilt to allow for additional capacity. Further, existing property signs have been updated and improved with emphasis placed on key areas of interest.



Additionally, the grant enabled CVC to collect data on the past and present marsh conditions through gauge implementation, sediment samples, botanical surveys, wildlife monitoring and with this key data, they are better equipped to manage future restoration efforts.

Thanks to these incredibly generous gifts from the Pendle Fund, local residents and park visitors will enjoy the environmental, educational and recreational benefits of Rattray Marsh Conservation Area for many years to come.

Important Phone Numbers
and Websites for Ward 2

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| Councillor Pat Mullin | 905-896-5200 |
| Region of Peel | 905-791-7800 |
| www.peelregion.ca | |
| Peel Public Health | 905-799-7700 |
| Peel Reg. Paramedic Services (non-emergency) | 905-791-7800, ext.3951 |
| Region of Peel Water Billing | 905-791-8711 |
| Waste Management | 905-791-9499 |
| City Of Mississauga | 905-896-5000 |
| www.mississauga.ca | |
| City after hours dispatch | 905-615-3000 |
| TTY for Hearing Impaired | 905-896-5151 |
| Animal Control | 905-896-5858 |
| Bylaw Enforcement | 905-896-5655 |
| Mississauga Fire | 905-615-3777 |
| Parking Control | 905-896-5678 |
| Property Taxes | 905-896-5575 |
| Recreation & Parks | 905-615-4100 |
| Road Maintenance | 905-615-3000 |
| Snow Removal | 905-615-3000 |
| Transit Customer Service | 905-615-4636 |

Other Important
Community Contacts

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| Aircraft Noise Complaints | 416-247-7682 |
| www.gtta.com | |
| Peel Regional Police | 905-451-3311 |
| www.peelpolice.on.ca | |
| Go Transit | 416-869-3200 |
| www.gotransit.com | |
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| www.enersource.com | |
| Ministry of Environment | 1-800-565-4923 |
| www.ene.gov.on.ca | |
| Peel District School Board | 905-890-1099 |
| www.peel.edu.on.ca | |
| Ministry of Health | 905-275-2730 |
| www.health.gov.on.ca | |
| Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board | 905-890-1221 |
| www.dpcdsb.org | |
| Ontario Poison Centre | 416-813-5900 |
| www.sickkids.ca | |
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