

# **Carolyn Parrish** Ward 5 News • Spring Summer 2017











#### Dear Neighbours,

As the long winter ends and the City turns a lush green, it makes me even more delighted that we stopped the widening of McLaughlin Road north of Bristol, saving 460 lovely mature trees. The first steps have been taken by the Peel District School board to rezone 32 acres of their farm along Hurontario to mixed use residential-commercial while finalizing plans for a glorious 168-acre Outdoor Education Centre.

The events pad at Hershey Centre has been completed. Odysseo's show tent towers above the 403 in readiness for a June 21st opening.

Our new Danville Park is well on its way with the GTAA constructing an airplane viewing platform on what is the highest point of land in Mississauga, conveniently positioned near the busiest Pearson Airport runway.



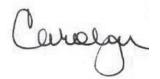
Welcome to one of the busiest, most exciting wards in the City!

#### Save the Date: Britannia Fall Fair October 1st!

It's been many years since the last Fall Fair was held at the Britannia Farm. I would like to thank Chair McDougald and the Peel Board Staff for opening their gates and welcoming the residents of Ward 5 back to the Farm.

Walk with your family, ride bikes or park cars in the Board office lot. Art boards showing the Britannia Farm Master Plan will be on display in the one-room school house and walking tours will take you to the locations shown. There will be horse-drawn wagon rides, an inflatable obstacle course, bouncy castles and a farmers' market - pumpkins, fresh vegetables and baked goods to purchase.

Put Sunday October 1st on your "must do" calendar!







## **Progress on the Britannia Farm**



- A. Traditional Agricultural Fields
- B. Riparian Zone: Cooksville Creek
- C. Ecological Zone
- D. Field Centre Building
- E. Agricultural Zone
- 32 Acres for Mixed Development

Over the winter, a great deal of progress has been made in finalizing the Britannia Farm Master Plan. The Board hired Urban Strategies to prepare the complex applications to the City for the rezoning of 32 acres of the farm from agricultural/institutional to mixed use residential/commercial.

I attended an initial DARC (Development Application Review Committee) meeting with staff from the City, the Region and the Board on May 3. These informal meetings are designed for applicants to get feedback on any requirements the city and region may want addressed by the applicant before they make formal requests for zoning changes.

The meeting went very well with one exception. The City would like to see a north-south municipal road from Bristol in the south to Matheson in the north. I agreed with the School Board representatives that dividing the farm roughly parallel to the creek that flows through it, is a non-starter. As the local Councillor, I will be working tirelessly to make sure the farm stays in one, unbroken piece as it has been for over a hundred years.

The 32 acres along Hurontario and Bristol, seen above, will be detailed with a specific layout, number of buildings, etc. The general heights and numbers of units will be specified by the City in keeping with the development leading up to the farm from Eglinton and the soon-to-be constructed LRT. Some commercial in the form of shops and restaurants will be encouraged on the street levels.

Once the re-zoning is completed, the Peel District School Board will invite proposals from qualified local developers who will then lay out more detailed proposals from which the Board will choose. The revenue generated by the successful development will then be used to bring the dream of an outdoor education centre to reality.

It is important to note, the Board has included public access to parts of the property, when not in use by Peel students, in its Master Plan. This very generous gesture is extremely good news, particularly for those Ward 5 residents who live closest to this amazing outdoor treasure.

Please note the Ward 5 Fall Fair taking place Sunday, October 1st, at which the Master Plan and walking tours will be available.

Stay up to date on developments on the Ward 5 website, www.carolynparrish.ca.



#### **Danville Park**

Attention aviation enthusiasts! An extraordinary airplane viewing platform – a joint project between the GTAA and the City – is coming to Danville Park in Ward 5! The platform will rise 25 metres above the surrounding area and be equipped with binoculars, seating and interpretive signs to recognize the important links between aviation and Mississauga.



Both the design of the park and the name were chosen through a public contest.

The park is located on Danville Rd., in the Courtneypark Dr. E. and Kennedy Rd. area. Danville Park will also hold two cricket fields and a toboggan hill. Construction is scheduled to wrap up in July. The official park opening will take place September 29, 2017. All airplane buffs should note the date on their calendars.

# **Hurontario LRT**

Running along Hurontario from Port Credit to Brampton Gateway Terminal, the Hurontario LRT will bring 20 kilometres of rapid transit with 22 stops to connect Brampton and Mississauga. It's a joint project between Mississauga, Brampton and Metrolinx, which will take passengers to other major transit hubs, including GO Transit lines, MiWay, and Brampton's transit system, Züm. Construction will be funded by a \$1.4 billion grant from the federal government and is anticipated to start late next year.

Metrolinx and the City hosted several open houses and telephone conferences this spring. If you weren't able to make it to one of the sessions, you can see the display boards showing the station design, streetscape plans and crossing designs on the City's website: www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/hurontario-LRT.

### **Making Room for the Middle**

One of the common calls I get in my office is from people who are struggling to stay in their homes or to find affordable housing. It is extremely important that people of all incomes can afford safe and secure housing for themselves and their families.

In March, the City's planning and building department proposed a housing strategy to make home ownership more attainable for middle income residents. "Making Room for the Middle: A Housing Strategy for Mississauga" aims to foster a supportive environment for private and non-profit builders to provide a range of housing that is affordable for all, focusing on 40 actions based on existing municipal powers. The City hosted a housing forum in May. Look for the final report to be presented to Council later in 2017.

# **Summit 4 Fair Funding**

Libraries, public schools and social services all rely on funds from the provincial and/or federal government. Research has shown that the Region of Peel, as well as other GTHA communities, receive a considerably smaller amount of funding for these services than other Ontario municipalities – most especially Toronto.

This November, the Region of Peel will be hosting the "Summit 4 Fair Funding" at the Living Arts Centre, where representatives of school boards and councils from Peel, Halton, York, Durham and Hamilton can come together to share statistics, strategy, and how we can bring a fair amount of provincial and federal funding to our respective areas.

#### Canada 150

Join in the celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation! There are events all over Mississauga for residents of all ages. Visit www.mississauga.ca/canada150 to find activities for your family.



The City also has a limited number of Neighbourhood Celebration Kits if you're planning an outdoor neighbourhood event in 2017. Send an email to saugacelebrates@mississauga.ca for details.



#### Cavalia

Odysseo, a world-class touring show put on by Cavalia, is bringing its team of horses, equestrians and performers to Mississauga this month. You may have seen the giant white tent for the show while driving along the 403 – the show will be held at a new event pad next to the Hershey Centre. I can't wait to take my grandkids to enjoy this spectacle! You can get more information about the show at www. cavalia.com.

I'm very grateful to the City staff who worked so hard to quickly put this space together for the show. The new event pad is going to be a huge draw to similar large shows that will bring business and tourists to Mississauga!





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Visit www.carolynparrish.ca or email carolyn.parrish@mississauga.ca to sign up!





### **Scouts Good Turn Week**

Congratulations to 1st Sandalwood Scouts on their very successful Good Turn Week! It's a time when the scouting community comes up with ideas that will have a positive impact and set an example in their communities.



I joined the scouts for their Knit-a-Thon at Frank McKechnie Community Centre this spring, where they knitted scarves for donation to local shelters and agencies. Big thank you to Kayleigh McIntosh, shown above with her mother and me, for helping to put the event together.

