

## **BIOGRAPHY OF COUNCILLOR GEORGE CARLSON, WARD 11, MISSISSAUGA**

Councillor George Carlson is a lifetime local resident, born in Cooksville in 1958. He is a direct descendant of one of Streetsville's founders, Henry Rutledge (1797 – 1875) who also served as a local Councillor.

George attended local schools and for many years operated several small businesses in the area. He was first elected in 1985 as a School Trustee, a position he held for four terms. George was first elected Councillor in 2000 and was re-elected in 2003, 2006, 2010, and 2014.

George serves our community at the Region of Peel and the City of Mississauga. He Chairs both the Heritage and Environmental Advisory Committees, is a Director of the Streetsville BIA, and a member of the Housing Options for Older Adults in Peel (HOAP) Committee; and the Citizen Appointments Nominating Committee. Over the years, George has served on the Governance Committee, Audit Committee, Mississauga Library Board, Code of Conduct Committee, the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, the Government Relations Committee, Peel Living (Peel Housing), and the Waste Management Committee.

George is a member and supporter of many volunteer groups such as the Friends of the Museums Mississauga, the Mississauga Garden Council, the Streetsville Historical Society, the Peel Children's Aid Society, the Royal Canadian Legion (Branch 139), and the Streetsville Cadet Community Centre.

As a Councillor and volunteer, George enthusiastically supports many local events such as The Santa Claus Parade, The Bread and Honey Festival, Canada Day, and Earth Week activities.

George has been recognized for his contributions to our community over many years:

### **Credit Valley Conservation**

- *Award of Distinction – for environmental work in the Credit Valley Watershed*

### **Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II**

- *Queen's Jubilee Medal – for Community Volunteerism*
- *Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal – for long service to local Cadet organizations*

### **Heritage Mississauga**

- *Members' Choice Awards – for his support of Heritage Issues*

### **Ontario Heritage Trust Award**

- *Heritage Tree Subcommittee*
- *Streetsville Historical Society Lifetime Member*

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**Streetsville Secondary School**

- *Alumnus of the Year – for his contributions to Public Education*

George lives in Ward 11 with his two sons Michael and Andrew. In his spare time, George is an avid gardener, enjoys the outdoors and renovating his heritage home, pictured below.