

MAYOR'S update



A Personal Message from Mayor Bonnie Crombie

Mississauga is proud to be home to over 90,000 businesses who are helping to create highly-skilled, good paying jobs to grow our economy and ensure that our residents enjoy a quality of life second to none.

97 per cent of these businesses are small businesses in a variety of sectors including the life sciences, aerospace, clean tech, food and beverage industries who are making valuable contributions to our city.

Our City is working hard every day to foster an environment where local and innovative companies can not only start, but thrive.

We continue to have one of the lowest and most competitive property tax rates in the province. We are strategically located within 90 minutes of the U.S. border and served by seven 400-series highways, making our City a connected and attractive place to do business.

Mississauga is also a leading destination on the “innovation corridor” that stretches between Toronto and Kitchener-Waterloo.

Home to some of the world’s leading innovative companies, we are growing our innovation ecosystem. From the Sheridan Innovation Hub to the RIC Centre, from the iCube at the University of Toronto Mississauga to the Xerox Centre for Commercialization and the soon to open National Research Council Canadian Centre for Advanced Materials Manufacturing, Mississauga has many of the elements in place needed to foster the next generation of innovative companies.

Our 2018 Budget is a solid financial plan that helps local businesses and residents reach higher while paving the way for Mississauga’s promising future as a world-class city.

We heard from residents, local businesses and community organizations about their funding priorities, and together, we’ve put forward a fiscally-responsible plan.

Our Budget invests in our City’s key priorities, critical infrastructure and expands public transit, while

delivering quality services residents, established companies and emerging entrepreneurs rely on every day.

The City of Mississauga’s commitment to finding savings, showing discipline with taxpayers’ money, and strategically investing to help our city grow, have also ensured Mississauga maintains its Triple-A credit rating. This gives businesses confidence to invest and expand in Mississauga.

We continue to balance our Budget while also finding savings annually. This year, we have identified \$3.1 million in cost savings, which is equivalent to reducing the taxes our City collects from businesses and residents by 0.7 per cent.

Thank you to the thousands of business owners, residents and professionals from across our city who provided their valuable feedback on this year’s Budget.

If you did not get a chance to provide feedback, we encourage you to email your questions or comments to budget@mississauga.ca. Let’s keep the conversation going.

Whether you are looking to start or expand your business, we are paving the way for Mississauga’s promising future as a world-class city; and we’re doing it together.

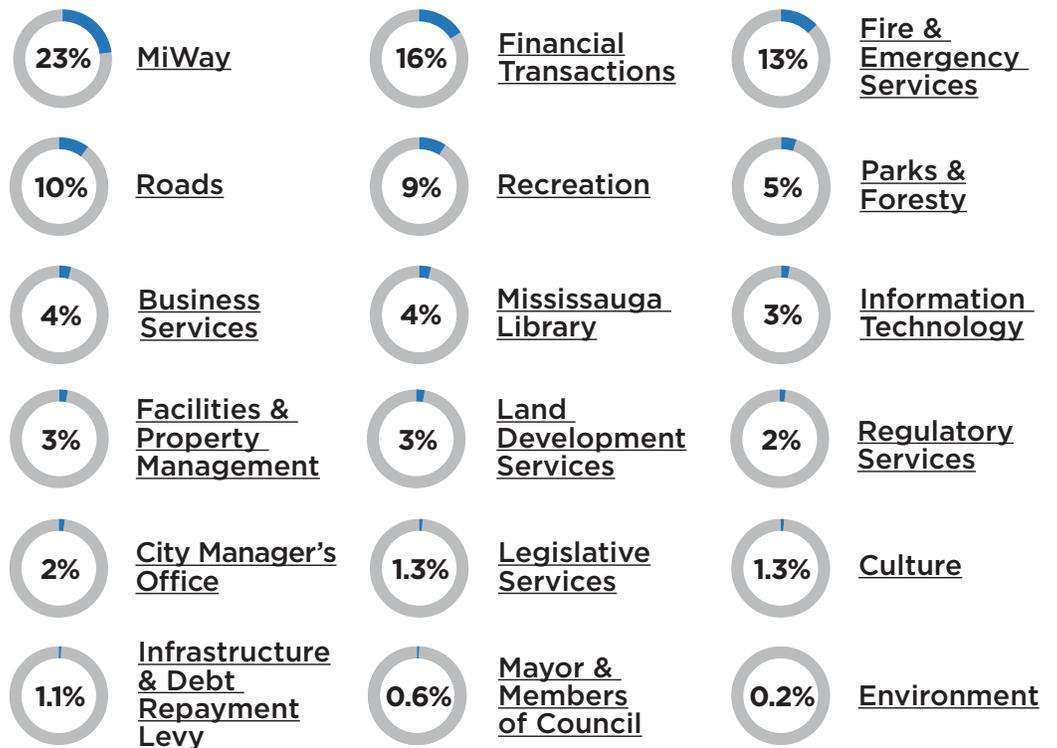
Our 2018 Budget is a solid financial plan that will deliver meaningful and lasting results for Mississauga’s businesses and residents.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bonnie Crombie".

**Bonnie Crombie, MBA, ICD.D.
Mayor of Mississauga**

2018 Budget Overview:

We heard loud and clear from our residents. We've designed a budget that addresses your concerns and advances on our City's plan to deliver service and value to the people who live, work, play and raise a family in Mississauga.



2018 Budget Highlights

\$5.1 Million

Investment in Roof Replacement for City-owned buildings



46,000

Additional MiWay service hours for 2018



\$8 Million

Phase 1 of new Churchill Meadows Community Centre

1 Small Arms Inspection Building - Heritage site redevelopment project

+12

MiWay buses to be received in 2018



31km of roads to be rehabilitated

1 Library Renovation Design project



Summer Freedom Pass - Free transit and swimming for youth (Ages 12-14)



+1300

participants including athletes, coaches and officials



500

volunteers



2000

Mobile staff connected

+500

buses connected



+200

electronic signs

800

traffic and security cameras connected



The City is investing in security to protect IT infrastructure and information

\$2 Million

potential economic impact



Ontario 55+ Summer Games
Jeux d'été de l'Ontario 55+

20

team and individual competitions



700

traffic lights connected

The Future is Unlimited In Mississauga

Are you looking to start-up, expand, retain or locate your business?

Mississauga is a global hub of innovation, connectivity, diversity and opportunity where talent and business thrive.

Mississauga is truly “unlimited” in its possibilities for business success and prosperity.

Staff from our City’s Economic Development Office have the resources you need to help support entrepreneurs and help existing businesses scale up and thrive.

To find out more and hear success stories from our local business champions, visit thefutureisunlimited.ca



Keeping Business Taxes Low

You work hard, and this is your city. Mississauga continues to be competitive among other municipalities by retaining existing businesses, while attracting new ones. Among other municipalities, Mississauga’s tax base per square foot remains below the average for industrial and commercial sectors over the last nine years.

Breaking Gridlock by Building Rapid, Connected Transit



Mississauga is an ever growing and changing city. Our future prosperity depends on building regionally connected transit that will get residents where they need to be, connect talent with opportunities and attract investment to our city.

Mississauga has become a city in demand. This demand has resulted in traffic congestion and increased commute times, which means less time spent with family and friends.

How do we break gridlock and ease congestion? By getting more people out of their cars and onto public transit.

We have heard from businesses across our city that transit is important to break gridlock and get people to work.

That’s why we are working hard to build and maintain a connected, seamless and regionally-connected rapid public transit system so that residents can move quickly, affordably and efficiently throughout our city and across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

We cannot afford not to invest in public transit. Congestion is not only slowing our travel times, but it’s also impacting our bottom line and costing our economy an estimated \$11 billion a year.

Mississauga is working with our federal and provincial partners to invest in transit projects.

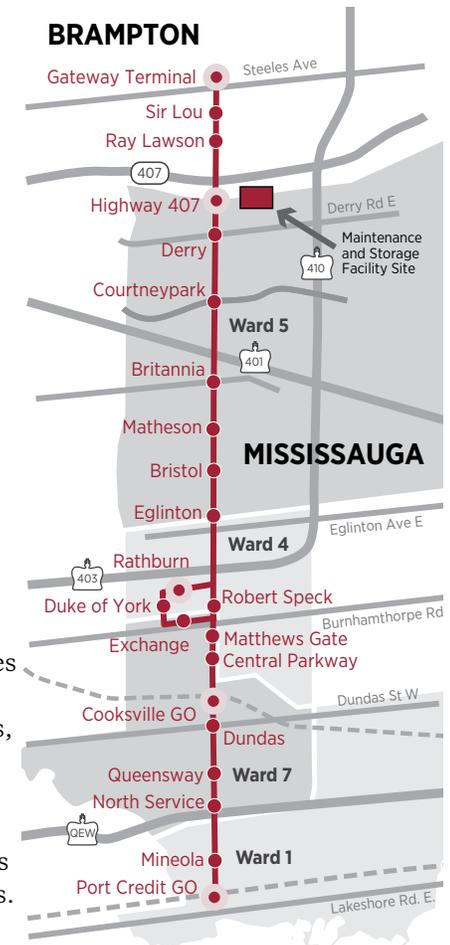
Making Progress on the Hurontario Light Rail Transit (LRT)



Construction on the fully-funded Hurontario LRT is scheduled to get underway early next year. The LRT will connect to the Milton and Lakeshore West GO Transit lines and link to MiWay and Brampton Transit, while running through the City Centre and unleashing the potential of our downtown core.

Moving forward with this project represents a major step towards transformational transit improvements in Mississauga and Brampton. It is part of our City’s plan to build integrated, regionally-connected transit systems that allow our residents to move seamlessly across the region.

In the coming months, Metrolinx and City of Mississauga staff will further refine guidelines and requirements for various project features, including the design of the LRT line stops, streetscape and urban realm, and connections to other transit services.



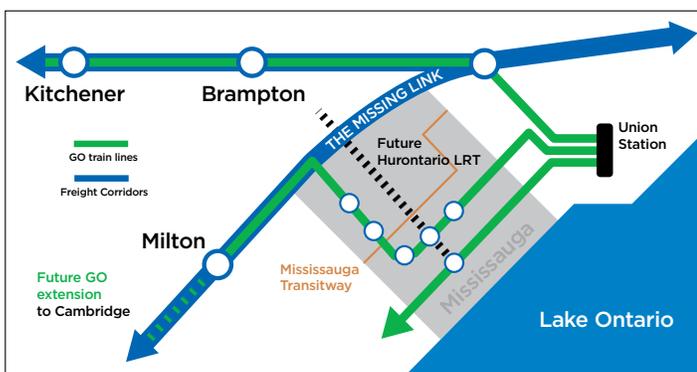
All-Day, Two-Way GO Transit



Despite being the second busiest corridor in the GO Transit network, serving over 30,000 passengers per day and supporting over 77,000 jobs, neither the provincial or federal governments have yet to commit to funding all-day, two-way GO service.

“All-day, two-way service on all three Mississauga GO Transit lines, particularly the Milton line, is essential for our city’s future growth and economic competitiveness. Our plan, known as the ‘Missing Link’, will transform the way people move and open up new opportunities across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA)”

All-day service on both the Milton and Kitchener GO Transit lines is currently prevented by the presence of heavy freight rail traffic that travels through both lines. By relocating heavy freight rail elsewhere, the Missing Link can help achieve expanded all-day, two-way service on the Milton and Kitchener GO lines, making thousands of jobs accessible by transit in areas such as the Meadowvale Business Park and Mississauga’s Downtown.



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Affordable Housing for Middle Income Residents

Mississauga is a place where the world comes to work and a place where people choose to be.

This growing demand to live in our city means that more and more middle-class individuals and families are being priced out of the housing market.



We want families to have the choice to live close to each other, for grandchildren to be closer to their grandparents, and for our youth to have the opportunity to live and work in their hometown.

However, too often people are forced to move far away from their jobs in our city, or live way beyond their means to afford their home.

Housing is considered affordable when it costs less than 30 per cent of household income. In Mississauga, 1 in 3 households are spending more than 30 per cent of their household income on housing.

The City of Mississauga has taken action to address the housing affordability crisis through our “Making Room for the Middle” affordable housing strategy.

We are working with the private sector to encourage the building of more affordable housing units for our growing middle-class.

We are also working to protect the stock of rental housing in the city by developing a by-law that would protect rental units from being converted into condominium ownership and from being demolished.

“Our goal is to make 35 per cent of all housing in Mississauga affordable”

We cannot do this alone. Small changes to provincial legislation would make it easier for the City to get developers to build more affordable units more often. More importantly, long-term, consistent funding from the provincial government would allow us to build more affordable units for the middle-class every year.

