

MAYOR'S update



A Personal Message from Mayor Bonnie Crombie

Every day, over 700,000 residents in our city wake up to go to work, school, visit friends, take care of aging family members or run errands. Whether you are an office manager, work in retail, accounting or IT, at the end of the day, we all want the same things for our city.

All Mississauga residents want to live or work in a city that we are proud of, and we want to do so, comfortably.

Whether you drive a car, ride a bus, train or bike, we all want to get to work quickly and on time.

We want to get home after a long day's work and spend time with family and friends.

Every resident makes valuable contributions to our city and we recognize that you work hard for your money.

Our 2018 budget is a solid financial plan that helps residents and local businesses 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 expanding public transit, while delivering quality services that residents, established companies and emerging entrepreneurs rely on every day.

We continue to show discipline with taxpayers' money, while making the strategic investments needed to help grow our city. Mississauga maintains its Triple-A Credit Rating for the 14th year in a row. This gives job creators the confidence to grow, expand and succeed here at home.

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

Property taxes in Mississauga continue to remain lower than the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) average, based on tax levy per capita. To ensure we can maintain the services and essential infrastructure that residents rely on while continuing to support a growing urban city, we have slightly increased property taxes by a total of 2.7 per cent. The increase includes 1.5 per cent for City services and 1.2 per cent for the Region of Peel.

Thank you to the thousands of residents, business owners 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 work, go to school or run a business in our city, we are paving the way for Mississauga's promising future as a world-class city; and we are doing it together.

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

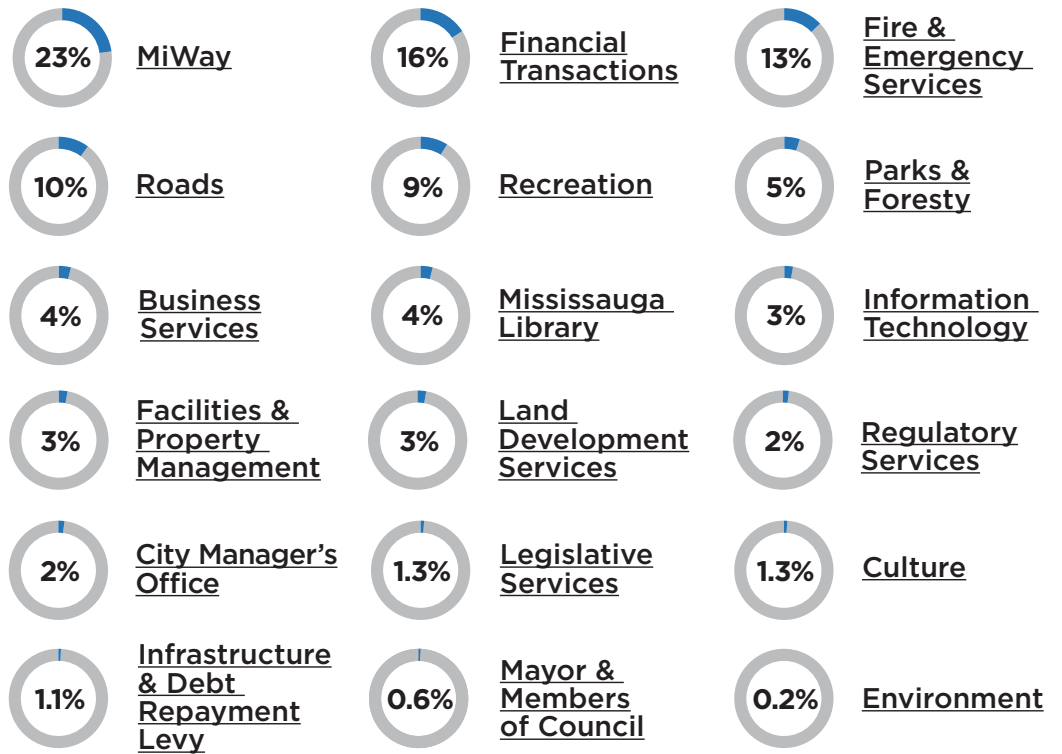
Warmest Regards,

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

2018 Budget Overview:

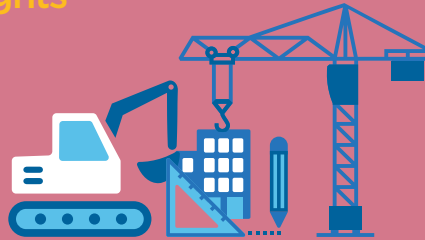
We heard from residents loud and clear. We've designed a budget that addresses your concerns and advances on our City's plan to deliver service and value to the people who live, work, play and raise a family in Mississauga.



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

Keeping Property Taxes Low

You work hard, and this is your city. We are also working hard to help keep more money in your pockets by keeping residential property taxes low.

Did you know that residential property taxes in Mississauga are lower than the GTA average?

When comparing the average of seven residential property types, Mississauga is below the average at **\$3,880**.

To achieve our investment goals outlined in the budget while ensuring that our residents have access to the services they need, the total increase in property taxes this year will be 2.7 per cent. The increase includes 1.5 per cent for City services and 1.2 per cent for the Region of Peel.

Comparison of 2016 Average Residential Property Taxes

Municipality	Average Property Taxes
1. Toronto	3,077
2. Milton	3,195
3. Burlington	3,527
4. Georgina	3,537
5. Brock	3,603
6. Ottawa	3,688
7. Hamilton	3,763
8. Halton Hills	3,804
9. Clarington	3,808
10. East Gwillimbury	3,829
11. Oshawa	3,836
12. Mississauga	3,880
13. Whitchurch-Stouffville	4,085
14. Scugog	4,140
15. Newmarket	4,143
16. Markham	4,311
17. Brampton	4,348
18. Caledon	4,377
19. Aurora	4,482
20. Whitby	4,575
21. Oakville	4,616
22. Pickering	4,683
23. Vaughan	4,706
24. Richmond Hill	4,782
25. King	6,230
Average	4,121

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.

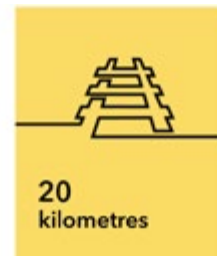
Mississauga has become a city in demand. This demand has resulted in traffic congestion and increased commute times, which means less time spent with family and friends.

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

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 GTA.

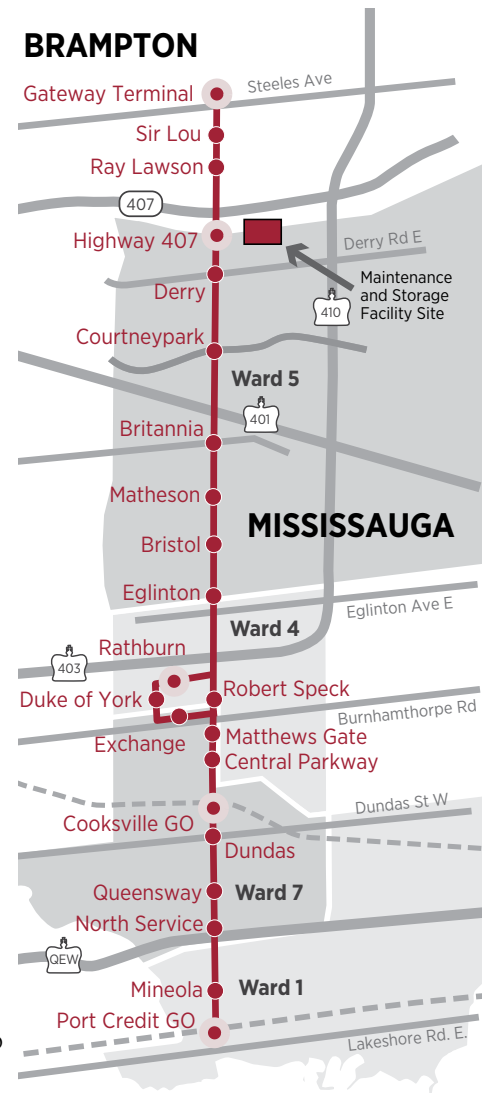
We cannot afford not to invest in public transit. Congestion is not only slowing our travel times, but it's also impacting our bottom line and costing our economy an estimated \$11 billion dollars a year.

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 quickly 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

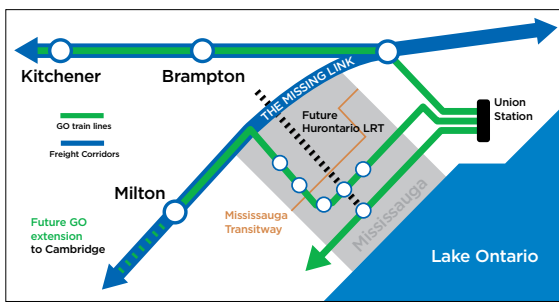


Despite being the second busiest corridor in the GO Transit network, serving over 30,000 passengers per day and supporting over 77,000 jobs, neither the provincial or federal governments have yet to commit to funding all-day, two-way GO service.

“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.



Affordable Housing for Middle Income Residents

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.



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