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1 Mississauga Celebration Square:
Welcome to one of the most unique outdoor event venue and public space developments in Canada. The 1-acre public square opened in 2011 inviting 30,000 people at a time to enjoy a wide variety of free community events and festivals like Canada Day and New Year’s Eve celebrations. Some of the many exciting offerings at the square include outdoor fitness classes, C Café, movie nights, concerts, weekly farmer’s market, and an interactive water feature which transforms into an ice skating rink throughout the winter months. Enjoy a day on the patio or have your wedding photos taken in Jubilee Gardens. Visit Celebration Square all year round; where memories are made and everyone is welcome.

2 The Oxford (Square One Mall) South Expansion:
As part of the creation of a high quality public realm, City of Mississauga worked with Oxford, MMC Architects and DTAH Landscape Architects to develop the beautiful expansion of Square One shopping mall. The 114,100sq.ft expansion provides consumers with a variety of high-end retail such as Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen, and Kate Spade to name a few. The recent opening of Jamie Oliver’s Italian restaurant at the Oxford South expansion region is a reference to the future development of Mississauga and signifies an aluminium sculpture of eight different arrows inspired by the ‘V’ formation. ‘Migration’ serves as a metaphor recognizing the diversity of Mississauga and the history of this vibrant city.

3 The Exchange:
Welcome to the Exchange District, the future Main Street and heartbeat of Mississauga’s Downtown. In the years to come, the Exchange District will develop into a lively, walkable and intimate street community. The Exchange District focuses on mixed-use development, with small scale retail and office units above. Visitors will relish in a high quality public realm from Mercer Street, south to Webb Drive experiencing the contemporary and sleek streetscape and urban vibe. The temporary parkette across from the Square One Mall Expansion will later become a block wide park and green space for future Exchange District programming, events and community enjoyment.

4 View of Absolute Development / Interface with Future HLRT:
Meet Marilyn; one of two Absolute World Condos soaring 56 and 50 storeys high; the taller of the two receiving its nickname due to the design’s curvaceous hourglass figure alike Marilyn Monroe. The magnificent 1,200,000 sq. ft. mixed-use development completed in 2012 following an international design competition for a landmark tower at the corner of Burnhamthorpe Road and Hurontario Street. The award winning towers developed by Cityzen and Fennbrook Homes are the last of 5 buildings completing the residential community. The unique 209 degrees twist from the base to the top provides residents with unobstructed views of the city and beyond. Absolute World Club members receive exclusive access to a 30,000 sq. ft. lifestyle, recreation and exercise centre. ‘Buen Amigo’ or ‘Good Friend’ by artist Francisco Gazitua animates the entrance to the development. The statue of 3 horses honours the past and present aspects of the building was not only built to LEED gold standards, it is an expression of the density of the bordering campus and its urban context.

5 Kariya Park:
Take a walk through Mississauga’s serene, Japanese style gardens inside Kariya Park. Officially opened in 1992, this tranquil destination was developed in honour of Mississauga’s twin city relationship with the City of Kariya, Japan. As they approach the Gatehouse Entrance, visitors are greeted by Kariya’s official city flower, the remarkable lavender-blue iris laevigata or ‘rabbit-ear iris’. Inside the park visitors can explore the beauty of Cherry Tree Walk, relax beside one of the peaceful ponds, walk over the bridge watching the turtles lying in the sun or head toward the pavilion to witness the ringing of the Friendship Bell. The Bell, cast in Japan and rung on ceremonial occasions, represents the joining of the two cities. If you’re looking for a Zen place to collect your thoughts, Kariya Park is the place to be.

6 Webb Drive – Future Developments:
The future of Webb Drive will be a home to a new mixed-use development. The building will have a similar character to what you can already see in the GTA The 1.6 acre public square opened in 2011 at the eastern edge of what will soon be the ‘Exchange District’. As part of the commitment to the Downtown 21 Master Plan, the future corner will provide for residential, retail, office and residential space, complete with urban street design, recreational and entertainment facilities and much more. Stay tuned for more information as the development gets underway. Will you be here?

7 Public Art – Migration:
Behold this artistic interpretation recalling the story of the passenger pigeon; once numbering in the billions as they flew across the southern coast of Lake Ontario during migrations. Local Sculptor, Alex Anagnostou created the two part masterpiece, composed of aluminum, stainless steel and sandcast molten glass. The southeast structure forms an archway as the birds are taking flight while the southwestern portion of the sculpture forms the migratory ‘V’ formation. ‘Migration’ serves as a metaphor recognizing the diversity of Mississauga and the history of this vibrant city.

8 Public Art – The Book:
Sensibly located outside Mississauga’s Central Library, ‘The Book’; an extra-large painted steel sculpture; its pages appear to be blowing in the wind while one of its pages dances away. The stands on the corner of Duke of York Boulevard and Burnhamthorpe just inside Celebration Square and creates a connection between Mississauga’s Civic Centre and Central Library. The remarkable piece was created by artist Ilan Sandler and installed in May 2016 after being donated to the City by the Toronto Pearson International Airport (Greater Toronto Airports Authority – GTAA). As visitors get up close and personal with the sculpture, they will notice that the sculpture of the pages is written in clusters of letters from the Latin alphabet linking to its predecessors; the Phoenician alphabet which came from the Egyptian hieroglyphs. Come dance with the book and have a read on the square!

9 View of the Amason Development:
Rooted in Vancouver, Amacon is presently developing 9 blocks made up of 2,000 homes and 5,321 units completing the vision of their Parksidge Village Master Plan. The developments make up an urban, mixed-use community, complete with residential units, retail, and entertainment facilities. Absolute World members can enjoy outdoor café areas, grassy open spaces, a fixed stage, reflecting inward and call upon us to reflect on the children and families who first made this place their home. ‘Migration’ serves as a metaphor recognizing the diversity of Mississauga and the history of this vibrant city. As visitors get up close and personal with the sculpture, they will notice that the sculpture of the pages is written in clusters of letters from the Latin alphabet linking to its predecessors; the Phoenician alphabet which came from the Egyptian hieroglyphs. Come dance with the book and have a read on the square!

10 Community Common:
Walk up the gentle slope of the open lawn at Community Common and meet the ‘Contemplating Child’, a 3,500 round steel sculpture by Ferruccio Sardella depicting a child posed in a reflective state overlooking the park. The interpretation of the title suggests a child reflecting inward and calls upon us to reflect on the children and families who first made this place their home. ‘Migration’ serves as a metaphor recognizing the diversity of Mississauga and the history of this vibrant city. As visitors get up close and personal with the sculpture, they will notice that the sculpture of the pages is written in clusters of letters from the Latin alphabet linking to its predecessors; the Phoenician alphabet which came from the Egyptian hieroglyphs. Come dance with the book and have a read on the square!

11 Scholars’ Green / Sheridan Campus:
Built in 2011 and named after the former Mayor of Mississauga, the Hazel McCallion campus fosters creativity and collaborative learning among more than 2,300 students. The picturesque design of the building was not only built to LEED gold standards, it is an experience in itself. The grounds surrounding the campus are lively and vibrant, featuring the award winning urban greenspace. Scholars’ Green Park, Students and neighbouring community members can enjoy outdoor cafe areas, grassy open spaces, a fixed chess tables, a pavilion and gallery and itself as a multipurpose community Common Park, and teaching amphitheatre. 2nd phase of the campus will open in January 2017, welcoming 3,200 additional students, complete with state-of-the-art classrooms, production facilities, labs and more!

12 Roundabout / Public Art – Possibilities:
Welcome to the first modern roundabout in Mississauga, a safe and efficient alternative to traditional traffic circles. Roundabouts provide for a reduction in air and noise pollution, require less maintenance than a traditional intersection with traffic lights and reduce the number of accidents; virtually eliminating head-on collisions. While passing through, notice the ‘Possibilities’, an aluminium sculpture of eight different arrows inspired by the colours and shapes of oversized 1950’s road signs. The sculpture is a reflection of Mississauga’s urban development, recognizing the diversity of Mississauga and its urban context.

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Tour Length: Approximately 4.5 km
Estimated Walking Time: 90 – 120 minutes