

MAYOR'S UPDATE

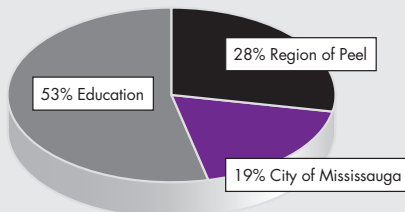
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Every year, more and more people call Mississauga home or choose it as their place of business. At the same time, Mississauga

is faced with the same challenges as other big cities – a growing population, aging infrastructure, rising costs and revenues that have remained flat. The reality is that the costs to deliver the City services that our citizens expect and businesses need to thrive are increasing.

This year, the City Budget when combined with the Region of Peel Budget, resulted in a 1.6 per cent commercial property tax increase. For a commercial property with a \$500,000 assessment, the bill will increase by \$174. The City keeps only 19 cents of every dollar you pay in property tax – and that 19 cents funds the programs and services you value. The remaining 81 cents is sent to the Region of Peel and the Province.



Property tax remains the City's biggest source of funding for everything we need to keep our city running.

We are committed to maintaining and enhancing the work we've done to build an environment that is great for business. We are strategically located in the GTA, with easy access to seven major highways and the largest airport in Canada. Local features and amenities that the City maintains, like City parks, natural areas, trail systems, our waterfront, community centres and libraries, help businesses attract a more diverse pool of talent. With our Business Plan and Budget as our guide, we are working hard to ensure our infrastructure remains in a state of good repair, that we are preserving our environment, enhancing our transit system and providing opportunities for youth, older adults and newcomers to thrive.

Through our Strategic Plan, we have established a vision for our city together. Now, we are working hard to make that vision a reality. Together with Council, I am committed to meeting the needs of our citizens and helping businesses to grow and prosper by providing the quality programs and services on which you depend.

Hazel McCallion, C.M., LL.D.
Mayor

2013 CITY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Providing 741,000 residents with recreation facilities and programs, library services, parks maintenance, street lighting, winter maintenance and other City services
- Redevelopment and renovation of the Rivergrove and Meadowvale Community Centres
- Rehabilitation of bridges, major roads and some City facilities
- 13,400 additional transit service hours
- Opening of the new transitway in the fall
- Improved boulevard maintenance
- Increased grants to cultural groups
- Increased funding for maintenance of the City's \$8 billion in infrastructure
- Treatment and preservation of a percentage of the City's ash trees threatened by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)

Improving Commutes in Our City

Residents may have noticed construction adjacent to Highway 403 and Eastgate Parkway over the past few years. This is Phase 1 of the City of Mississauga's new transitway, expected to open this fall. This is one of Mississauga's parts of the Big Move – a 25-year regional transportation plan led by Metrolinx. MiWay is the first transit service in the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) to construct a dedicated transitway that links to surrounding municipalities.

Four new bus stations, including Central Parkway, Cawthra, Tomken and Dixie, will be operational in fall 2013. MiWay will transition MiExpress routes 107 and 109 and MiLocal route 21 onto the transitway. These east-west routes between City Centre Transit Terminal and Dixie Road will connect with north-south MiWay routes. Travelling across Mississauga on this dedicated corridor will be more efficient and will offer a more reliable service, bypassing congestion.

When fully complete, the 18-kilometre transitway will have 12 stations beginning at Winston Churchill Boulevard in the west and ending at Renforth Drive in the east. This project is funded through a joint partnership between the City of Mississauga, GO Transit, the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

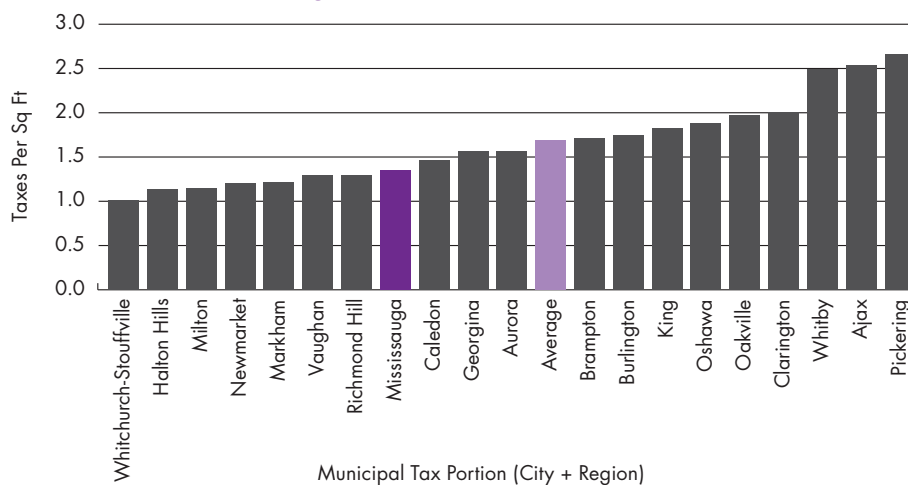
There are also exciting plans to bring Light Rail Transit (LRT) to Hurontario Street and our downtown. The City of Mississauga and the City of Brampton have a vision for a vibrant Hurontario-Main Street corridor from the Lakeshore in Port Credit to downtown Brampton. An LRT system, providing key north-south transportation connections to both cities

and with GO Transit, has been identified as the preferred choice for sustainable growth. The Hurontario-Main LRT Project is now in the Preliminary Design and Transit Project Assessment Phase (TPAP), which includes design and technical studies supported by extensive stakeholder and public consultations.

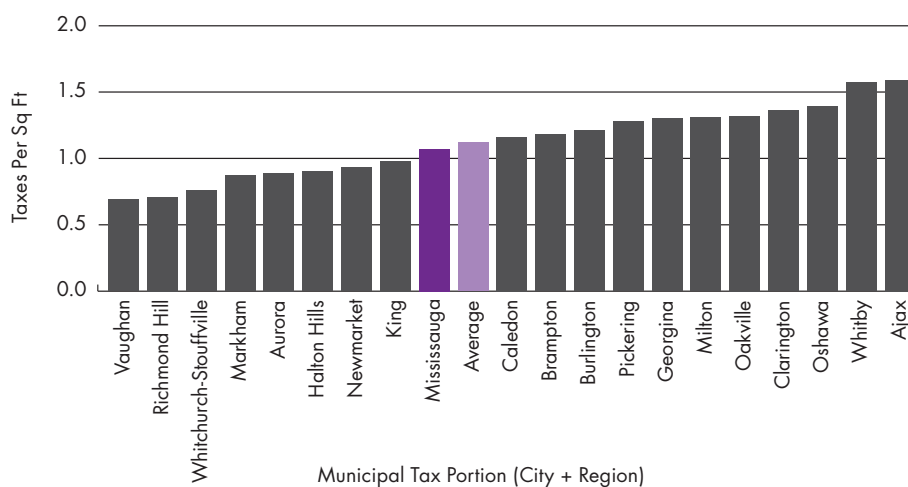
On May 27, Metrolinx unveiled an investment strategy that proposed dedicated funding tools to address infrastructure needs across the region.

Visit MiWay's website: miway.ca/transitway. Check out the City's blog for regular construction updates and photos at: thetransitwayblog.ca

2012 Office Buildings



2012 Standard Industrial



Emerald Ash Borer

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is a highly destructive invasive insect that will have a significant impact on the City's 116,000 ash trees over the next 10 years. Our Forestry Section has implemented a 10-year management plan to preserve approximately 20,000 City-owned street and park ash trees. The plan provides for the removal and replacement of trees not suitable for treatment on a one-for-one basis. Business owners and managers are encouraged to monitor their property and contact a certified arborist for information on management options. For more information on the City's management plan, visit mississauga.ca/eab.