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## Councillor's message

### Dear Ward 2 Neighbours

I'm excited to share with you my Spring/Summer 2014 edition of the Ward 2 Councillor's Report, with information that affects you, your family and neighbourhood.

I have highlighted issues and information that I hope you will find informative and interesting. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 905-896-5200 or email me at [pat.mullin@mississauga.ca](mailto:pat.mullin@mississauga.ca).

With so much happening in the City, I know it can be a challenge to keep up-to-date, so I encourage you to visit my website at [mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2](http://mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2). You can also visit the City of Mississauga

website at [mississauga.ca](http://mississauga.ca) for information on City services and where you can access numerous online services directly.

On behalf of my Executive Assistant, Helena Francisco and my Administrative Assistant, Noreen Stesky, we look forward to being of service to you.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and for the pleasure and privilege of representing you on Council.

Regards,

Pat Mullin  
Councillor, Ward 2

### 40 years, 40 sagas

On January 15, 2014, the 40 Years 40 Sagas exhibit celebrating Mississauga's 40th Anniversary opened at the Civic Centre. This display will travel to venues throughout the city in 2014.

Check the interactive website [40years40sagas.com](http://40years40sagas.com) for locations and to learn more about Mississauga's first 40 years.



**L to R:** Annemarie Hagan, Manager, Museums & Traditions; Becky Ryder, Chair, Friends of the Museums of Mississauga; Mayor Hazel McCallion; Jeremy Harvey, Chair, Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee; and Councillor Pat Mullin, Ward 2.

## Ten years leading environmental champions

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Earlier this year, I was acclaimed Chair of Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), marking my tenth anniversary in this post. This is very special for me because it coincides with CVC's 60th anniversary on May 13, 2014.

I want to thank my fellow Board members from municipalities across the watershed for their continued support and hard work. I am proud to serve on this Board that works with so many partners to champion progress on the ground, within waterways and in science. Together we help preserve and protect the natural environment of the Credit River watershed.

Since becoming Chair, CVC's public outreach, land management, and recreation programs have been revitalized. We've developed a natural heritage system that, with help from municipalities, is building connected, protected

natural areas along the Credit River stretching from Lake Ontario to Orangeville.

This is an important time for conservation authorities. I am privileged to work with teams who have pioneered CVC's climate change initiatives within the conservation authority mandate. There is now real-time monitoring 24/7 in waterways, testing for factors like water quality and flood potential. Industry-leading green technologies such as low impact development are managing rainfall and urban runoff more naturally at specific sites, helping to protect our drinking water.

We have protected environmentally significant land. Thanks to funding from significant partners such as the Region of Peel, we have purchased several important lands including Upper Credit Conservation Area. We have a robust education program, a new nursery, an excellent Conservation Youth Corps program. We've even seen a changing of the guard in the Chief Administrative Officer seat.

I'm proud that natural heritage restoration has begun at Rattray Marsh (see story page 6). We're also collaborating on exciting work to turn part of Mississauga's degraded eastern shoreline into a new natural waterfront park.



Chair Pat Mullin has always been a proud supporter of the work of Credit Valley Conservation partners, staff and volunteers. Pictured here at the grand reopening of Terra Cotta Conservation Area, she speaks often at CVC and partner events.

## Air quality update

The City remains committed to implementing municipal actions identified in Dr. Balsillie's Air Quality Task Force Action Plan: June 24, 2010. Here's just some of the ways we're continuing to improve air quality in Ward 2 and across the city.

- Converting all existing high pressure sodium streetlighting to energy efficient LEDs which will reduce our carbon footprint, equal to taking over 3,300 cars off the road annually.
- "Greening Our Fleet" by matching the right type of vehicle to the required use through the purchase of hybrids and electric vehicles to maximize fuel efficiency of over 129 City vehicles since 2006.
- Enforcing the Idle Control By-law (#194-09).

- Working with the Ministry of the Environment as well as providing improved street sweeping to address dust created by businesses in the area of Lakeshore and Southdown.
- Ensuring road shoulders are either paved or grassed.

Encouraging residents to take action to reduce energy use by participating in campaigns such as "Earth Hour" and "Let Your Green Show".

- Committing to protect and enhance the urban forest through the One Million Tree campaign, Emerald Ash Borer Management Plan and the new Natural Heritage and Urban Forest Strategy.
- Adopting the Cycling Master Plan to develop over 900 kilometres of on and off-road cycling routes in the city over the next 20 years.

- Planning for growth and managing traffic congestion through transportation planning, traffic modelling, expanding transit and providing sustainable transportation alternatives.

For more information, contact Brenda Osborne, Director of Environment, Community Services, 905-615-3200, ext 3217.

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## Mississauga Steelheads

The Mississauga Steelheads have wrapped up their 2013/2014 campaign and would like to thank the residents of Mississauga for their continued support. With an eye toward next year, Steelheads 2014/2015 season ticket early bird packages are now on sale for as low as \$379 plus tax.

Season tickets are ideal for the everyday hockey fan but also for local businesses. Some benefits of being a season ticket holder include:

- 15% off Steelheads merchandise at the Bait Shop,
- Monthly season ticket holder draws,
- 50% off a Steelheads jersey,
- Free tickets to all Steelheads exhibition games.

Make sure you visit [mississaugasteelheads.com](http://mississaugasteelheads.com) for more information today.

## Margaret Marland

On Tuesday, November 5, 2013 Mayor Hazel McCallion and Members of Council and more than 150 friends, family and residents paid tribute to Margaret Marland.

The photo captures an emotional moment taken after the official ceremony when Mayor McCallion, Margaret Marland and Councillor Mullin walked the red carpet and were formerly piped in to the newly named Margaret Marland Room.

Margaret Marland was recognized for her dedication to the Ward 2 community through 28 years of public service and for her positive impact on the City of Mississauga. Margaret's achievements and her distinction as the first female MPP elected in Peel and the first female MPP and cabinet minister elected in Mississauga were honoured at this dedication ceremony.

## What's happening this summer

Once again this summer Clarkson Community Centre & Library is offering a wide range of camp programs, swimming lessons, drop in programs and special events for all ages and interests. We offer fitness classes, yoga, Zumba, adult basketball and women's soccer leagues to keep you active all through the summer.

Throughout July and August, whether your campers' interests lie in cooking, skateboarding, ball hockey, triathlon, swimming, sports or even the amazing world of reptiles - we definitely have something for them. Our camps start as young as age 3 up to the age of 12. For our older youth, we also offer a weekly Basketball League (ages 10-14 years).

Stay COOL in our pools. Both Clarkson and Lewis Bradley Outdoor Pool, have a wide variety of learn to swim lessons, exercise classes and recreational swims offered all summer long.

Make a splash at Lewis Bradley and David Ramsey Outdoor Pools, opening June 14, 2014. The pools are a great place to visit with family and make new friends.

The David Ramsey Outdoor Pool has exciting programming for all age groups, including the return of Citi\*Swim. An introduction to competitive swimming for ages 5-16, Citi\*Swim is a great way to improve your strokes, endurance and have fun at weekend swim meets.

Extended recreational swim times and morning lessons are available. Fitness opportunities include aqua fitness as well as additional lane swim times. We also offer a Bronze Medallion/Emergency First Aid/CPR-B course for those looking to work on their aquatic leadership. Be sure to visit all summer long and stay cool with us this summer. For more information on all our pools, please visit [mississauga.ca/recreation](http://mississauga.ca/recreation).



On Tuesday, November 5, 2013, Mayor and Members of Council invited the public to the Margaret Marland Room Dedication Ceremony at Clarkson Community Centre.

## Youth freedom pass

kids aged 12 to 14 get a free pass this summer!

If you were born between the year 2000 and 2002 you are eligible to apply for a Freedom Pass this year. The Freedom Pass will allow free rides on MiWay within Mississauga and free participation in public swims at City operated pools during July and August 2014. All you have to do is complete an application at any City operated community centre or visit [mississauga.ca/freedompass](http://mississauga.ca/freedompass) to fill out an application online. Take your completed application in person to any City operated community centre along with one piece of identification to verify your year of birth and have your photograph taken to produce the pass.

Freedom Pass applications will be accepted starting May 1, 2014. Quantities are limited.



## Self service options available 24/7

Need to request an anniversary plaque or report a dead or damaged tree. Perhaps you would like to register for a recreation program or reserve a DVD. Or would you like to pay a parking ticket or purchase a transit pass. These services and much more are available at your fingertips at [mississauga.ca/portal/services](http://mississauga.ca/portal/services).



## New outdoor smoke-free by-law in Peel Region

As of September 2, 2013, it is illegal to smoke outdoors within nine metres (30 feet) of City building entrances/exits, playground areas and outdoor recreational facilities such as soccer fields and baseball diamonds.

“Peel’s outdoor smoking by-law will help protect children from the effects of second-hand smoke in places where they play. Residents will no longer have to walk through a cloud of tobacco smoke when they enter an arena, community centre or other municipal building,” says Dr. David Mowat, Medical Officer of Health, Region of Peel.

The Region of Peel, in collaboration with the Cities of Mississauga, Brampton and Town of Caledon, joins approximately 70 Ontario municipalities that have enacted outdoor smoking by-laws.

For more information, contact Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700. For information about quitting smoking, contact Smokers’ Helpline at 1-877-513-5333 or visit [smokershelpline.ca](http://smokershelpline.ca).



### Mayor McCallion's 93rd Birthday

Walden Circle Retirement Community, celebrated Mayor Hazel McCallion's 93rd Birthday on Friday, February 14, 2014.

## New transit corridor opening fall 2014

Residents may have noticed construction adjacent to Eastgate Parkway. This work is well underway and represents Phase 1 of the City of Mississauga's new transitway, expected to open this fall.

Four new bus stations including Central Parkway, Cawthra Road, Tomken Road and Dixie Road will be operational in the fall of 2014. MiWay's MiExpress routes 107, 109 and MiLocal route 21 will transition onto the transitway and provide service between City Centre Transit Terminal to Dixie Road while connecting to more than a dozen north-south MiWay routes at all four stations. Travelling across Mississauga on this dedicated corridor will be more efficient and offer a more reliable service bypassing congestion. Residents can expect the same MiWay service on the transitway at no additional cost.

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. Passengers will travel along a bypass shoulder on Highway 403, connecting to Mississauga's downtown core by Centre View Drive and continue along a dedicated corridor parallel and south of Eastgate Parkway and Eglinton Avenue to Renforth Drive.

This project is funded through a joint partnership between the Government of Canada (Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund), the Province of Ontario, GO Transit (a division of Metrolinx) and the City of Mississauga.

For more information visit MiWay's website at [miway.ca/transitway](http://miway.ca/transitway). Check out the City's blog for regular construction updates and photos at [thetransitwayblog.ca](http://thetransitwayblog.ca).

## Credit River bridge construction

Construction work on the contract site has been shut down due to weather conditions.

During that time Ministry of Transportation (MTO) and Dufferin Construction, inspected the structure and roadway to see if there were requirements for emergency repairs.

During the month of May 2014, Dufferin Construction will be preparing the worksite to complete the placement of the expansion joints, including the placement of the final lift

of asphalt and final lane markings. Weather permitting the contract should be completed by the end of June 2014.

For further information, please contact: Mike Marinelli, MTO, Project Manager, 416-235-4639, [mike.marinelli@ontario.ca](mailto:mike.marinelli@ontario.ca).

Steve Barrett, City of Mississauga, Manager, Transportation Asset Management, 905-615-3200, ext. 3017, [steve.barrett@mississauga.ca](mailto:steve.barrett@mississauga.ca).



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## Neighbourhood Watch

I would like to introduce Alex Papatchidis, the Safe City Mississauga's Neighbourhood Watch Program Coordinator and Staff Criminologist. In addition to orchestrating events geared at social development, Safe City Mississauga also runs the Neighbourhood Watch Program - which builds a safer environment to live and work in. Neighbourhood Watch operates on the principle that community cohesion and pride can deter criminal activity. Signs placed at the perimeters of your street indicate that residents have agreed to keep an eye out for one another, and will report suspicious or illegal activity as soon as it occurs - making that neighbourhood undesirable to possible offenders.

- The Neighbourhood Watches also receive a complimentary Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design audit of their neighbourhood, as well as feedback on how to improve the natural environment to deter criminal activity. Safe City Mississauga will also hold a set up meeting in a local community centre, where a presentation from Peel Police and the co-ordinator, will help educate residents in your community on crime prevention strategies. To sign up for a Watch, please visit [safecitymississauga.on.ca/programs/neighbourhood-watch/](http://safecitymississauga.on.ca/programs/neighbourhood-watch/) and enter your details for the next steps to be taken before one can be activated.

In addition, Safe City Mississauga will be holding its annual Neighbour's Night Out event on July 15, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre. If you are interested, please note the date for one of their largest events, which is designed to promote awareness about crime prevention and city agencies while giving you a chance to socialize and have fun with other residents from Mississauga. The event is free, and showcases some of Mississauga's best entertainment and activities, as well as community information and agency booths - fun for all ages! Food and refreshments will also be provided.

## Development **updates**

For updated information on development applications in Ward 2, please go to my Ward 2 website and click on the Ward 2 Major Development applications.

[mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2](http://mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward2).

## Planned changes to the Government of Canada's (Industry Canada) antenna tower siting policy

On February 5, the federal government announced changes planned for the process companies use to locate telecommunications towers in communities across Canada. Industry Canada, a federal government agency, regulates telecommunications towers under the federal Radiocommunication Act. Industry Canada makes all final decisions on tower location and construction.

Industry Minister James Moore said that the federal government intends to make changes to legislation to ensure that companies consult earlier and more often with municipalities and residents when they intend to build new telecommunications towers.

### Planned changes include requirements for telecommunications tower companies to:

- consult with the community for all towers, not only those that are 15 metres high or greater;
- communicate earlier and more often with residents and;
- keep to a three-year limit from the time the community is consulted to when the tower is built.

The federal government also intends to provide more online resources for information and reporting community issues.

The City of Mississauga finalized a Telecommunications Tower Protocol in December 2012 and updated it in 2013.

The City's protocol encouraged telecommunications companies to consult with the City in many of the same ways outlined in the federal government's proposal.

### For example, the City's protocol includes:

- design and location guidelines;
- a request to notify the City about towers less than 15 metres high;
- consultation with the City earlier in the process and;
- more public notice including signage, advertising and public consultation sessions.

The City will continue to monitor the federal government's progress towards the changes announced in February. When the changes are made, City staff will report to City Council to explain the legislation and details that will impact the City's communities and residents.

### background

- Learn more about the City of Mississauga's Telecommunications Tower Protocol at [mississauga.ca/celltowers](http://mississauga.ca/celltowers).
- Find out about the federal government's planned changes to Industry Canada's Antenna Tower Siting Policy at [news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=813809](http://news.gc.ca/web/article-en.do?nid=813809).
- Industry Canada's Spectrum Management and Telecommunications website at [ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf08777.html](http://ic.gc.ca/eic/site/smt-gst.nsf/eng/sf08777.html).



## Fall in love with your culture

On Saturday, February 15, 2014, from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. more than 250 residents of the community came together in the Clarkson Community Centre & Library for our 'Fall in Love with Your Culture Event'. We visited five countries tasting various foods donated by our amazing partners including Starsky, Joe Papas, Indian Cuisine and Asian King. Participants

of all ages had a wonderful time having their passport stamped, meeting their neighbours and tasting delicious cuisine. Intricate henna designs were created and on display. This event was put on and hosted by our Vision of Youth for Clarkson Events in partnership with Clarkson Community @ Peace. If you are a youth aged 10-24 years of age and are looking to make a difference in your community, be sure to come out to Clarkson Community Centre, the third Wednesday of each month from 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

## Inspiration on the waterfront creating model, sustainable, creative communities

Mississauga's waterfront is one of the city's greatest assets and planning now for its future is critical. We want to hear from you! Please visit the City's website at [mississauga.ca/waterfront](http://mississauga.ca/waterfront) for the most up-to-date information on Inspiration Lakeview, Inspiration Port Credit, and other initiatives underway on the waterfront.



### Inspiration Lakeview

The City of Mississauga, Ontario Power Generation, and the Province of Ontario are working with the community and stakeholders to advance the Inspiration Lakeview project by developing a shared vision and a Master Plan for the Inspiration Lakeview Study Area. The goal is to create a sustainable, mixed-use, vibrant waterfront community. The City has hired a multi-disciplinary team of consultants lead by Urban Strategies Inc. to facilitate the dialogue, and to prepare the Master Plan. There has been a concerted effort to involve the community and stakeholders through presentations and workshops, while developing the Master Plan. The community has been passionate and has welcomed the opportunity for their voices to be heard. Please check the project website for the most up-to-date information and schedule.



### Inspiration Port Credit

The City launched Inspiration Port Credit to create a comprehensive Strategic Master Plan and Implementation Action Plan for the Imperial Oil Limited Lands and the Canada Lands company site. The Plan will translate and refine the Local Area Plan vision for Port Credit as it relates to these sites as part of an urban waterfront village, blending the needs of the community with the needs of the owners of the land. Inspiration Port Credit is about envisioning a bright, new future for the waterfront in two specific areas while embracing the important history and achievements of Port Credit. After connecting with over 15,000 people, stakeholders and agencies, the draft recommendations of the Inspiration Port Credit project report will be considered for approval by the Planning and Development Committee of Council in June 2014.



## Clarkson and Lorne Park Library programs

### CLARKSON LIBRARY offers the following:

Drop In Family Storytimes, all ages; Wee Ones Registration Storytime geared to ages 0-3; Reading Buddies for children in grades 1-3 with youth volunteers; TAG/VOYCE for youth 14-19, Volunteer opportunities for Youth/Adults; Clarkson Library Book Club; English Conversation Circles for Newcomers to practice their English; Stitch!, all-ages drop in needlework group; Computer Buddies for Older Adults with youth/adult volunteers and Seniors' Social Club.

### The Clarkson Library Time Capsule event is coming up on June 20, 2014.

There will be events all summer long with activities and prizes to encourage children to read during the summer school break. Weekly Maker events; Lego Mindstorm Robotics for Tweens; TD Summer Reading Club: Eureka, Wiggle Away Waste with EcoSource, July 15, Ages 5-12.

For complete information, drop by Clarkson Library for an information brochure or call 905-615-4840.

### LORNE PARK LIBRARY offers the following:

The Teddy Bear Picnic, June 9, 11 - 11:45 a.m., ages 3 to 6 years, tickets \$2.00.

Krazy Hat Krafts, want to dress up like a minion? How about a space alien? Use your imagination and let's make hats, in partnership with Fee Fi Fo Fun Costumes, July 10, 2 - 3 p.m., ages 6 to 12, tickets \$3.00.

Wiggle Away Waste with EcoSource, join the fun, hands-on activities for children to learn about the environment, Aug. 5, 2 - 2:45 p.m., ages 5 to 12, **FREE**, space is limited.

Other summer programs at Lorne Park Library includes: Movie Madness, all ages, **FREE**; Family Storytime, all ages, **FREE**; TD Summer Reading Club, ages 6 years and up, **FREE**.

Also offered is the Teen Book Club, June 25, 4 - 5 p.m., ages 13-19; Lorne Park Library Adult Programs, Friday Films, May 30, 2 p.m. and June 13, 2 p.m., **FREE**.

**Reading Event:** Celebrate the Joy of Reading at Lorne Park Library on June 20, 2 - 4 p.m. Listen to Margaret Terry, author of "Dear Deb" speak about how writing changed her life. Enjoy book talks and pick up the latest book suggestions, **FREE**, all are welcome.

**Travel Show:** Nepal's Wild West, Chris Beall, mountain explorer and guide, takes you on a trek through the majestic Himalaya from the comfort of your chair, offered June 19, 7 p.m., tickets \$10.

## Events at the museums spring and summer

Benares Historic House and Bradley Museum are open for drop in guided tours every Sunday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. all year, plus Saturdays beginning May 3. Leslie Log House is similarly open Wednesdays and Saturdays all year. Pre-booked tours are available 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., every day, all year.

Planting for the brand-new Compass Community Stewardship Garden will begin May 21 on the site of the dis-used archeological trench at the rear of Benares Historic House. Volunteer gardeners of all ages and expertise are invited to lend a hand every Wednesday morning to grow vegetables for donation to The Compass. On the Verandah is the summer-long outdoor music concert series sponsored by the Friends of the Museums of Mississauga. Bring your own lawn chair to Benares Historic House Friday evenings each week beginning June 6 at 7:30 p.m. Proceeds of the pay-what-you-can admission fund bus expenses for school children to visit the museums.

Driftwood Theatre presents The Tempest (William Shakespeare) at 7:30 p.m.; July 19 at Bradley Museum, and August 15 at Leslie Log House. Teddy Bears gather for their annual picnic at Benares Historic House on July 27 from noon to 4:00 p.m. Doors Open Mississauga offers tours at Benares Historic House and Leslie Log House on September 17, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Culture Days Mississauga celebrates at Benares Historic House on September 18, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

For more details about these events, day camps, educational programs, and fall & winter happenings at all three museum sites, go to [museumsofmississauga.com](http://museumsofmississauga.com), or call 905-615-4860.



Residents enjoy a Friday evening **On the Verandah** outdoor music concert at Benares Historic House.

One-on-one employment coaching, in conjunction with the Centre for Skills Development and Training, registration is required; Stitch and Knit, June 18, 7 p.m., all are welcome; Book Club, June 5, 7 p.m., all are welcome.

For complete information drop by Lorne Park Library for an information brochure or call 905-615-4845.

You can also access all program information through the Mississauga Library System's website at [mississauga.ca/portal/residents/library](http://mississauga.ca/portal/residents/library).

## Programs and services in Peel for the older adult population

The Region of Peel through its Health Services and Human Services departments provides a number of services and programs that serve or support Peel's senior population.

The Region's Health Services Department offers both residential and community-based services for seniors. The Region's five long-term care homes provide medical care and a safe environment for 703 residents with complex chronic care needs. The Special Behaviour Support Unit located in Sheridan Villa is a 19-bed transitional unit for individuals diagnosed with dementia with behaviours that cannot be managed in a traditional long term care home. For seniors living in the community, the Region's Adult Day Programs help seniors maintain their independence and provide their caregivers with a much needed break so that they can continue to care for their loved ones and, in some cases, remain in the workforce. These services are operated out of the Region's five long term care homes and are available during the week, as well as some weeknights and weekends. The Region also operates Project Lifesaver Peel in partnership with Peel Regional Police and Caledon Ontario Provincial Police, which helps to track and monitor individuals who are at risk of wandering, such as seniors with Alzheimer's disease. The Low-Income Seniors Dental Program supports the needs of seniors in the community who cannot afford basic dental care by providing one-time basic dental services to eligible low-income seniors. This program currently has a wait list.

For more information about these and other services, please visit [peelregion.ca/health/](http://peelregion.ca/health/) or call 905-799-7700.

The Region's Human Services Department manages Peel's housing and homelessness system and supports many seniors in Peel find affordable housing and receive the support they need. Information about affordable housing can be accessed by calling 905-453-1300, or by visiting [peelregion.ca/housing/social/](http://peelregion.ca/housing/social/). The Peel Renovates Program is also designed for individuals to live and age safely in their homes by providing low-income, disabled and senior populations with one-time funding assistance to renovate their homes for health, safety and accessibility improvements. The program application process for Peel Renovates is under review so applications are currently on hold. More information will be available at the end of May 2014. The Region of Peel also supports the development of a "**Guide to Housing Options and Community Resources for the 55 Plus Age Group in Peel Region**" providing information on housing and services that can help seniors to age in place. For more information about these and other services please visit [peelregion.ca/housing/](http://peelregion.ca/housing/) or call 905-453-1300.

The Region of Peel is actively working with other health and social services providers to look at how our program needs will evolve as the number of seniors in our population continues to grow due to the aging of the baby boomer generation.



### Older adults

June 2014 marks the 30th anniversary of Seniors' Month in Ontario. This year's theme is **Aging Without Boundaries: 30 Years of Celebrating Seniors**. The theme recognizes the contributions seniors have made and continue to make in their community.

**SAVE THE DATE...** 'Celebrating our Seniors' on Thursday, June 19 at the Mississauga Seniors' Centre. There will be entertainment featuring our talented Mississauga Older Adults. If you have talent and would like to participate in our featured entertainment, please email [older.adults@mississauga.ca](mailto:older.adults@mississauga.ca) or call 905-615-3200, ext. 3718. For more details, please visit your local community centre.

#### Older Adult Advisory Panel Update

The application process for the panel closed February 28, 2014. The selection committee hopes to have the process completed and announce the panel members by June 2014. The panel will be represented by 11 community members who are Mississauga residents aged 55+.

Look for our updated Older Adult section in the Active Mississauga, 2014 fall and winter brochure, available September 2014.

Watch for upcoming changes to our Older Adult website happening this fall. For more information, visit [mississauga.ca/olderadults](http://mississauga.ca/olderadults).

## Rattray Marsh

### an ecosystem under stress



Rattray Marsh Conservation Area is a favourite place for many of us throughout the year, but it is also an ecosystem under stress. Over the years it has experienced degradation caused initially by a build up of sediment and more recently by the invasion of carp and Emerald Ash Borer (EAB). Working with community partners, such as the Rattray Marsh Protection Association, the Ministry of Natural Resources, City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) has been working on a number of initiatives to help improve the health of one of our favourite places. It is a classic case of short term pain for long term gain as the following activities will contribute to the long term health of the marsh.

The Rattray Marsh Restoration Plan began in earnest this past winter with Phase 1 of sediment removal. Approximately 1/3 of the total project was carried out over a period of three weeks in January. Working conditions were optimal due to the extremely cold winter and the initial phase was completed ahead of schedule. Aquatic planting and monitoring of the project in partnership with Environment Canada will be occurring this summer and CVC will be conducting its second year of carp exclusion work this spring/summer. CVC has begun work planning for Phase 2 of the project, and excavation may begin this coming winter, subject to funding availability.

EAB presents another challenge for the Rattray environment. This invasive insect was introduced from eastern Asia and it attacks and kills all healthy native ash trees. CVC staff have been monitoring for the borer across the watershed and have found it to be fairly widespread. Unfortunately, there is a very high proportion of ash trees within the Rattray forested area and as a result it is heavily infested with EAB. CVC staff have been developing a workplan in response to this threat and have been sharing information with local residents. Two primary methods of treatment are available. Trees that are along designated trails and boardwalks that are infected by the borer will likely be removed as they would pose a risk to residents using the area. Ash trees along the property boundary are also being investigated for treatment. A number of ash trees that are in relatively good health will be considered for treatment with an insecticide called TreeAzin™.

If you would like more information on these plans please contact Jon MacMull, Marketing & Communications Specialist, CVC, 905-670-1615, ext. 385, [jmacmull@creditvalleyca.ca](mailto:jmacmull@creditvalleyca.ca).

