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An Exciting Time of Change

I am delighted to present my Fall/Winter Newsletter and begin by thanking all of you for allowing me the privilege of working for you at City Hall and the Region of Peel. In many ways this Council represents the most dramatic change in decades with three new Mayors in the Region of Peel, a new Regional Chair, and almost half the Council being elected for the first time. I was also grateful to these new colleagues for having honoured me as the new Chairman of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority. And change has also come to the Ward 7 Office where Carmen Mach-Fell now serves as my Acting Executive Assistant and Victoria Stefaniak has become our new Administrative Assistant.

In keeping with this theme of change, the most dramatic change in the history of the City and most certainly in the Ward 7 Cooksville community occurred on April 21 this year when the Ontario Government announced their commitment to fully fund the Hurontario Main Light Rail Transit system (HMLRT). This initiative goes all the way back to the 1990s when then Mayor Hazel McCallion and I acquired the lands to widen Hurontario Street to its current seven-lane cross section and in so doing secured the corridor for future higher order transit. The simple explanation as to why all of this is necessary can be summed up as follows: With the Province of Ontario having declared Mississauga a growth node with accompanying provincial legislation related to Smart Growth, Places to Grow and Residential Intensification, the Greater metropolitan Toronto and Hamilton Area will be absorbing the population of Montreal and Vancouver over the next 40 to 50 years. As is the case with all other

growing cities in history, you cannot accommodate that growth by building more roads and laying more asphalt. You must implement and embrace a higher order of transit such as a Light Rapid Transit or subway system to get cars off the road and to efficiently move people. This is also a necessity to protect our Environment.

Detailed design work is being done over the next two years so that we can engineer our new LRT; and just as important to me is creating a design and an urban built form that will be welcoming and inviting along the Hurontario corridor. We must get the function and the form right! This design and public consultation process will be followed by approximately four years of actually building the LRT with the first phase from Hurontario and the Queen Elizabeth Way to our northern city limits.

Another big piece of the puzzle will be how this development affects the historic four corners at Hurontario and Dundas. I am delighted to advise you that recognizing what the future will bring has prompted the creation of the “Vision Cooksville Project” to provide the roadmap for the rebirth that will take place in the heart of the City.

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Project Purpose

The purpose of the Vision Cooksville project is to develop a long-range community plan for Downtown Cooksville. This plan should define a social, economic and cultural vision that revitalizes the Cooksville corners and the area within the boundaries of the CP Railway, south to King Street, east to Camilla Road and Kirwin Avenue, and west to Confederation Parkway.

We will engage with local residents, businesses and property owners and key stakeholders to gain their input in creating a long-range community vision for Cooksville. As part of this project, consideration will be given to:

- local economic opportunity
- active transportation
- community safety
- physical environment and built form
- public infrastructure and transit
- place making
- street beautification
- social engagement
- arts and culture, and
- celebration of local heritage and diversity.

This plan will be assembled by drawing together the various projects and work undertaken by the City’s Planning and Building, Transportation and Works and Community Services Departments and GO Transit and Metrolinx and indicating how they can contribute to the long-term vision.

Project Objectives

- Conduct an inclusive, innovative public engagement and consultation process that is dynamic and captures the passion of residents and the current character of the community and the desired vision.
- Facilitate the creation of a vision that delivers a personality, vibe and culture for the Cooksville of the future.
- Develop and implement a strategy to engage and consult with small business owners to ensure they contribute to the vision and propose what they need to enhance the area’s economic success.
- Raise the community’s awareness of the major projects underway. These include the Hurontario Main LRT, Cooksville GO Mobility Hub and enhanced GO Station, Dundas Connects - The Dundas Corridor Master Plan and other new developments, as well as what this will mean to the future of the downtown landscape, business creation/development and enhanced services in the downtown core.
- Determine the community’s gaps, immediate concerns and where there may be short-term, low-cost improvements.

- Determine the level of interest and inform planning for additional public green spaces and gathering places and a community centre for the area.
- Understand the heritage and stories of the community and find ways to incorporate them into the Vision.

Community consultation is taking place from November to January with various events, including on-the-spot surveys by the Vision Cooksville team and social media. For more information visit mississauga.ca/visioncooksville.



What’s your vision for Cooksville?



If you own property in Mississauga, a new Stormwater charge will appear on your Region of Peel water bill beginning in 2016. The charge is a dedicated source of funding to keep the City’s Stormwater system in good working order and to avoid costly repairs in the future.

Currently, Stormwater is funded through the property tax and as a result, residential properties are paying a higher percentage (69 per cent) for Stormwater than non-residential properties (31 per cent). This is because property taxes are based on land value. Under the new Stormwater Charge, residential properties will pay less (40 per cent) for Stormwater and non-residential properties will pay a higher percentage (60 per cent). This is because the Stormwater charge is based on the amount of hard surface on a property. For multi-residential and non-residential properties the hard surface area is individually measured and charged. For residential properties, the rooftop area is used as an indicator of hard surface area and properties are assigned to the most appropriate of the five residential Stormwater charge tiers. The relative amount of tax (land value) and Stormwater charge (hard surface area) is unique to every property.

The total annual Stormwater charge for your property will be divided into a daily charge. Each time you receive your water bill, it will show the Stormwater charge for the number of days that have passed since your last bill. The Region of Peel will send out bills on the same schedule they do today.

I encourage you to use the City’s estimator tool, available on the website **stormwatercharge.ca**, to look up the Stormwater assessment for your address, including the calculation of your estimated 2016 charge and estimated daily charge.

Stormwater Charge Credit Program

The City is offering a Stormwater credit program to non-residential and multi-residential property owners. Credits will be provided to non-residential and multi-residential properties that can demonstrate their Stormwater management practices and measures meet certain criteria through the application process. Supporting documents certified by a qualified professional engineer will be required as part of the application process and additional information may be requested upon review of the application. The City may conduct site inspections as part of the application process and throughout the duration of a credit to review eligible stormwater management practices which have received credits are working and meeting the terms of the program.

For more information and to ask questions about the Stormwater Charge, please visit **stormwatercharge.ca** or call 3-1-1 or 905-615-4311 if outside Mississauga.

Emerald Ash Borer Update

Managing Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been a challenge for the City of Mississauga and many other cities across the Greater Toronto Area. It has infested and killed Ash trees in Ontario, Quebec and throughout the United States. EAB was first detected in 2008 and by 2012 was confirmed in all wards within the City. Of the more than 2.1 million public and private trees in Mississauga, it is estimated that 10% are Ash trees.

As EAB continues to spread throughout Mississauga, the number of dead or dying Ash trees continues to increase. There is a growing safety issue with the potential for falling branches, limbs and trees, especially during wind and other storms.

In 2012, Council approved the EAB Active Management Plan. Through this plan, the City will treat the healthy City-owned Ash trees with the hope of saving a number of Ash trees on our streets and in our parks. The City will also be removing and replacing dead or dying City-owned Ash trees.

The City’s Active Management does not include resources to treat or remove private Ash trees. It is the property owner’s responsibility to treat or remove dead or dying Ash trees on your property. If your EAB infested Ash tree is located in a yard, along a street or a fence, it may pose a safety risk and should be removed. Safety is most important when determining when to remove your dead or dying Ash tree. Contact an International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) certified Arborist to advise you on the condition of your Ash tree.

If you have three or more dead, dying or hazardous trees over 15 cm (6 in) in diameter you will need to comply with the Private Tree By-law. For Ash trees ONLY, a certified arborist can sign off on the application form to confirm that the Ash trees are dead or dying due to EAB. This will help to streamline the application approval process for Ash trees. As with any dead or dying tree there will be no fee required. The Forestry section recommends you contact an ISA certified arborist to remove the tree.

To learn more about EAB, visit our website: **mississauga.ca/eab** for EAB updates.

Spruce up the City by Participating in One Million Trees

As an important piece of Mississauga’s Health and quality of life, the urban forest also provides economic and environmental benefits that include absorbing pollution, saving energy, managing stormwater and adding beauty to Mississauga neighbourhoods.

In an effort to maintain, conserve and enhance Mississauga’s open spaces and forested areas for future generations, the One Million Trees program launched in 2013. The goal of the program is to plant one million trees by 2032.

So far, more than 155,000 trees and shrubs have been planted across the City.

The program has been a great success thanks to residents, local businesses and partners including Credit Valley Conservation, Evergreen, Credit River Anglers Association, Toronto and Region Conservation Association and the Association for Canadian Educational Resources.

To learn more about community events, tree planting on residential property, planning a local neighbourhood event or to sign up for an upcoming planting led by the City and/or partner organizations, visit **onemilliontrees.ca**.



Did you know?

MiWay is forecasting 53 million boardings by the end of 2015. Visit **miway.ca** for more info.



Waste Management Changes: Cart-Based Bi-Weekly Collection

Starting January 4, 2016.

The Region has carefully measured the benefits of moving to cart-based, bi-weekly collection.

Benefits to you:

- carts are easier to wheel to the curb
- carts prevent blowing litter to keep your neighbourhood clean
- carts are pest-resistant
- continued weekly green bin collection

Benefits to the Region:

- waste collection cost-savings
- a reduction of the amount of waste sent to landfill
- a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions since fewer collection vehicles are on the roads
- a reduction in worker injuries
- neater and tidier streetscapes on collection day with less wind-blown litter

Cart Delivery & Storage

The Region will deliver carts to your home, free of charge, between September and December 2015. You will need to store your new carts until the new collection begins in January 2016. Please keep using your blue box, green bin and garbage cans/bags until the end of December 2015.

What bi-weekly collection means:

- garbage and organics will be picked up one week
- recycling and organics will be picked up the next week
- change from garbage bags and recycling bins to carts
- yard waste collection will not be affected

For more information, contact the Region of Peel: 905-791-9499 or visit their website: peelregion.ca/waste



Credit Valley Conservation

One of my first initiatives as the new CVC Chair was to host a Credit Valley Watershed Tour where our first visit with Board Members and Senior Staff was a tour of the Cooksville Creek Flood Plain.



Credit Valley Conservation Watershed Tour, June 2015



Councillor Iannicca, Cooksville Lions Club & volunteers at Camilla Park Clean-Up, May 2015

Did you know?

You can watch Council and Committee meetings live, or later. Visit mississauga.ca/videos.

3-1-1 Just a phone call away...

3-1-1 is a non-emergency phone number that connects Mississauga residents to City information, programs, services and engagement opportunities provided by the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel.

When callers dial 3-1-1, they are connected with a Customer Service Advisor who can help answer questions and can generate service requests for a variety of City services.

Over the next year, 3-1-1 will be making some extensive enhancements to its current operations to provide citizens with more ways to access 3-1-1 services.

Mississauga's 3-1-1 Citizen Contact Centre is open Monday to Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. After hours, dispatch service is available for urgent issues on weekends and overnight Monday to Friday.

Winter Maintenance in Mississauga

The City of Mississauga is preparing for the winter season. There are many operations and steps the City takes to help people travel safely during the winter months including:

- clearing roads
- clearing priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings
- removing snow
- salting and brining of roads
- offering a windrow program for seniors and persons with disabilities

Keep Up-to-Date on Plowing and Salting

- download the Mississauga Roads App (from the Apple Store or Google Play) to track plows/salters travelling routes and receive alerts
- follow us on Twitter @MississaugaSnow for current conditions and progress
- visit mississauga.ca/snow for live updates, details, routes and maps
- call the information Snow Line 905-615-SNOW (7669) to hear recorded information about plowing and salting during a snow event, available 24/7

If there are concerns with road conditions 12 to 24 hours after a snowstorm ends please contact 3-1-1 or (905-615-4311 outside city limits).

Snow Clearing and Salting

The City uses a priority route system to clear and salt roads, bus stops, priority sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. Following a snowfall the City’s priority is to ensure that emergency vehicles and transit buses have safe access to routes on major roads.

During a snowstorm, priority roads (major roads, arterial roads) and local collector roads such as Burnhamthorpe Rd. or Dundas St. are cleared first. These roads are salted if the snow is less than eight cm (three inches) or plowed and salted if snow is more than eight cm (three inches).

Following the clearing of priority roads, local residential roads, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and priority sidewalks (those around hospitals, schools and major transit routes) are cleared.

Levels of Service

- priority roads are cleared within 12 to 24 hours after the end of a snow storm (back to back storms will extend this timing)
- local residential roads, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and priority sidewalks (those around hospitals, schools and major transit routes) are cleared (bare pavement is not guaranteed)
- priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings are cleared within 24 to 36 hours after the end of a snowstorm. Back to back storms will extend this timing
- cul de sacs, roads with 90 degree bends and dead end streets are at the end of the snow clearing operations

FREQUENTLY CALLED NUMBERS

REGION OF PEEL

905-791-7800

REGION OF PEEL POLICE

Emergency: 911

Non-emergency: 905-453-3311

FIRE PREVENTION

905-896-5908

MiWAY

905-615-4636

Sanitary Sewer Trunk Twinning

Camilla Road and North Service Road to Queensway West and Mavis Road

The Region of Peel is building a new large section of sanitary trunk sewer along the following streets: Camilla Road, north of the North Service Road, Sherobee Road, Hurontario Street and Queensway West.

The purpose of this sewer is to provide additional capacity for the new development in the Square One area and future growth along the Hurontario Corridor.

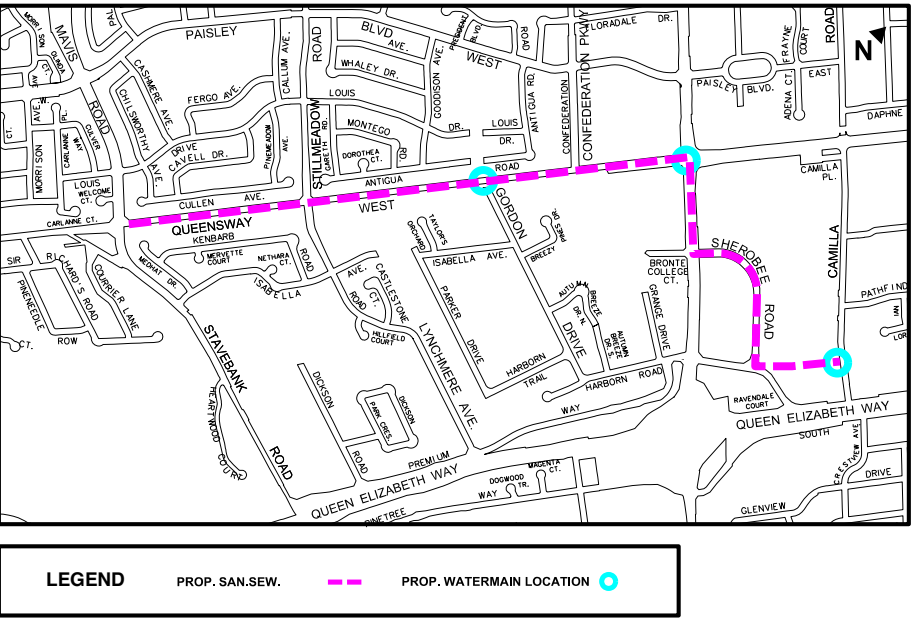
The work on Camilla Road, Sherobee Road and a portion of Queensway West is being done by open cut (digging a trench and laying the pipe in the trench). The work on Hurontario Street and Queensway West is being completed by tunnel (digging two shafts and using special equipment to tunnel beneath the surface of the road) construction.

The sewer is expected to be installed by the end of 2016 with restoration completed by the spring of 2017. During this time there will be the following road impacts:

- **Camilla Road** - temporary full closure until December 19, 2015
- **Sherobee Road** - temporary lane closures and closure of the Hurontario Street intersection
- **Hurontario Street** - closure of the northbound channelized right turn lane at Queensway
- **Queensway West** - temporary lane reductions between Mavis Road and Confederation Parkway

The City of Mississauga has approved a noise by-law exemption to enable the work at the intersection of Hurontario Street and Queensway West to be completed in a quicker timeframe. This will involve working outside normal daytime working hours and on weekends and is expected to be completed by February 2016.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the Region of Peel’s Project Manager, Grace Krasowski at 905-791-7800, ext. 7820.



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