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COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Ward 8 Resident:

I'm pleased to provide you with my 2013 Fall and Winter Councillor's Report to keep you updated and informed on Ward and City issues currently affecting our community. I have highlighted issues and information I hope you will find informative and interesting. I urge you to contact my office should this Report prompt any questions or concerns. I appreciate receiving your comments, so please feel free to contact me.

You may also visit the City of Mississauga website at mississauga.ca to access more information on City services and access numerous online services. I also invite you to visit the Ward 8 website at mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward8 which is updated on a regular basis

with featured articles, community information and notices of Ward 8 community meetings.

As always, it is a pleasure serving you as your Ward 8 representative and I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

On behalf of my husband, Steve and my family, I would like to wish you and your families all the best for a safe holiday and a healthy and prosperous New Year in 2014.

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Second Units Licensing Program Bylaw Effective January 1, 2014

City Council approved a bylaw on September 18 to license second units in Mississauga. The bylaw will be effective on January 1, 2014. Ontario laws now require municipalities to allow second units in homes. These units are also known as basement apartments, in-law suites and secondary units.

Starting January 1st, a City licence is required for a second unit in Mississauga to be legal. A unit will only be licensed if it complies with Official Plan policies, zoning regulations, as well as Ontario fire and building code requirements.

The City held public meetings in 2012 to gather the public's thoughts and ideas about how second units should be permitted in Mississauga. Comments were also received by email and through an online survey. A statutory public meeting required by the Planning Act was held in early 2013.

The City's Second Unit Implementation Strategy is part of Housing Choices: Mississauga's Affordable Housing Strategy. The City's goals for legalizing second units include ensuring safety, preserving neighbourhood character and maintaining public services. Please follow our Twitter feed [#secondunits](https://twitter.com/secondunits) or visit mississauga.ca/housingchoices for more information.

2014 Business Plan & Budget

The City's 2014 Budget discussions are well underway.

The Budget shows how the City will pay for the services outlined in its Business Plan.

A budget is drafted for each service area according to what is in each service area business plan. Service area budgets are submitted to the City Manager who ensures that they represent good financial planning, and will help the City meet its goals.

The collection of service area budgets makes up the City Budget.

The Budget must be approved by City Council. Until it is approved, it is the Recommended Budget.

The 2014 Recommended Budget includes:

- the costs to maintain current service levels in services identified by the Business Plan
- the costs of decisions about new services or changes to services that City Council approved
- any new initiatives and new revenues recommended by staff and

- any special purpose levies required.

Want to find out more and get the latest news about the City's 2014 Budget process:

Review the presentation from our October 1st Open House.

Go to the City's Committee Calendar to get dates and times for upcoming Budget Committee meetings.

Visit the City's Budget Committee web page for information about the committee, agenda and minutes.

Read the 2013-2016 Business Plan and Budget (now in place).

Ask a Budget question by:

- phone - 311 (905-615-4311 outside city limits).
- email - public.info@mississauga.ca
- Facebook or
- Twitter ([#2014Budget](https://twitter.com/2014Budget))

Illegal Signs on Public Road Allowances

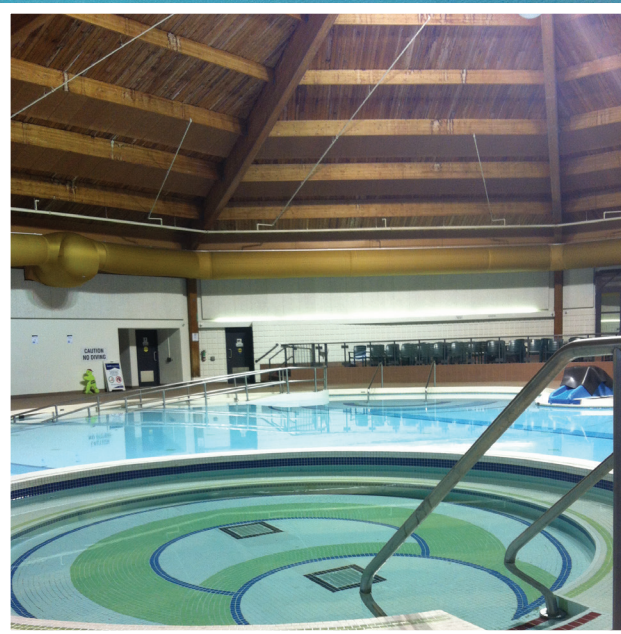
The City of Mississauga continues to receive complaints regarding posted illegal signs causing a mess in our communities. Every effort is made to combat the illegal posting of signs, unfortunately, we can not keep up with the removal of signs and enforcement of the bylaw.

To that end, in order to get the public assistance, City Council has enacted the Public Nuisance By-law 0222-2008 to declare signs and advertising devices illegally placed on public road allowances in the City as matters of public nuisance. Residents can be delegated the power to remove illegal nuisance signs within the city upon entering into an appropriate agreement with the City.

To find out how you can help to keep our city free of illegal signs visit the City of Mississauga website at mississauga.ca/portal/residents/planningandbuilding

If you would like more information on the Public Nuisance By-law or the Nuisance Sign Removal Program, please call 3-1-1.

Welcome Back to South Common Leisure Pool – We've Missed You!



We would like to take this opportunity to share with you several of the functions and features that we are confident will improve your experience at South Common Leisure Pool and keep you coming back again and again!

Beginning with upgrades in the public change rooms, see the freshly painted walls and ceilings that complement the new tiles on the floor and walls; a bright combination only to be trumped by the improved lighting inside the change rooms and shower areas. As you move into the pool area, you will see a tranquil water feature. This new feature gives the on-deck viewing gallery an outstanding modern look. The shallow end mural has been replaced with a fresh coat of paint and when you look up, you will notice the clouds have been removed to make room for a state-of-the-art dehumidification unit. This HVAC unit will improve the air quality and air flow due to the antibacterial antistatic fabric ductwork. This unit is energy efficient and precisely able to control pool deck

temperature and humidity. Other exciting features include the warming of the pool water with heat rejected by the unit and, due to a particular R-410A refrigerant, the HVAC system does not contribute to ozone depletion!

What you may not notice at first glance are some additional improvements. Check out the new acoustic and absorptive sound panels that improve sound quality in the pool by minimizing echoes and background noise levels, improved finishes and new signage. High efficiency condensing boilers will help keep the water always comfortable and we know everyone appreciates relaxing in our hot tub, so come enjoy the stronger inside jets for a more therapeutic experience.

We can't wait for you to make a splash as you enjoy all of the new features. We want to hear what you think! Welcome Back!



Working to Preserve Our City's Tree Canopy

The City has started a 10-year Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan to treat approximately 20,000 City-owned ash trees from EAB. EAB is a highly destructive, invasive insect that could kill all ash trees in North America. In Mississauga, ash trees represent approximately 10 per cent of trees on both public and private land.

The City's approved EAB Management Plan includes:

1. Treating approximately 20,000 City-owned ash trees with an insecticide called TreeAzin.
2. Removing and replacing, one for one, the ash trees on our streets and within our parks which are too infected to be saved.

Trees marked with a green dot at chest height were treated in the spring and summer. Trees with a red X at chest height are marked for removal. Removal works started this spring, with staff continuing to remove infested ash trees from streets throughout the city this fall and winter. Street trees that are removed in 2013 will be replaced in 2014. For information about the City's EAB Management Plan please visit mississauga.ca/eab or call 3-1-1. Outside city limits call 905-615-4311.

To fund the EAB Management Plan, a tax levy on the City portion of your tax bill will provide \$2.8 million in 2013 and \$5.6 million over the next nine years. This represents an average of \$2.31 per \$100,000 of your assessed property value.

Ash trees on private property are the landowner's responsibility. So, if you are concerned about ash trees on your property, please contact a certified arborist for treatment/removal options. To learn more about EAB, visit the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's website at inspection.gc.ca.

Trees are a valuable asset to the City of Mississauga. Without immediate action, EAB will have a devastating impact on the city's overall tree canopy. Let's work together to preserve our trees.

U of T Mississauga



Forty-six years ago, U of T's Erindale campus welcomed its first 155 students to its first temporary structure – the North Building, still standing today. Since then, the campus has grown exponentially, most rapidly in the past 10 years. U of T Mississauga (UTM) now boasts almost 13,000 students, more than 2,000 full and part-time employees and 26 buildings.

The growth and change of UTM over the past four decades has affected every facet of their organization from academic programs and residences to food services and parking. The student body today represents the broad diversity of our local community and, increasingly, our world – this fall, 18 per cent of incoming students are international, representing over 125 countries. And more students than ever are opting, once they graduate, to remain in the area: while 28 per cent of students come from Mississauga, 38 per cent of their alumni choose to stay in the city.

Over the years, UTM's physical footprint has changed dramatically. To accommodate the significant growth spurts, UTM have invested nearly \$700 million in eight new buildings over the past decade, almost all of them winners of prestigious architectural awards including three Governor General's Medals for Architecture.

And the construction doesn't stop there. The inaugural North Building is undergoing a multi-phase reconstruction. Phase 1, scheduled to open in September 2014, will feature four storeys with improved theatre rehearsal space, computer labs, classrooms, offices, study space and an expanded food services area. The Departments of Mathematical and Computational Sciences, and Psychology will have offices and research facilities in the renovated space.

The other major capital project is the Innovation Complex, a four-level building scheduled to open next September that will house expanded accommodation for the Departments of Economics and Management, the Office of the Registrar, and the Institute for Management & Innovation. The latter will become a signature institute at UTM: a new model for business education combining management studies with key industry sectors such as accounting, biotechnology, innovation strategy and sustainability. Offering undergraduate and graduate business degrees, the Institute will be the prime generator of ideas and leaders who will drive prosperity and a high quality of life in the city, region and province.

While UTM brought impressive change for their students, staff, faculty and alumni, they didn't know the extent of their impact beyond their tree-lined borders. So, UTM commissioned an Economic Impact Report, compiled by KPMG LLP, that noted UTM contributes more than \$1.3 billion annually to the economy of the Region of Peel and Province of Ontario. This includes \$272.2 million in spending by faculty, staff, students and visitors, and \$44.7 million in capital spending.

And other impressive findings. The campus helps create about 2,930 full-time jobs in Ontario, either directly or indirectly, the students dedicate about 45,000 hours of volunteer service annually to the community, the Mississauga Academy of Medicine is helping to address an urgent need for more physicians in Peel, and the School of Continuing Studies at UTM is assisting immigrants and newcomers upgrade skills and gain accreditations.

UTM has grown and changed, and yet – from the formative years in the mid-1960s – the campus has been fully involved in, engaged with and contributed to the community and the city.



enewsletter

In September 2013, I introduced my first enewsletter. It was very successful and generated a lot of interest. If you wish to subscribe to my enewsletter contact me at katie.mahoney@mississauga.ca requesting to be added to the mailing list.



Building Homes Building Hope

Did You Know That Habitat for Humanity is Very Active in Mississauga?

Habitat for Humanity's mission is to mobilize volunteers and community partners in providing affordable housing and promoting homeownership as a means to breaking the cycle of poverty.

Habitat for Humanity offer their partner families a hand up...not a hand out. Families contribute 500 hours of labour to the building of their home and other families' homes and pay a 0 per cent interest mortgage geared to their income. Mortgage payments go towards building additional homes making Habitat a very sustainable organization.

Another important element of Habitat's sustainability is the ReStore. ReStore sell new and gently used renovation and home décor items at up to 70 per cent off retail prices and tax free. All proceeds from the ReStore support the Habitat mission. The ReStore is located at 1705 Argentia Road between Erin Mills Parkway and Creditview Road and is open to the public.

Want to get involved?

Habitat for Humanity is a grass roots organization and are always looking for additional great volunteers to help with their projects and work in their ReStore. They are currently looking for a part-time volunteer bookkeeper. Other ways to get involved include driving their truck, providing customer service at the ReStore, becoming an ambassador for Habitat and the always popular fundraising for their cause.

Keep them in mind if you are renovating your kitchen. They will assess the donation, send in a salvage crew to carefully remove the old kitchen and transport it to their ReStore for sale. Along with helping to provide affordable home ownership opportunities for Mississauga families you will save labour costs for deconstruction of your old kitchen, garbage disposal costs and you will receive a tax receipt for the sale value of your old kitchen.

Habitat for Humanity run a number of exciting events throughout the year. Please check their website habitatmississauga.ca for details of upcoming events where you can also sign up for their newsletter to automatically be notified of news and events.

Habitat for Humanity makes a tangible, long term difference in the lives of families in Mississauga!

Stormwater is Directly Linked to Your Drinking Water

The July 8 storm that impacted both residents and businesses in Mississauga brought stormwater infrastructure into the spotlight. There is much to learn about the stormwater that runs off your property and into curbside drains.

Stormwater is rain, melted snow and even garden hose water that flows from the surface of our properties and streets into one of the City's 40,000 storm drains and goes directly into Lake Ontario. The system is even more complex. The City of Mississauga's stormwater management program includes infrastructure such as storm sewers, storm drains, stormwater management ponds, bridges and culverts. The program also supports flood prevention, water quality, creek bank erosion, environmental compliance, emergency response, cleanup and bylaw enforcement.

The City's role is only one piece of the puzzle. The Region of Peel operates two water treatment plants and provides the water we drink from our taps and use to flush our toilets. Most land however, in Mississauga is privately owned and each of us has a part in taking care of stormwater. As a community, we all need to ensure that our stormwater system isn't treated like a garbage can.

We need your help to educate your family, neighbours and coworkers about stormwater. Anything going into the stormwater system that isn't water is polluting Lake Ontario and impacting the water we drink.

Every small drop of soap, chemicals, household paint, and leftover gas that makes its way into Lake Ontario effects water quality. Even washing your car in your driveway contributes to the problem of pollutants trickling into our stormwater system. Aquatic life in our streams, rivers and lakes is also impacted. You might think that one car wash won't matter, but the math adds up if 10 people in your neighbourhood wash their car everyday in every neighbourhood in the City. Next time consider using a commercial car wash that is connected to a sanitary sewer.

The quantity of water flows into our curbside drains is also an issue. As a resident you can make a difference by disconnecting your roof downspouts and allowing water to soak into the ground or into a water barrel.

For more information on stormwater please visit mississauga.ca/portal/residents/environment or call Mississauga's Citizen Contact Centre at 3-1-1 (905-615-4311 if outside City limits).



The Mississauga Steelheads

The Mississauga Steelheads 2013-2014 season is well under way and you still have plenty of opportunities to check out the great action at the Hershey Centre!

Captain Brett Foy and Assistant Captains Trevor Carrick and Dylan Smoskowitz are leading the way for this group of hungry youngsters that also includes the 15-year-old rookie sensation Sean Day. Day is only the fourth player in league history to be granted "Exceptional Player Status" and allowed to play as a 15-year-old. For this young, always improving Steelheads team, the sky is the limit this season.

You need to take advantage of the 6 and 12 game flex packs that are now available. You can now pick and choose the games you want to see around your schedule!

You can also take advantage of the fantastic rates available for groups of 25, 50 or 100+.

The Mississauga Steelheads are your local hockey team and need your support! Check out all of the great, affordable ticketing options being offered for the 2013-2014 season at mississaugasteelheads.com and check out a game for as low as \$14.95!

Come out to support your Steelheads and experience the exciting brand of OHL hockey in a fun, family friendly environment!

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.

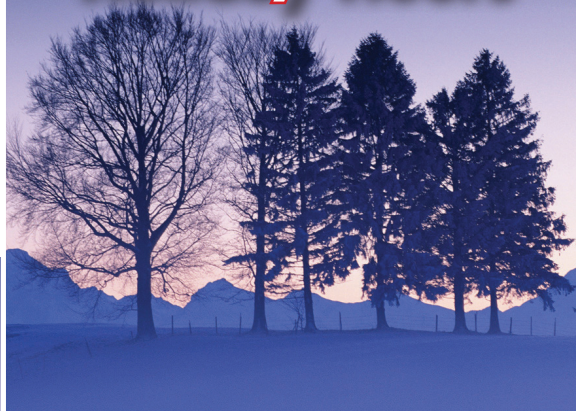
The Region of Peel, in collaboration with the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and Town of Caledon, joins approximately 70 Ontario municipalities that have enacted outdoor smoking by-laws.

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.

ROAD RESURFACING PROGRAM 2014

Year	Regional Works	Street Name	To	From
2014	Belvedere Cres.	Burbank Dr.	Burbank Dr.	-
2014	watermain in 2013	Barbican Dr.	Folkway Dr.	Pheasant Run
2014	watermain in 2013	Unity Gate	Winston Churchill Blvd.	Folkway Drive

Holiday Hours



The City of Mississauga will be closed at noon on **Tuesday, December 24, 2013** to **Wednesday, January 1, 2014** and will reopen on **Thursday, January 2, 2014**.

Visit mississauga.ca for a full listing of the City's services and holiday hours of operation during the closure period.

Playground Replacements to be Complete Summer 2014

The construction contract is now in place for playground replacements at King's Masting, Glen Erin Trail (two play sites), Sherwood Green, and the Trapper's Green swing set addition. Construction is scheduled to be completed by the summer 2014. The new playgrounds at King's Masting, Glen Erin Trail and Sherwood Green will include wheelchair-accessible playground mulch, accessible swing seat, transfer station onto play structure, and ground level play elements. For more information on the timing for construction at your playground, contact Bill Montague, Project Manager, at 905-615-3200, ext. 3676 or william.montague@mississauga.ca