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Dear friends and neighbours:

I am very pleased to bring to you my City of Mississauga Spring Newsletter! Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your representative at the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel.

This past year has been extremely busy. I'm grateful to all the residents of Ward 8 who have been open to dialogue and have offered suggestions on how we can improve our great ward.

Please take the time to read through this newsletter as it has been designed to assist the residents with relevant information on: what's going on in our community, upcoming events and programs, important City issues and updates on exciting projects that are transforming not only Ward 8, but the City of Mississauga.

Since the beginning of 2018, the Ward 8 office has been busy with community meetings and events such as the Annual Ward 8 Family Fun Skate at Erin Mills Twin Arena. It was a fantastic afternoon and I enjoyed chatting with long-time residents and meeting the new residents to Ward 8. Thank you to the Erin Mills Twin Arena team for all their assistance in making the event a great success!

In early 2017, we learned that Heart House Hospice would be considering a new campus. Their services require a larger property and as such the new Hospice cannot be constructed on the Pheasant Run Land. My colleagues and I were disappointed with this information, but understood the decision. With that in mind, I requested that Council support my motion to preserve the land as parkland, which they did. Now we are ready to invite the community to attend a Public Information Session on the future plans of Pheasant Run Park! Please see the notice on this page for all the details and I look forward to seeing you on May 29th.

I encourage everyone to get out there to explore, seek activity and enjoy the summer months after our very long winter. Ward 8 is very fortunate to have many beautiful trails, parks and activities for you to enjoy.

As always, my staff and I are here to assist you with any City or Regional issues. For the latest news and information, please visit my website at mattmahoney.ca.

I hope you all have a very safe and enjoyable summer.

Warmest regards,



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Notice of Public Information Session Pheasant Run Community Park

DATE: Tuesday May 29, 2018

TIME: 6:30 - 8 p.m.

PLACE: St. Clare Catholic School,
4140 Glen Erin Drive, Gymnasium

The City of Mississauga and Councillor Matt Mahoney invite you to a public information session regarding Pheasant Run Park, that will include details about its re-development.

Heart House Hospice has decided not to construct a facility on the property. The City will therefore develop the 5 acre (2.02 hectare) parcel into a community park.

The preliminary concept for the park includes a minor-size soccer field, multi-use playing court, medium-sized spray pad and upgrades to the parking lot and surrounding trails.

Residents are invited to drop-in anytime between 6:30 and 8 p.m. to view displays of the proposed park amenities. A formal presentation is not part of the session; however City staff and Councillor Matt Mahoney will be on-hand to answer questions you may have.

Parking at St. Clare School is limited, invitees are politely asked to walk to the information session if possible.

Should you be unable to attend in-person but would like to receive information about the project, contact:

Justin Agius, Planner, Park Planning

Email: justin.agius@mississauga.ca
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Annual Ward 8 Family Fun Skate
at Erin Mills Twin Arena





Moths and Worms Bugging You? Help is on the Way!

This year, the City of Mississauga will undertake an aerial spray treatment program to lower fall cankerworm and gypsy moth populations to a more manageable level.

In Mississauga, helicopters will spray during the seasonal window which is roughly between April 23 and June 10, 2018, from 5 to 7:30 a.m. Leaf size, caterpillar size and weather conditions will determine exact spray dates. Based on past records, the spray will most likely happen in the first two to three weeks of May.

The spray will treat areas that are expected to see severe leaf loss from caterpillar feedings. This area is roughly 1,940 hectares (equivalent to 1,552 football fields) of private and public land in Wards 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 11.

All spray procedures will follow provincial and federal regulations, guidelines and best practices. The aerial spray will use the bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* (Btk) which occurs naturally and is found in soil. Btk is an effective pesticide that has been used globally for more than 30 years to successfully manage cankerworm and gypsy moth caterpillar populations.

Health Canada has approved the use of Btk over urban areas and the Region of Peel says it does not expect the spraying to impact human health. Dr. Jessica Hopkins, the Region's Medical Officer of Health says, "While no special precautions need to be taken, residents may consider remaining indoors, washing their hands, covering lawn furniture, pools, BBQs and rinsing with water after the spray."

If you have questions about how to control fall cankerworms and gypsy moths on your property call 3-1-1 or visit mississauga.ca/2018spray. You can also sign-up for email alerts and access up-to-date information on aerial spraying such as road closures, spray dates, times and locations.



CPR with First Responders of Peel Paramedics




Toronto Region & Conservation
Councillor Mahoney being presented his Silver Pin Award for years of service.



Left to right: Richie Bachle (Facility Operations), Councillor Mahoney, Wendy Murdock (Manager) , Neil MacLellan (Supervisor, Operations), Cheryl Anderson (Coordinator, Customer Service & Administration)

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Visit the Councillor's website for all the updates on Ward events, projects and info about Mississauga.



Did you Know?

Did you know that the future Hurontario Light Rail Transit will be 20 kilometres long and will have 22 stops?



KNOW WHO TO CALL

3-1-1 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Peel:

- garbage pick up
- water billing
- recreation programs

2-1-1 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel:

- employment leads
- doctors accepting patients
- social housing resources

9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes:

- a fire
- a crime in progress
- a medical emergency

Visit mississauga.ca for more information.

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Youths Ride MiWay and Enjoy Activities for Free with Freedom Pass

Did you know that youth ages 12 to 14 years can travel on MiWay for free this summer?

With the Freedom Pass youth can ride MiWay for free anywhere within Mississauga. The pass also allows them to engage in various leisure activities such as swimming for free at public indoor and outdoor pools.

There are many other free activities available in Mississauga this summer to help the youth in your family experience the freedom. Here are some places to go and things to do with a Freedom Pass:

- Multi-Use Ramp Parks for Skateboarding/Biking/Scooters/Inline Skating
- Mountain Bike Park
- Dirt Jump Parks
- Basketball Hoops
- Celebration Square

Apply for a Freedom Pass from May 1 until August 31, 2018. To learn more, visit mississauga.ca/freedompass.

Dealing with Tall Grass and Nuisance Weeds

Not sure when to cut the grass? According to Mississauga’s Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass by-law, grass on private property cannot be more than 30 centimetres high. Property owners are responsible for cutting any tall grass on their property.

Owners must also maintain their boulevards and keep them free from nuisance weeds. Any nuisance weeds and weed seeds you find must be destroyed on the property.

The list of the most common nuisance weeds in Mississauga includes:

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| • Buckthorn, European | • Thistle, Canada |
| • Hemlock | • Thistle, Nodding |
| • Poison ivy | • Thistle, Russian |
| • Ragweed | • Thistle, Scotch |
| • Sow-thistle | • Garlic Mustard |
| • Thistle, bull | • Creeping Charlie |

If City staff receives a complaint about nuisance weeds or grass that is too tall they will send the property owner a notice informing them of the by-law violation. The owner will then have 10 days to fix the issue.

Learn more about tall grass, nuisance weeds and your responsibilities by reading the Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass By-law on the City’s website at: mississauga.ca/bylaws.

Free Park Play Program

With only one third of children meeting the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines of 60 minutes of physical activity every day, play is one of the easiest, most affordable and fun ways for our children to get moving. The City of Mississauga supports the benefits of play through a free playground program for healthier and happier children, parents and caregivers.

Let’s Play in the Park offers a free, no registration, drop in play program for children ages six to 12 years. This supervised play program is led by qualified leaders trained in the HIGH FIVE® principles of healthy child development. During the summer, children participate in physical activities like cooperative games, sports, arts and crafts in a naturally beautiful environment.

Let’s Play in the Park runs from **July 2 to August 31, 2018**.

To find program information and parks in our community, visit mississauga.ca/play.



Volunteer for the Ontario 55+ Summer Games

Mississauga is the official host city for the 2018 Ontario 55+ Summer Games, a celebration of active living, taking place August 10 to 12. With less than six months to go, the City is taking applications and putting together a volunteer team.

All Ontario 55+ Summer Games volunteers must be: 16 years of age or older; available during August 10 to 12 inclusive; and available to attend an orientation session in July. If you’re interested in this opportunity, complete a volunteer application online at: osgmmississauga.ca/volunteer.



Did you Know?

Did you know that an estimated 1,400 seniors will participate in the 2018 Ontario 55+ Summer Games which Mississauga is hosting?

Follow Your Park Rules

Parks are public spaces that we all share. It's up to each one of us to do our part to care for these spaces and keep them clean for everyone to enjoy. If we all follow some simple rules and etiquette, our parks and trails will be enjoyable for everyone.

Park Etiquette

- Follow the rules posted on signs (the rules protect you and the park).
- Use the waste and recycling bins provided, especially after using a picnic area or sports field. Clean up after yourself and leave the area as clean as you found it.
- If you use a BBQ, completely extinguish coals before leaving. Do not dump them as this is a fire and safety hazard.
- Keep dogs on leashes unless in a leash-free zone. Always pick up after your dog.
- Stay to the right on trails, pass on the left and remember that pedestrians always have the right-of-way.
- Cyclists on trails follow the same rules: keep to the right, pass pedestrians on the left and use a warning bell.
- If parking lot(s) are full, be considerate when parking on nearby streets, obey street signs and park in designated areas only. Please do not park on the grass.
- It's illegal to smoke within 20 metres of children's playgrounds and public sports areas in Ontario.
- In case of heavy rain, keep away from trails, creeks and rivers with high water levels.



Pets Need Licences Too!

Under Mississauga's Animal Care and Control By-law, every dog and cat in Mississauga needs to be licensed. A pet licence comes with benefits. It's your pet's ID and has important information that can help Mississauga Animal Services return them to you if lost.

Pet owners are responsible for buying a pet licence and renewing it annually or bi-annually. You can buy an annual pet licence online, by phone, by mail or in person at the City's Animal Services shelter. You can buy a two-year pet licence by phone, mail or in person at our Animal Services shelter; two-year licences aren't available online.

Pet licences must be visible on the pet's collar. Owners of unlicensed pets may be subject to a \$100 administrative penalty.

Mississauga 2018 Budget Approved



Mississauga City Council has approved the 2018 Business Plan and Budget. The impact of the budget is a \$141 increase on the property tax for an average residential property valued at \$604,000.

The 2018 Budget ensures local government programs and services continue to be delivered cost-effectively. The budget projects savings of over \$3 million. This means a savings of nearly \$52 million over the past decade.

Highlights of the 2018 Business Plan and Budget

- The total increase in Mississauga's residential property tax will be 2.74 per cent. The increase includes 1.58 per cent for City services and 1.16 per cent for the Region of Peel.
- The City is adding approximately \$2.8 million in new services, including:
 - continuing the MiWay service growth and adding 46,000 service hours;
 - increasing support to culture groups and local artists;
 - redeveloping the recently-acquired Small Arms Inspection Building;
 - hosting the Ontario 55+ Summer Games;
 - providing public education about the City's Active Transportation options to encourage the use of cycling and walking infrastructure;
 - improving the Library's collection to support the City's population growth.

For more details on the City's budget and the budgeting process, visit mississauga.ca/budget.



Stay Active All Year

Is the spring weather tempting you to skip your regular fitness routine? Or maybe you need a fresh routine. Either way, make a plan to stay active this summer and every season of the year by participating in regular leisure and recreational activities.

Find programs that fit your lifestyle and schedule at activemississauga.ca. The site is easy to use, mobile-friendly and provides simple search, bookmark and registration features. In addition to the website, in-person customer service support is available from knowledgeable staff at all local community centres and the Recreation Customer Service Centre.

New On-Street and Overnight Parking Regulations

Unless otherwise posted, you can now park on city streets for up to five hours instead of three. In addition, overnight parking is no longer allowed on city streets daily from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. The new parking rules are in effect all year round.

For more information, visit mississauga.ca/portal/residents/parkingbylaw.

