



**Café 1 - Staging Room**  
**Group 1 - Jacquelyn Gulati**

**Basic Ideas**

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- (All) That these themes are essential for quality of life;
- (All) That we need to act as world class citizens and encourage world class leaders to make these happen;
- (All) That we have enough resources;
- (All) That the majority of our citizens want this change.

**Cross Culture/Arts**

- That a desire to culturally integrate is something that is desirable by new immigrants and established citizens.
- That the municipality will support the arts/culture with funding.
- That there are equal opportunities for various cultures to participate.
- Will people continue to settle in Mississauga from other countries?
- Will people afford to live here?
- That racial discrimination doesn't and will not exist here.

**Economy**

- That Mississauga has something to offer the international investor.
- Make Mississauga a leader in environment sustainability.
- That the private sector will buy-in to being a Green City.
- Tax base/work force/land space for business (all government levels is needed).

**Efficient Transit**

- That better transit will result in less cars/traffic.
- That a Green City means efficient transit.
- That we can undo past suburban planning and transition to an urban environment.

**Top 4 themes:**

1. Create a strong Mississauga identity through showcasing of arts and cross – cultural integration.
2. Make Mississauga a place for global investments to create a strong economic base for the City.

3. Make Mississauga a leader in environmental sustainability through “GREEN” Practices.
4. Build a fast and efficient transit system for better mobility of goods & people.
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### **What is emerging as important here to the Future of the City?**

- Awareness of past – city plans needs to build future plans.
- Greening of the city (energy, ecology) for pride and ownership.
- Walkability to amenities that is an attractive walk.
- Developing a Mississauga identity that we are known for.
- Active nightlife in a central area.
- Global model/showcase for multiculturalism.
- A Mississauga arts and culture hub – cultural place/venue.
- High architectural design.
- Transportations gridlock number 1.
- Social discontent “Not in my backyard” (NIMBY).

### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Introduce a great transit system.
- More visible/accessible arts and culture scene.
- Dynamic public spaces for citizens to interact (x2).
- Build a sense of community.
- Walkability in public spaces, public squares and walkways.
- Intercultural association and large public venues.
- To facilitate mixing cultures at events etc.
- Need for a cultural development office beyond Mississauga.
- Need a strong economic base.
- How do we let people know about and continue to involve people in the vision on a larger scale?
- How do we demand political will for change?

### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- How do we make use of increase awareness of the answers we already have?
- How do we make a change for walkability etc. since land/plans are already zoned as they are?
- If we make a great transit system, how do we encourage and motivate people to use it and change?
- How do we get people excited about expressing their cultural experience?

- We talked about public space, where will it be positioned and how do we get people there?
- How can we engage young people, keep them here and make them feel heard?
- How do we leverage existing infrastructure to get us started on these changes, i.e. transportation efficiency?
- How do we find balance for our aspirations (especially economic and ecological) to become a great city?

## **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/themes that will come out today?**

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## **What specific change do we want to see?**

## Theme 1

- **Create a strong Mississauga identity through showcasing of arts and cross cultural integration:**
  - Purpose built faculties for the arts,
  - Creation of an epic body to coordinate cross cultural events and wide advertising (expand on Carassauga organization),
  - Large public space and structure for events, parades, arts, pedestrian streets at City Centre,
  - Increase preservation of our heritage and character areas,
  - Affordable housing throughout our City.

## Theme 2

- **Make Mississauga a place for global investments to create a strong economic base for our City:**
  - attract a knowledgeable workforce,
  - creating right infrastructure and investment facilities to attract industry.

## Theme 3

- **Make Mississauga a leader in environmental sustainability through “GREEN: practice.**

## Theme 4

- **Build a fast & efficient transit system for better mobility of composting in schools, townhouses, businesses, apartments:**
  - green energy generation – solar and wind,
  - fines for not recycling,
  - community gardens with city investment and support,
  - expand adopt a road,
  - city investment in secure bike parking/lockers at schools, workplaces, etc.,
  - expand on garbage incinerations for electricity generation goods and people,
  - bus system to accommodate bikes (bike racks on every bus) & luggage (trips to airport),
  - bike share across the city,
  - bike storage at all public facilities, workplaces, community centres, transit hubs,
  - free (or cheaper) public transit,
  - light rail system between large destinations (Square One, airport and Shoppers World),
  - seamless connection (including fare integration between systems in Greater Transit Authority “GTA”,
  - extend subway into Mississauga,
  - aerial gondola and/or cable car,
  - interconnect bike paths and lanes.

### **How can this be achieved? What might be the 1st 2nd or 3rd steps?**

- Change the Official Plan and change by-laws to reflect – “Responsible Council”.
- Creations of neighbourhood citizen groups for new immigrants – “Responsible Neighbourhoods” and worship centres.
- Feasibility study on these ideas & present back to public symposium for strategic plan development – “Responsible Project Team”.
- Get developers on board to implant these ideas in private development for the community - “Responsible City”.

### **Who are the players to achieve it?**

- Collect funds through community foundations and lotteries – “Responsible Community” individuals.
- Public/Private partnerships with businesses for many of these initiatives – “Responsible Government and Community Leaders”.
- Better Art Gallery with community exhibitors – “Responsible City” with community arts partners.
- Electric powered small vehicles, golf carts for local mobility – “Responsible City” to open licensing to allow such vehicles in residential areas, possibly in bicycle lanes and paths.
- Research NOW how these visions relate to existing initiative for the Strategic Plan – “Responsible Project Team”.
- Independent body advising city government regarding choosing priorities not associated with likes and dislikes.

### **How can I contribute to the Future City I want to see?**

- Participate in public forums like this and be engaged.
- Draw friends and neighbours into this process and build awareness of the vision direction.
- Ask for feedback from today’s session.
- Walk, bike and attend public events.
- Continue to do what I’m doing well.
- New liberties = new responsibilities.
- Spread enthusiasm, share, listen, be proactive, participate and keep our City accountable.
- Continue to advocate arts & culture.
- Outreach to the youth.
- Actively participate; spread news to see to it that they are successful.

**What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations?  
What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours,  
ourselves and the Future?**

- Mississauga is in safe hands with the citizens here and this process.
- Weak straw makes strong fire.
- We are more together than we are apart.
- Eye opener for certain issues, i.e. need far more cross-cultural support and events.
- How Mississauga can improve.
- This was a useful event.
- Tumultuous tasks ahead.
- We all came with our own perspective.
- Tiring process but great exercise.
- Pleasantly surprised with turnout.
- Tax money well spent on event.

## **Café 1 - Staging Room Group - Karen Mewa Ramcharan**

### **Basic Ideas**

#### **Top 4 themes:**

#### **What is emerging as important here to the Future of the City?**

- Connecting youth and environment.
- Inclusive in diversity.
- Active transportation, cycling and walking etc.
- Safe platform for activities and ideas.
- Healthy city, clean environment, water etc.
- Record and remember where we came from and build from the past.
- Share/break isolation and be more neighbourly.
- Professional prospects for newcomers.
- Growth in the health care sector.
- More accessible health care.

#### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Get involved, work together and listen.
- Act on strategy.
- Slow down, stop and smell the roses.
- Get the big picture; see our City as a whole.
- Education for all ages.
- Authentic environmental education.
- Create a sense of belonging.
- If the City could talk it would say “represent me”. Get citizens involved in City decision making.
- Let’s take it to the next level.
- Re-think the political system.

#### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- How do we keep this going?
- Why are we here today, how, when and where?
- What is the route of these changes?
- Who to go to next?
- Do we have answers? Have we asked the right questions?
- Do we have the energy and commitment to carry us through?

- There will be set backs, “don’t give up”.
- Are we committed to change? Come up with solutions.
- How successful can we integrate as a City of Mississauga?
- This City needs a leader to direct us in a new way.
- We have to work together as one force, flexible programs for youth.
- Communication and consultation on an ongoing basis.

### **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/ themes that will come out today?**

- Stewardship of natural environment.
- Environment and watershed.
- All generations.
- Citizenship governance.
- All generations.
- Mobility.
- Enriched community.
- All generations.
- Legacy.
- Open communication in planning.

### **What are our assumptions related to our themes?**

- Stewardship – natural environment and watershed.
- We need the whole picture:
  - Credit Valley Conservation, “CVC”,
  - Municipality, and
  - Region.
- Who does what?
  - School and community etc.
- Environmental Advisory Committee.
- Share community information and experiences.

### **Who are the players to achieve it??**

- Government/municipal – empower staff.
- Boards of Education.
- Partnership in collaboration:
  - school,
  - universities,
  - industries, and
  - local adult communities.
- Special interests and volunteer groups:
  - Sierra Club and Green Peace.



- Global Ideas:
  - United Nations Studies,
  - Pollution Probe.
- Innovators:
  - artists and creative thinkers.
- We are part of it! We are the players.
- Media:
  - all levels, news, radio and television.
- Who are the players?
  - Councillors and Trustees,
  - lobbyists,
  - intellectuals in Mississauga.

**What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations?  
 What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours,  
 ourselves and the Future?**

### **Afternoon – Comments**

Open communication and planning:

- will our ideas count, and
- where will it go?

What changes do we have to see:

- we have to create that change,
- we need to continue dialogue,
- we need more platforms.

Legacy:

- take responsibility,
- vibrant landmarks,
- attractions, destinations to attract youth,
- interaction/new thinking. and
- technology.

### **Comments 2 and 3:**

- Have a plan for our legacy,
- Blueprint and resources,
- Right leadership.

Citizenship and Governance:

- leadership,
- good citizens – good leaders.

Limited mobility:

- cars,
- indoors/isolated,

- express bus route on highways,
- efficient transit,
- more school buses,
- bike routes,
- support snow shoes,
- new partnerships with business and corporations,
- leadership mandate – mission statement,

Enriched community:

- being neighbourly,
- something to call our own,
- academic renaissance,
- recognize the natural wonders in our community,
- animation.

Mobility:

- express bus routes on the highways,
- efficient transit,
- more school buses,
- funding for bike routes,
- snowshoe if you can.

Enriched community:

- new partnerships with businesses and corporations,
- leadership,
- mandate, mission statement.

Legacy:

- blueprint,
- resources, and
- right leadership.

### **Comments 5:**

- live everyday,
- stay involved,
- stay informed,
- criticize,
- connect,
- be interested,
- disseminate,
- create a communication centre, and
- television, radio and internet etc.

### **Comments 6:**

- Kindred souls across the city,
- We all want a great city,
- We are all on the same page,
- Opportunity to change and develop,
- Our re-creation,
- It is our responsibility, and
- Take care of our children/grandchildren.

**Café 1**  
**Group 3 – Keshwer Patel**  
**Group Name: *New Lifestyle, New Mobility & New Priorities (NLMP)***

**Basic Ideas**

- Utilize waterfront, places to attract visitors, tourists and small shops.
- Waterfront development.
- Support neighbourhood development.
- Cycle pathways.
- Celebrate diversity.
- Free parks and recreations activities and transportation.
- City-wide biking and trail system that is interconnected and complete.
- Easy access to everything.
- Stop increasing transit ticket prices.
- Realize potential of Port Credit as an activity hub on the waterfront.
- Free trade zone around the airport and highway intersections.
- Make our City clean and easy to walk when we have snow day.
- How to make it pleasant and easier to get around without a car.
- Better transportation facilities – better bus fares.
- Have a walking friendly city.
- Reasonable bus fares.
- Affordable housing.
- Multiculturalism at work.
- Diversity and integration:
  - cultural and religious places should be opened up to people from outside of that culture and/or religion and workshops (re: interesting facts about that culture/religion), tours (to appreciate the architecture) etc. should be held to help us all understand each other better.
- Transportation:
  - buses should be 5-7 minutes apart,
  - baby carriages should be smaller and folded when on bus,
  - drivers should be more aware of the passengers needs when boarding and departing.
- Make public transportation more frequent with more direct routes.
- A tight and integrated transit network that is well-connected to Toronto, Oakville and Brampton.
- Mass transit and public transportation:
  - comprehensive,
  - affordable, and
  - green.
- Public transit to be more frequency.
- Rapid transit within Mississauga with connections to other transit systems.
- A transportation system that is not only efficient but delightful.

- Address traffic congestion.
- Enhanced public transit (Regionally, “GTA”),
- Higher order transit LRT,
- Excellent transit system – rail.
- LRT system in the GTA.
- How public art can enhance mass transit.
- No advertising on bus windows so that passengers can see where they are going.
- Welcoming to diversity.
- Bus drivers should be required to call out major intersections on bus routes.
- City Centre diversification:
  - underground shopping centre below the Square One Mall with multi-cultural boutiques and restaurants with no franchises.
- At the Square One bus terminal, do not allow through traffic at the pedestrian traffic lights so that pedestrians can cross at anytime.
- Link the jewels in the necklace.
- Transportation:
  - extending Toronto subway into Mississauga, e.g. Islington/Kipling to Hurontario.

#### **Top 4 themes:**

- New lifestyle.
- New mobility.
- New priorities.

#### **What is emerging as important here to the Future of the City?**

- Tailor mobility (transportation) to a new lifestyle (neighbours).
- Move better and faster but also less.
- Transportation of many means and rhythms, i.e. bike and walk.
- Viewing transportation as a linkage like thread on a string of pearls.
- Create a sense of place and more appealing.
- Mass transit – creation.
- Affordability of transit.
- Planning that supports heterogeneous community and creating “hubs”, villages (finer grain planning) to reduce the need for travel.
- Humanize the city.
- I am looking for imaginative transportation and imaginative planning.

#### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Make Mississauga a place we want to be in (transportation, street grids, finer grain planning, affordable transit, hubs, neighbourhood development) counter existing urban sprawl.
- Working with different levels of government collaboratively.

- Policies and building permits should shape our new values about lifestyles and transportation.
- Change is complex and we need to work the “how to”.
- Limit drive-throughs.
- Manage developers.
- Ontario Municipal Board “OMB” decision making overrides City Planning Department.
- NIMBY issue.
- Making transportations affordable.
- How do we pay for all this?

### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- Giving our City the last word in dealing with Province, i.e. give political clout.
- More pedestrian oriented thinking, and inter-connected cycle paths systems.

### **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/ themes that will come out today?**

#### **New Lifestyles, New Mobility and New Priorities**

- Society, lifestyle and transportation shape each other.
- Creating neighbourhood hubs/villages and improving quality of existing neighbourhoods.
- Reducing carbon footprint in changes made.
- How do we pay for all this?

### **What are our assumptions related to our themes?**

- Think big, i.e. “carbon tax”.
- People want change.
- There needs to be a consensus to make change.
- Think of the unintended consequences.
- Humans are social animals and want to interact.
- Going to intensify and so lets manage it
- Suburban island and urban islands to meet varying needs.
- Decisions not all driven by economics.

### **What specific change do we want to see?**

- Introduce tax by person not property tax at city level (poll tax), i.e. per persons in house.
- Abolish the OMB process.

- More tax revenues from Federal and Provincial to cities and municipalities, since lots of responsibilities downloaded clearer accountability and government structure – higher order of transit operated, funded by higher level of government.
- More friendly community.
- Sustainable community.
- More community events and celebrations to build on sense of belonging, i.e. Canada day fireworks, street parties.
- Move from a culture of litigation to a culture of acceptance of risk.
- Encourage mixed use and reduce restrictions.
- Greater awareness of environmental impact and increasing health costs.
- Safe bicycle racks.
- Regulations to have all new buildings as “green buildings”. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design “LEED”.
- Retrofit older buildings to green standards.
- Build LRT on Hurontario north/south and Dundas east/west.
- More “dedicated lanes” on the highways.
- Use hydro corridors for transit and bicycle lanes.
- Horizontal integration of thinking amongst municipalities, hydro, agencies, commissions.
- Guiding principles for all activities in the community to integrate city, hydro and other levels of government.
- All decision-making should look at the interests of the region – look at the big picture.

### **How can this be achieved? What might be the 1st 2 or 3 steps?**

- Seek support and lobby Association of Municipalities of Ontario “AMO” and Federation and Canadian Municipalities “FCM” for Province to abolish the OMB.
- Give voice to community issues.
- Influential leaders in community, examples, artists, thinkers, to motivate youth thoughts.
- Mississauga takes leadership on community initiatives - earth hour.

### **Who are the players to achieve it??**

- Federal Government.
- Provincial Government.
- Regional Government and Municipalities.
- Developers.
- Citizens and Ratepayer Associations.
- Strong advocates within the community.
- Business co-operation.

### **How can I contribute to the Future city I want to see?**

- Personally understand ecological footprint of your choices.
- Be more politically active.
- Move away from “supersizing”, success = supersize, change the paradigm.
- Ask employer for free transit pass instead of parking.

### **What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations? What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours, ourselves and the Future?**

- Similarity of thinking and values at the table.
- We have more in common than the number of differences and we had a diverse table.
- Looking forward to integrated transit across GTA.



## **Café 1 - Staging Room Group - Diane Chong**

### **Basic Ideas**

#### **What is emerging as important here to the Future of the City?**

- Accessible post-secondary education of all kinds.
- Pedestrian friendly city.
- Energy environment leadership/green sustainable technology.
- More outdoor activities for youth.
- More integration with schools and community.
- Integrated development with transportation.
- More opportunities for education selection and more government funding.
- Energy saving & environmentally friendly recycling.
- Better community planning that addresses day to day living for families.

#### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Focus on our strengths instead of our problems.
- Education (x2).
- Keep youth interested in school and the environment.
- Preserve our natural environment.
- Strive for full service accessibility day to day life (x2).
- Leadership in environmental and energy issues.

#### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- Leadership/stewardship to make it a priority.
- Funding – how low are we going to fund it?
- Multi-level government support.
- Public will power.
- How do we ensure that it is a priority?
- Cooperation from other levels of government for education.
- Enhance partnership with community (education).
- Improved transit system.

#### **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/ themes that will come out today?**

- Education.

- Accessibility to services.
- Integrated Planning – environment and transportation:  
note: continuity,  
note: whose accountable for delivery,  
note: use our existing strengths and not copy other cities.

### **What are our assumptions related to our themes?**

- Education:
  - transition from high school to post-secondary is confusing,
  - lack of communication and support,
  - smooth integration between high schools, trade schools, colleges and universities,
  - lack of accessibility/affordability,
  - teachers should know how to teach,
  - integrate schools with local expertise,
  - communication and education for first generation and new immigrants,
  - better guidance from Province.
- We can't tell people where to shop.
- Accessibility:
  - we want a community environment, not all communities have the same level of services.

### **What specific change do we want to see?**

- Mixed use communities and neighbourhood centres.
- Encourage smaller markets:
  - micro loans, and
  - private enterprise.
- Live/work units.
- Provide services at the edge of communities.
- To give people better choice – better access to transit to visit other communities.
- Make frequent transportation.
- Better transportation planning – cars, buses, and LRT.
- Great places but getting to and from is the problem.

### **How can this be achieved? What might be the 1st 2 or 3 steps?**

- Move away from the “big box” stores
- Smaller grids in the neighbourhoods.
- Creative spaces, galleries, neighbourhood squares, statues and fountains.
- More pedestrian walkways.
- More varied housing.

- LRT down Hurontario/north and south.
- More festivals, outdoors cafes, events, arts festivals and sidewalk mentality.
- Need a gridlock solution.
- Integrated transit – simplified.

### **Who are the players to achieve it??**

- Commissioners for Planning.
- Councillors to tell Commissioners.
- We need someone to say it's going to happen.
- Elected officials.
- Citizens to tell our Councillors.
- We should demand that they are accountable.
- Youth to get involved – high schools and colleges.
- Youth Advisory Council to be informed to carry it out.

### **How can I contribute to the Future city I want to see?**

- Walk more and stop being lazy.
- Encourage recycling.
- Get more involved in the City of Mississauga changes.
- Lower voting age.
- Volunteer more/community groups.
- Get engaged.
- Car pooling and buying efficient cars, i.e. Smart Car.
- Support local businesses.
- Ask City Hall for more police.
- More active politically to participate.
- Run for office.
- Parents get children more involved in City of Mississauga events.
- Get out and talk to our neighbours.
- Find out what they want.

### **What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations? What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours, ourselves and the Future?**

- We need to know our neighbours in our City.
- We need to walk more.
- Future development needs to be environmentally friendly.
- Need to evolve to meet the changes of the community.
- An ongoing strategic planning process.
- Experience & power/creatively = success (adults, youth energy).

- We have a great City and involved citizens and huge strengths to build from.
- We don't have to change everything.
- Why do we have to change everything?
- Younger generation and older generation think differently (night-life versus staying at home).
- City should serve all generations.
- Youth and older adults want the same things – we don't know how.

## Café 1 - Staging Room Group - Al Hills

### Basic Ideas

#### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Sustainable, healthy, integrated and inclusive.
- Economic, environment and social sustain.
- Inclusive in accessibility, demographic diversity, abilities and cultural diversity socio-economic.
- Free transit.
- Better use of our own resources including the reduce, recycle, reuse.
- Promote sustainable lifestyles (education).
- Planning for flexible overtime.
- Safety and renewable resources.
- Develop a board range of transportation choices.
- Commitment to continue public engagement.

#### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- How are we going to resource what the city looks like?
- Does this City have the authority do all this?
- How do we balance our waterfront
- What development with sustainability?
- What other levels of government will be involved?
- Any stakeholders including business professionals, do we have the right stakeholders?
- Will we have the leaders to execute the plan?
- How do we verify the key drivers already in place?
- How do we build an enabling environment that embraces change?
- How will we look and behave differently 10-30 years from now and how will we measure?
- How do we leverage diversity?

#### **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/ themes that will come out today?**

- Culturing and valuing diversity is the key to the city's future success (this includes all aspects of diversity).
- Promoting developing the health and well being of our City (sustainable strategies and citizens).

- Recognise youth and seniors and their groups as a major resource for the future of our City.
- Identify a strategic sustainable leadership for city development, execution, measurement.

### **What are our assumptions related to our themes?**

- Drivers – problems we are trying to solve.
- Assumption - we value quality, civility and respect for everyone.
- We have the assumption, we have the education to support the values will be embraced.
- Assumption - we have the authority to make changes.
- Assumption - we will have the communication framework to engage the diverse population and all stakeholders for a common understanding.
- Is there an assumption - we have a common goal.
- There is an assumption - there is momentum already.
- Assumption - we have the leadership resources to implement the strategy.
- There is an assumption - people want change and are willing to pay for it.

### **What specific change do we want to see?**

- Results – what will our future city look like as a result of our plan.
- Senior levels of government support.
- Energy efficiency.
- Efficient sustainable affordable multi-mode transportation.
- Monorail around city.
- Higher levels of education in the City Centre.
- Customised transportation system.
- Jobs, engagement and connectivity for everyone.
- Reduce poverty significantly.
- Crowded sidewalk into the City Centre, bike paths, parks to sit and enjoy.
- A shade canopy.
- Walkable and liveable neighbourhoods.
- Businesses embrace green technology.
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### **How can this be achieved? What might be the 1st 2 or 3 steps?**

- Community support groups.
- For all areas of the City of Mississauga.
- Bike lanes and bike paths, identify/more access.
- Job creation.

- Linkages with business, education, talent management and development.
- Accessible community and social services.

### **Who are the players to achieve it?**

- Global connectivity.
- Education all levels of the system (international ministries).
- All levels of government municipal leaders (and project team).
- Business community.
- City staff (economic development) and services.
- All residents.
- Community organizations.
- Multi-cultural organizations.
- Not for profit and private partnerships.
- Faith based groups.
- Developers and contractors.
- Mix of skilled people.

### **How can I contribute to the Future city I want to see?**

- I am going to continue to promote Mississauga.
- I would set up a community and network for our animals.
- I would look for alternative transportation modes.
- Participate in community forums.
- Share this experience with my neighbours.
- I will experience Mississauga Transit.
- Start making informed decisions.
- Work with city to develop the health and well being of our citizens.
- Consult with and listen to youth.
- Write about the experience.
- Engage and build momentum through the internet, example facebook.
- I can converse and reduce my energy use.
- Websites - talk to people and educate.

### **What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations? What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours, ourselves and the Future?**

- How inspiring and impressed with how our table (group) cares about our City and the vision for the future.
- How effective is it to talk about the issues.
- We are integrating information and ideas; link it together to build a better city.

- General consensus on important issues - transportation, diversity, health and education.
- Balance in our City is as important as balance in our lives.
- The level of commitment by the City of Mississauga for this initiative.



## **Café 1 - Staging Room Group - Karyn Stock-McDonald**

### **Basic Ideas**

#### **What is emerging as important here to the Future of the City?**

- Create a wholesome and social environment.
- Mixed use communities.
- Keep up with increasing and changing demographics.
- Build Mississauga so that it is a free and equitable society.
- Inclusion of all diversity - age, culture, social, financial, etc
- City needs to deal with poverty.
- Universal design – all ages and abilities.
- A world class city of cultural celebration centres.

#### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Shake-up, improve and reorganize.
- Universal city that assimilates everybody.
- “Come to the World” – celebrate.
- Accessibility diversity and financial, social, knowledge and geographical.
- We are one city and one community – but must take into account different needs and different solutions required.
- Communities within the community.
- Connect people with one another – stop erosion of social network.
- Culture of “Business” has to change.
- Creating a world class city where anyone can thrive.
- Spend time together and not exclude anyone.

#### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- How can we balance; built versus green space?
- What is the feasibility of providing all of these services?
- How can we create more opportunity for interaction of people?
- How will we implement - Who? When?
- How do we define accessibly and how do we implement solutions?
- How do we finance solution?
- How will more diversity in leadership come about?
- How will we include as many voices as possible?

- How do we create and involve neighbourhood?
- How do we encourage more face to face interaction?
- How can we take simple steps bring neighbours together?
- How will we ensure that process of working towards Mississauga's future establishes an equitable society along the way?
- How can we make our green spaces more usable for more people year round?
- How can we provide more activity in parks and rinks?

### **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/ themes that will come out today?**

- Everyone welcome and everyone responsible.
- Promote enriching connections among people of all ages and backgrounds for a variety of purposes.
- The process has to build a civil society (showing regard for others).
- How do we find, promote variety of resources of universal society that Mississauga City for diverse and social environment?
- Social education.
- Create connected communities that embrace all.
- Become the "City of Diversity".
- Embrace accessibility and inclusion.
- Thriving together.
- Proactively influence global society.

### **What are our assumptions related to our themes?**

- Demographic changes.
- Social fabric deteriorating – not yet on policy agendas.
- Poverty does exist in Mississauga.
- Financial accessibility more and more limited.
- We will need to make it more attractive to graduates to stay here.
- That diversity is an asset.
- We under estimate the impact of our disconnectedness.
- We don't have an adequate public transit system.
- We are not bike and pedestrian friendly.
- Our society caters to those with money, business and culture.
- Poverty is a barrier to access and inclusion.
- Need to go beyond plans and policies to changing behaviour and attitudes.
- Need to find more creative ways to involve people.
- Poverty trumps all others concerns and interests must find a way to invite them.
- There are ways to connect to them.

## **What specific change do we want to see?**

- Everyone is happy to call our City “Home Sweet Home”.
- Feel totally safe and connected in my neighbourhood – bike and walk to everything.
- City infrastructure supports society Mandela.
- Schools open and free to all citizens at all hours after class.
- Excellent, positive relationships between youth, police and other officials.
- Youth are not stereotyped for how they dress, etc.
- No stigma from differences.
- All will have access to affordable housing and treated with respect regardless of financial status.
- Socially open-minded city and interacting accessible city – mentally and physically.
- All kids are well fed at school.
- Kids are more important than roads.
- Find and celebrate something unique to draw from, i.e. “Cultural Disney”.

## **How can this be achieved? What might be the 1st 2 or 3 steps?**

- More community involvement like this symposium.
- Much boarder involvement.
- Need champions – one on every street.
- Policies establish to support vision.
- Enlist other levels of government.
- Commitment from Council and the community.
- Be creative about community involvement make it interesting and remove barriers - child care.
- Inventory of what we already have and what works now.
- Public education to influence life – styles.
- What people perceive as problem areas could become gems.

## **Who are the players to achieve it?**

- Firstly parents.
- Youth and teachers.
- Everyone, president, workers and students.
- Community and Social Leaders.
- Empowered community – pulled along by leaders.
- Neighbourhood watchers.
- Community members – self police.
- Understand what motivates community engagement or apathy.
- Community leaders – formal or informal.
- Provincial policy makes.
- All levels of government working together.

## **How can I contribute to the Future City I want to see?**

- I will/can increase awareness.
- Encourage others to get involved, example volunteer.
- Volunteer to help with plan implementation.
- Be a mentor.
- Continue to work with youth and succeed.
- Teach my kids about citizenship.
- Find volunteer opportunity.
- Form better social relationships within my community.
- Put these important themes on policy agendas at all levels.
- I will keep promoting/improving the City of Mississauga through the web.
- I will change the City's site.
- I will bear witness to Future Mississauga and honour my duty to report.

## **What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations? What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours, ourselves and the Future?**

- A lot of us are like minded.
- We have similar interconnected concerns.
- City may not be ready for a bit of a change – to many smaller simple problems to work on.
- Pleasantly surprised by participation by youth.
- Validation that social environment need work.
- Motivation might be different but we share common interests.
- Share many opinions.
- Need to preserve our youthful thinking, stay around youth and you will stay young.
- Stereotypes disappear when you talk to each other.
- It is amazing how enriched we become when we remove barriers keeping us apart.

## **Café 1 - Staging Room**

### **Group - Jeff Sondic & Stacey Laughlin**

#### **Basic Ideas**

#### **What is emerging as important here to the Future of the City?**

- Rapid transit to the airport.
- Easy access from Square One Mall to the airport (terminal 1 & 2).
- Provide a direct linkage to Toronto Subway links.
- Connecting all areas of the city to the airport.
- Mississauga Transit system should be easier to use.
- Provincial and Federal Government should be involved more in transit projects, all the time & environmental assessment process shortened.
- Improve walkability – motorise, walkway and separation of vehicular traffic from pedestrian traffic.
- Better and more comfortable public transit – community, city-wide, Regional (GTA).
- Better connections within the public transit system.
- If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?
- Vibrant city, full of life, easy to get around for everyone.
- Activity that is user friendly and easy to get around.
- Better connectivity.
- An affordable city.
- Reduced the number of lanes devoted to personal vehicles and increase the number of lanes devoted to transit bike lanes.
- Lots of trees in public boulevards, City Centre, Port Credit, Streetsville and everywhere throughout the city.

#### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- How are we going to pay for it?
- How are we going to get all the players to cooperate to create a harmonious linkage to public transit systems in the GTA?
- How do we improve pedestrian safety?
- Setting a rigid timeframe.
- What are the timelines to achieve these changes?
- How do we get environmental approval easier?
- How do we change infrastructure, i.e. Hydro supply to support hybrid and/or electric cars?
- How do we get the information to the people about different services, i.e. small buses?

- How do we deal with Canada's weather (bus stops, transit stops and covered walkways)?
- How do we provide better access to transit stops from our homes (ensure sidewalks are cleared)?
- How do we improve street patterns for better/easier pedestrian movements?

### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Improve operations within our City – creating links between transit systems/ companies, i.e. GO Transit, Mississauga Transit, Toronto Transit Commission “TTC”, Canadian National Rail “CNR”, Canadian Pacific Rail “CPR”, Brampton Transit, etc.
- To work together better.
- Walkability/community transit needed to reduce having to take your car to store, to the mall.
- Travel distance fee, for riding transit flat fee and parking fees.
- Transportation costs incorporated into tax roll – Mississauga citizens would use for free, non – Mississauga citizens would pay for service.
- Reduce amount of parking spaces at the same time as you improve transit –provide additional commercial activity to replace parking lots.
- Smaller buses.
- Subway extended into Mississauga will result in fewer cars on our roads.
- Better transit, cycling, pedestrian links to nodes.
- Provide rapid transit along major north and south streets to link to nodes and Bus Rapid Transit – 5 minute walk to bus stops.

### **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/ themes that will come out today?**

- To make public transit more attractive and convenient than the personal vehicle.
- Providing a better transit connection to Toronto and the airport.

### **What are our assumptions related to our themes?**

- That we need to find alternative ways to fund transit initiatives besides relying on Provincial and Federal Government.
- That we need to have transit providers working together to expand services, i.e. 3rd rail in the north part of City – regular off-peak services.
- That we need to use existing rights-of-way in creative ways (that may not necessarily be developed as a right of way today).
- That we need LRT service along all major arterials roads. Phased as appropriate.
- That any transit to the airport would be designed to accommodate luggage.
- That we continue to attract businesses, culture and entertainment.
- That we need to reduce the number of cars on the roads to reduce pollution.

### **What specific change do we want to see?**

- Change the function of the current road/land conditions.
- Light Rapid Transit along the Hurontario Corridor.
- Provide grade separated walkway systems for pedestrians in the downtown.
- Education to change the mindset of people – change the way they move around the city.

### **Who are the players to achieve it??**

- Federal, Provincial and local government – Mississauga, Brampton, Toronto and Oakville. Role: funding, working together to create inner-connected transit system.
- Residents, community groups – provide pressures to initiate change.
- Relevant City staff – provide technical expertise.
- Private industry – provide funding, partnership and opportunities.
- GO Transit/CNR/CPR/VIA Rail.
- Private corporations.
- Private/specialized consultants – provide technical expertise and knowledge of everyday operation and needs.
- Transit operators.

### **How can I contribute to the Future City I want to see?**

- Participate in symposiums to generate and get ideas out there.
- Take transit more and walk more – motivate other people to change their habits.
- Buy a diesel or hybrid vehicle that's has a 4 cylinder engine.
- Pressure on our Member of Parliament "MP" and Member of Provincial Parliament "MPP" to make public transit a priority.
- Ride bike, walk more and keep city clean.

### **What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations? What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours, ourselves and the Future?**

- Different views of Mississauga' citizens – varying ideas on public transit.
- You can have public involvement in a reasonable and calm manner.
- Different ideas without being negative.
- City is open to resident's ideas.
- We all have a common goal to become a world class city.
- Mississauga residents are ready for change.

## **Café - 1**

### **Group – Jennifer Kaye**

#### **Basic Ideas**

##### **Top 4 themes:**

#### **What is emerging as important here to the Future of the City?**

- City needs to have more influence over decision making at the Airport (maximize economic benefits).
- Build and support self-sustaining and supportive neighbourhoods (sense of community).
- Bring a community college/post secondary to retain the youth.
- Safety and well being of the community by the community.
- Increase and improve mobility options.
- Develop a comprehensive waterfront development plan.
- Control development (especially high-rise) to balance with green space, sense of community.
- Establish high streets in communities (amenities you can walk to).

#### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Intensification and diversification of neighbourhoods/communities including green space.
- Create new economic developments, i.e. post secondary, creative industries, airport maximization.
- City to position itself as a leader in creating a “City of Opportunity” for all.
- Mississauga as a fully inclusive and multicultural City.

#### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- Intensification and diversity-need to foster inclusively all lands (economic, cultural).
- Better transit:
  - How can we ensure more green space in communities?
  - How can we ensure amenities are close at hand
  - Does this city have the authority to plan this way?
  - How do we engage citizens to embrace?
  - How can the City become more attractive to new businesses?
  - Can we afford this?
  - How can we get more federal money?
  - How can we engage people in the development and health of their communities?



- How can we embrace the business community in this work?

### **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/ themes that will come out today?**

- Intensification and diversity.
- Entertainment district.
- Human services.
- Immigrants.

### **What are our assumptions related to our themes?**

- Current planning framework is inadequate, green space has been sacrificed to economies.
- Societal preferences are changing.
- Car culture to a walking culture, sustainability requires this change.
- 5km is better than 60km.
- Better for health and well being of individual.
- Will people accept the changes?

### **What specific change do we want to see?**

- Planning values - what exists already and inclusion of green space.
- Variety of architecture and landscapes (5km culture).
- Less time spent getting around.
- Intensification not just being about density maximization.
- Balance of densities.
- Attractive street fronts.
- Street level retail.
- Healthy, social and recreational amenities.
- Mixed housing.
- Small businesses.
- People in the streets.
- Design guidelines.
- Places to meet.
- Entertainment district near the airport.
- More young people in our City.
- Less traffic congestion.
- More green businesses.
- Increased quality of life.
- Human services available to all without long waiting lists.
- Diversity of city should be reflected in the media.
- Retain and increase the number of health professionals.

- More cultural festivals and performances (all in once place).
- More celebration of Canada.
- Immigrants integrated into economy quickly to full potential.
- Politicians will be talking about it.

### **How can this be achieved? What might be the 1st 2 or 3 steps?**

- Create a better climate for international business (tax incentives).
- Study other leading cities.
- Lead policy development, i.e. anti-poverty.
- More post secondary schools will provide more youth opportunities and research.
- Foster research and development.
- Tax incentives.
- Small scale trendy business parks (close to restaurants, the lake, etc.).
- More intelligent trade missions and conferences here.
- Capitalize on connections of resident businesses.
- Ensure adequate and accessible human services (daycare, adult care, older adult care and care for persons with a disability).
- Will attract quality employees, which will attract quality businesses.
- Build tourism attractiveness (museums, waterfront, Riverwood canoeing on the Credit River etc.).
- Change zoning/planning frameworks.
- Put a plan in place and design guidelines.
- Lobby for changes in the OMB, etc.
- Local political representatives need to get more involved locally and lobby other levels of government.
- Promote reasons to broader population.
- Continue the dialogue and education.

### **Who are the players to achieve it?**

- Business Improvement Associations “BIA”.
- Business Leaders, i.e. Board of Trade.
- Political Leaders.
- Optional Leaders:
  - media/Rogers cable,
  - ethnic media,
  - religious leaders, and
  - academics.
- Resident associations, developers, outside experts and Board of Education.
- University of Toronto/Mississauga needs to be more involved.

## **How can I contribute to the Future City I want to see?**

- Lobby and hold accountable.
- Talk to friends and neighbours.
- Support local business.
- Bring speakers to groups to talk about these ideas.
- Use alternate transit...walk.
- Volunteer, carpool.
- Get on the inside-work for our City.
- Get involved; join committees, e.g. Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee "MYAC".
- Train our kids for the future.
- Attend Council.

## **What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations? What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours, ourselves and the Future?**

- That we are not alone in wanting to change.

## **Cafe1 - Staging Room Group - Gavin Longmuir**

### **Basic Ideas**

#### **Top 4 themes**

#### **What is emerging as important here to the Future of the City?**

- Nail down the human experience that the City of Mississauga should be about mixed use.
- Water sedge is prime experience.
- Focus on distinct and defined areas – diversity.
- Don't compromise what the attraction is in the first place.
- Preserve without distributing the jewels that we have.
- Downtown has natural experience.
- Activities and performers.
- Lakefront – communities that exist, Credit River Valley.
- Have a plan to deal with the intensification that we know will happen.
- Process flawed re: the OMB component.

#### **If there was a single voice in the City, what would it be saying?**

- Priority is the City Centre, Lakefront and existing communities.
- How to make a public realm that forms a city.
- Public first and cars second.
- Enhance transportation between areas and within areas.
- Attract private business to these areas.
- Diverse use – commercial and residential
- Principals re: one area may apply to others within our City.
- Need LRT to go into the heart of the City Centre.

#### **What deeper questions do you think will emerge as a result of these conversations?**

- Property taxes with increase in density will help pay for changes.
- Require transit spine to be in place.
- Tax the developers – new and existing.
- Who else would pay:
  - Municipal,
  - Provincial, and
  - Federal.
- Canada development charges be used.

- Mechanism to take parts of profit.
- What type of transit, LRT, streetcars; need dedicated lanes.
- Do not re-invent the wheel.
- Require overlapping systems.
- Abandon school bus system and develop public system.

### **What do you hope will be the top 3 or 4 points/ themes that will come out today?**

- Develop a dynamic Civic Centre:
  - pedestrian based,
  - public realm/space,
  - diversity, and
  - intensification.
- Preserve existing jewels and communities:
  - core values and activities per distinct areas,
  - plans, policies, regulations and develop,
  - implementation plan, and
  - special areas for growth.
- Link all jewels and communities with Civic Centre:
  - transport systems – multiple,
  - transit first – number 1,
  - different funding models,
  - build the desire, and
  - inclusiveness.

### **What are our assumptions related to our themes?**

- Preserve existing jewels and communities.
- Link all jewels and communities with Civic Centre.
- Develop a dynamic Civic Centre.
- Develop a trust process/program for parks.
- Must find better ways to get around the whole city.
- Dedicated bike lanes which would link features.
- Community based bike systems.
- No facilities for storage of bikes at transit.
- Standards for communities/districts for transportation usages.
- East/west traffic part of larger picture, not just residents – GTA.
- Dedicated energy and start on north and south.
- Getting to work and back – tie in with transit and LRT.

### **What specific change do we want to see?**

- Build in new ideas and processes when new roadways are developed or retrofitted.

- Build on the opportunity to utilize the lake, how about a ferry system.
- Some jewels for pedestrians only:
  - no cars,
  - public transport.
- Must intensification along main corridors.
- Dundas Corridor as a starting point – community/residential use, bike paths, streetscape, parks and transit (employment lands).
- Redevelopment of the Lakeshore Corridor.
- Change province standards.
- Multiuse of areas.
- Better “Quality of Life”.
- Tie in with TTC – subway expanded.

### **How can this be achieved? What might be the 1st 2 or 3 steps?**

- Form a transportation commission.
- Corporations/industry on corridors to pay for transit.
- MetroLink – GO, TTC and Mississauga.
- Need policy to change.
- Develop trail/link along the Credit River.
- Varied signs (colours for bike, pedestrians, rail, etc.).
- Encourage people to change, promote and educate.
- Enhanced public transport.
- Build facilities for bike storage at bus stops terminals.
- Better utilization of existing transportation infrastructure.

### **Who are the players to achieve it??**

- Local community groups.
- City staff and Council.
- Regional, Provincial and Federal governments.
- Developers and new and existing employers.
- MetroLink – interregional.
- Residents – tax choices need different options.

### **How can I contribute to the Future City I want to see?**

- Participate – contact your Councillor, MP and MPP.
- Lobby the province.
- Join ratepayers group – be active.
- Ride your bike.
- Pay higher taxes – based on value of what you will receive.
- Use existing infrastructure – bike paths.

- Use transit.

**What do we now see and know as a result of these conversations?  
What have we learned today about our City, your neighbours,  
ourselves and the Future?**

- How do we adapt to the change that is coming?
- We need the density.
- Built a city based on the auto – huge need and want for a walkable city.
- Must be a political will to change.
- If we do not change we will continue to lose our youth to Toronto.

## **Café 1 - Staging Room**

### **Pink Cards from all the Groups**

#### **Basic Ideas**

- Culturing and valuing diversity is the key to our City's future success (this includes all aspects of diversity).
- Promoting and developing the health and well being of our City and citizens (sustainable strategies).
- Recognizing youth, older adults and other groups as a major resource for the future of our City.
- Identify a strategic sustainable, leadership for city development, execution and measurement.
- Develop a dynamic Civic Centre – pedestrian based, public realm/space, diversity and intensification.
- Preserve existing jewels and communities, core values and activities for distinct areas, plans, polices, regulations and develop an implementation plan and special areas for growth.
- Create connected communities that embrace universal accessibility and inclusion for all.
- Legacy for all generations.
- Stewardship.
- Enriched community.
- Open communication in planning.
- Citizenship/governance.
- Mobility, providing a better transit connection to the airport and Toronto.
- Making transit more attractive than the personal automobile.
- Intensification and diversification of neighbourhoods/communities including green space.
- Create new economic development opportunities.
- More post secondary institutions and creative industries.
- Airport maximization.
- Mississauga as a fully inclusive caring and multicultural City.
- Education – all levels.
- Accessibility (to services).
- Integrated planning – environmental, transportation.
- Create enriching social environments.
- Create a welcoming community where anyone can thrive.
- Set an example for the rest of the world – have an influence on global stage.
- Create a strong Mississauga identity through showcasing of arts and cross cultural integration.