Basic Ideas

Assumptions:
(All) That these are themes everyone strives for worldwide;
(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.

4. Build a fast and efficient transit system for better mobility of goods & people.

5. **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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• Can people afford to live here?
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**Economy**
• That Mississauga has something to offer the international investor.
• Make Mississauga a leader in environment sustainability.
• That private sector will buy into a green city.
• Tax base, work force and land space for businesses (all government levels is needed).

**Efficient transit**
• That better transit will result in less cars and traffic.
• Green City and efficient transit.
• That we can undo past planning and make change.

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

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

Theme 2

• Make Mississauga a place for global investments to create a strong economic base for our City:
  o attract a knowledgeable workforce,
  o 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:
  o green energy generation – solar and wind,
  o fines for not recycling,
  o community gardens with city investment and support,
  o expand adopt a road,
  o city investment in secure bike parking/lockers at schools, workplaces, etc.,
  o expand on garbage incinerations for electricity generation goods and people,
  o bus system to accommodate bikes (bike racks on every bus) & luggage (trips to airport),
  o bike share across the city,
  o bike storage at all public facilities, workplaces, community centres, transit hubs,
  o free (or cheaper) public transit,
  o light rail system between large destinations (Square One, airport and Shoppers World),
  o seamless connection (including fare integration between systems in Greater Transit Authority "GTA",
  o extend subway into Mississauga,
  o aerial gondola and/or cable car,
  o 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.
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:
  o Credit Valley Conservation, “CVC”,
  o Municipality, and
  o Region.
• Who does what?
  o 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:
  o school,
  o universities,
  o industries, and
  o local adult communities.
• Special interests and volunteer groups:
  o Sierra Club and Green Peace.
• Global Ideas:
  o United Nations Studies,
  o Pollution Probe.
• Innovators:
  o artists and creative thinkers.
• We are part of it! We are the players.
• Media:
  o all levels, news, radio and television.
• Who are the players?
  o Councillors and Trustees,
  o lobbyists,
  o 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:
  o will our ideas count, and
  o where will it go?
What changes do we have to see:
  o we have to create that change,
  o we need to continue dialogue,
  o we need more platforms.
Legacy:
  o take responsibility,
  o vibrant landmarks,
  o attractions, destinations to attract youth,
  o interaction/new thinking, and
  o 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.
- 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:
  o transition from high school to post-secondary is confusing,
  o lack of communication and support,
  o smooth integration between high schools, trade schools, colleges and universities,
  o lack of accessibility/affordability,
  o teachers should know how to teach,
  o integrate schools with local expertise,
  o communication and education for first generation and new immigrants,
  o better guidance from Province.
• We can’t tell people where to shop.
• Accessibility:
  o 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:
  o micro loans, and
  o 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.
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 broad 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.

**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.
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 caterst 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 form 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.
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:

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• 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:
  o media/Rogers cable,
  o ethnic media,
  o religious leaders, and
  o 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.
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:
  o no cars,
  o 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.
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 accessibly 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.