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Hello residents of Ward 3

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

I am excited to share with you information that affects you, your family and our neighbourhood.

In this newsletter, I am very pleased to highlight that many parks throughout the ward are receiving updates - from total renovations to adding some benches - there will be something for everyone to enjoy.

The opening of the newly renovated Burnhamthorpe Community Centre is just around the corner and I am thrilled for all of you to use the new facility. You can read more about all the exciting updates on page 5.

Construction regarding the Rathburn Ponytrail Integrated Project is currently underway. This revitalization road project began last year with the installation of noise walls along Rathburn and Ponytail. Thank you to the community for their input for the implementation of the Vision Zero initiatives including improvements to the road, sidewalks, pedestrian crossings and greening of the corridor.

The Province has recently passed several pieces of legislation with the goal of getting more homes built, including Bill 23: *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*. On page 4, you will find an update on the Mississauga Housing

Plan and learn more about how the City of Mississauga plans to grow. To stay informed on planning and development applications in Ward 3 please go to my website and/or request to be added to my e-update by emailing or phoning my office.

Summer is just right around the corner and it is a perfect time to explore the over 500 parks in Mississauga. From small green spaces to large destination parks, each park offers a unique experience and ways to stay active outdoors. Explore more about the City of Mississauga Parks at mississauga.ca/parks.

Save the date on Saturday, July 29th, I invite you and your family to my Community BBQ at Fleetwood Park! Heritage Mississauga will be in attendance with a live re-enactment of the War of 1812. Come out for a meal and show!

As your councillor, I am honoured to serve in Ward 3 and I invite you to share your thoughts, suggestions and questions with me at any time. My staff, Diana Carella, Camila Rodriguez, and I are always available to assist you with any questions or concerns and listen to your ideas and thoughts on Ward 3!

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Help Make Mississauga a Safe City

Safe City Mississauga's Neighbourhood Watch is an organized group of neighbours looking out for one another, and each other's property.

The program:

- Encourages residents to be aware of crime and suspicious activity and practice crime prevention in their area.
- Ensures everyone is alert and working together to maintain safety in their neighbourhood.
- Ward 3 has **seven** active Neighbourhood Watch groups.

While the program has proven to reduce criminal activity, one of the greatest benefits is that it brings people closer together into a stronger community.

Visit safecitymississauga.on.ca/programs/neighbourhood-watch/ to start your Neighbourhood Watch today.

Investing in Mississauga

Council approved the City of Mississauga's 2023-2026 Business Plan and 2023 Budget, focused on maintaining a safe and healthy community and investing in infrastructure, building and growth. It outlines how and where the City will allocate resources to meet service expectations over the next four years and balances priorities for more than 200 programs and services, across 14 service areas to ensure they remain affordable for Mississauga residents and businesses.

Property Taxes

Mississauga residents will see a 3 per cent increase on the City portion of the Residential Tax Bill and business owners

will see a 2 per cent increase on the City portion of the Commercial/Industrial Tax Bill. Property taxes are the City's largest source of revenue and represent 59 per cent of the revenue it receives.

This year's budget makes important investments including:

- \$83.8 million for hybrid bus acquisitions
- \$25.6 million for winter maintenance
- \$3.6 million for sidewalks
- \$21.5 million for road rehabilitation
- \$11 million for fire prevention activities
- \$1.9 million for new and replacement tree plantings

For more details about City's approved 2023 Budget and the budget process, visit mississauga.ca/budget.



Urban Wildlife Strategy

We have a wide variety of wildlife in Ward 3, including coyotes, foxes, raccoons and skunks. While we share our city with these animals, we should be mindful of their habits and how we interact with them.

Due to your efforts of reporting and not feeding the wildlife, over the past two years (2021 to 2022), the City of Mississauga Animal Services has reported a decline in coyote incidents by approximately 81 per cent, with no reported coyote incidents involving humans. The stats provided included information from the City's interactive coyote map.

Feeding coyotes or any wildlife can change their everyday behaviours and is against the City of Mississauga bylaw. Coyotes are usually not a threat to people but can become a nuisance or bolder when people feed them or provide sources of food they become accustomed to. They may become "conditioned" or unafraid of people, resulting in coyotes returning to the locations they are being fed, such as schoolyards, residential properties, and parks. Feeding coyotes can also cause illness or disease, affecting the balance of our fragile ecosystem. Thank you to the Ward 3 residents who are continuously making an effort of putting waste in the proper containers and reporting sightings in your neighbourhoods so we can ensure everyone's safety.

Under the City's Animal Care and Control By-law, feeding wildlife is illegal and people can be fined a minimum of \$300. This includes leaving food out, food waste, and disposing of food in natural areas. The by-law doesn't apply to feeding songbirds. You can feed songbirds on your property if your bird feeder is above grade and kept in a sanitary condition.

For more information and interactive reporting: mississauga.ca/wildlife.



MiWay: Seniors \$1, Children under 12 Free

As of May 1, 2023, the City of Mississauga introduced a new one-year pilot program, to help make transit fares on MiWay more affordable for children 12 and under and seniors 65 and older.

As part of the 2023 budget I was very pleased to vote in favour of a pilot that would allow children aged 6 to 12 to ride MiWay for free with a valid PRESTO card and a \$1 all-day fare for seniors. The pilot program took effect on Monday, May 1 and will be evaluated this fall.

MiWay is also enhancing its PRESTO loyalty program. As of May 1, a customer can ride free on MiWay after paying for 11 trips (rather than 12 trips) in one calendar week, using their PRESTO card.

For more information, visit miway.ca.

Vulnerable Persons Registry

The City of Mississauga's Fire and Emergency Services (MFES) has launched a new Vulnerable Persons Registry and is encouraging those who may require extra assistance in the event of an emergency to register themselves or their loved ones.

The Vulnerable Persons Registry is a confidential, no-cost, voluntary registry. With no age restrictions, it is designed to meet the needs of residents who have mobility limitations, visual and hearing impairments, who use oxygen devices or who have other requirements.

Registration is now open and residents can sign up online or by mail. For those without Internet access, registration can be done by calling 3-1-1 or by using a computer at any Mississauga Library location.

Information shared is stored safely and only available to responding firefighters in the case of an emergency. To ensure the information remains current, residents are asked to update their registry annually.

For more information visit mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/health-and-safety/fire-and-emergency-services/register-as-a-vulnerable-person/

Vision Zero and Road Safety Update

The ASE program is one of the 99 tools in the City's Vision Zero Action Plan to help Mississauga reach its Vision Zero goal of zero fatal and serious collisions on the road network. For more details about the City of Mississauga Vision Zero Action plan, please visit mississauga.ca/visionzero.

Since the beginning of the Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program in July 2021, speed cameras have been used to enforce the speed limit at over 90 locations. All 22 speed cameras are placed in 30 km/h school area community safety zones and are rotated to different school areas where speeding is an ongoing issue.

The current locations of the Ward 3 ASE camera are Williamsport: Gulleden Drive to Havenwood and Bough Beeches Boulevard; Fieldgate Drive to Claypine Rise.

In addition to the ASE cameras, the City has implemented several traffic calming measures like speed humps, lowered speed limits in neighbourhood streets and school zones and a crossing guard program to help students cross the road.

After a vigorous development, consultation and approval process this year, physical design traffic calming measures were

approved in the following areas in Ward 3: Golden Orchard Drive between Bloor and Dixie, Constitution Blvd between Dundas and Flagship, and Queen Federica Drive between Dundas and Bloor.

These streets will receive speed humps and raised crossings. Implementation of these traffic calming measures will take place in the 2023 construction period.

More information about the ASE program, including a map of all active and future camera locations, is available at mississauga.ca/ase.

For more information about traffic calming and the process, please visit mississauga.ca/trafficcalming.

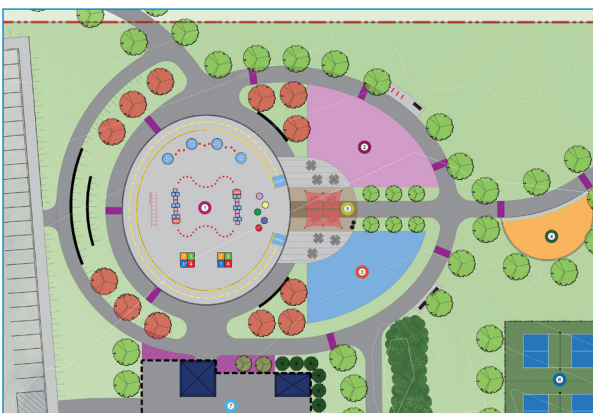


Last year, Ward 3 schools Brian W. Fleming and St. Alfred Separate School participated in the School Streets pilot project. The School Streets pilot project is an approved action (Action 90) within the Vision Zero Action Plan and will help Mississauga reach its goal of zero fatal and serious collisions on the road network. For more information visit: mississauga.ca/schoolstreets.

What's New: Parks and Recreation

Gulleden Park Redevelopment:

Construction is planned to commence in the fall of 2023 and be complete in the fall of 2024 (below).



This park will include an oval refrigerated ice rink, playground, splash pad, multi-purpose concourse, junior skateboard features, passive open space, fitness area, seating area, pickleball court and the existing tennis courts will remain.

Applewood Heights: Basketball Courts to be re-constructed in 2023.

Garnetwood Tennis Court: To be updated in 2023.

Bough Beeches Park: New park fitness area and playground seating to be completed in 2023.

Beechwood Park: New fitness area and trails to be completed in 2023.

Bethesda Common: Playground expansion and shade structure construction to be completed by the summer of 2024.

Kennedy Park: Playground life cycle replacement construction is to be scheduled and completed by the summer of 2024.

Forest Glen Park: Spray pad redevelopment and shade structure construction is planned to be completed by the summer of 2024.

Burnhamdale Park: Spray pad, shade structure, benches and grading improvements construction is planned to be completed by summer 2024. The construction of the basketball court is complete.

Tomken Twin Pad Arena Lifecycle Update

Tomken Twin Pad Arena will be undergoing lifecycle replacements, general facility improvements, and an overall refresh in 2023 to meet the needs of the community. Construction started in March 2023 and will be completed by September 2023 (below).

For more information on this exciting project visit: mississauga.ca/tomkenredevelop. Trail Reconstructions in the following parks have been completed within the last year Applewood Heights, Burnhamdale Park, Rockwood Glen and Silverthorn Park.



Reducing Speeding and Vehicle Noise in Ward 3



Excessive vehicle noise disrupts the quality of life of residents living in Ward 3. City of Mississauga Enforcement staff continue to work with Peel Regional Police to ensure our city remains enjoyable for all through programs and the City's Noise Control By-law. An update to the By-law will be coming in June 2023.

Noise Control By-law

The City's Noise Control By-law prohibits anyone from making unnecessary noise in both stationary and moving motor vehicles. This includes unreasonable noise caused by sounding a horn, playing loud music from a vehicle, revving an engine or squealing tires. It also prohibits drivers from creating unreasonable noise from mufflers, exhaust or emission control systems. This applies to all motor vehicles, including motorcycles.

Project Noisemaker

Project Noisemaker is a Peel Regional Police initiative that focuses on reducing the number of motor vehicles with modified and/or excessively loud exhaust systems on roadways.

Vehicles are subject to charges, including improper mufflers and unnecessary noise, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA)

or the City of Mississauga's Noise Control By-law. Penalties under the HTA include fines of \$110 upon conviction or \$305 for by-law charges.

E.R.A.S.E.

Project E.R.A.S.E., Eliminate Racing Activity on Streets Everywhere, is an awareness and enforcement campaign operated jointly by police services across Ontario in partnership with the Government of Ontario, with the goal of eliminating street racing and other high-risk driving behaviours.

According to Peel Regional Police, excessive speed has consistently been the greatest contributing factor in many fatal collisions in Peel Region. Street racers put themselves and unsuspecting road users at risk of death or serious injury when they disobey traffic laws. They drive without due care, control or regard for public safety.

To report concerns about speeding and noise on vehicles, please visit peelpolice.ca and click on Report it. When contacting police, try to note the vehicle's location, direction of travel, make, model, licence plate number and driver's description.

Mississauga Housing Plan

The Province has recently passed several pieces of legislation with the goal of getting more homes built, including Bill 23: *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022*.

Bill 23 sets a goal of building 1.5 million homes in Ontario over the next decade.

In support of this goal, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing has issued Municipal Housing Targets to cities across Ontario and is requiring a corresponding Municipal Housing Pledge.

The City of Mississauga's Municipal Housing Target is 120,000 new units.

On March 1, the Mississauga City Council approved *Growing Mississauga*, the City's comprehensive action plan for new housing.

The plan includes five goals and 23 actions designed to increase the supply of housing, streamline development and building approvals and improve affordability.

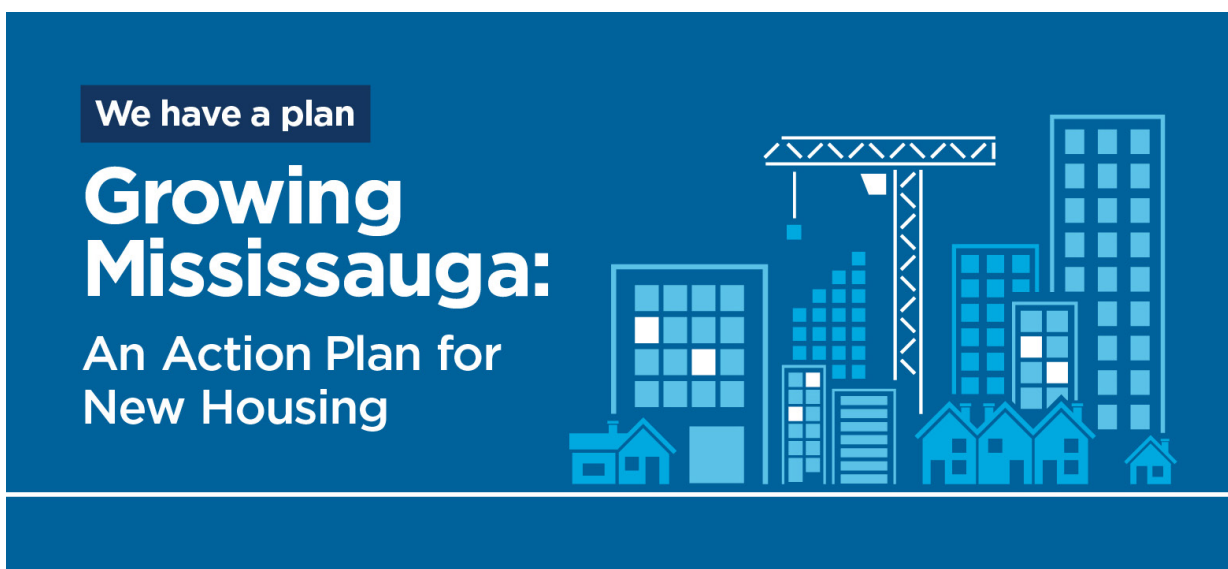
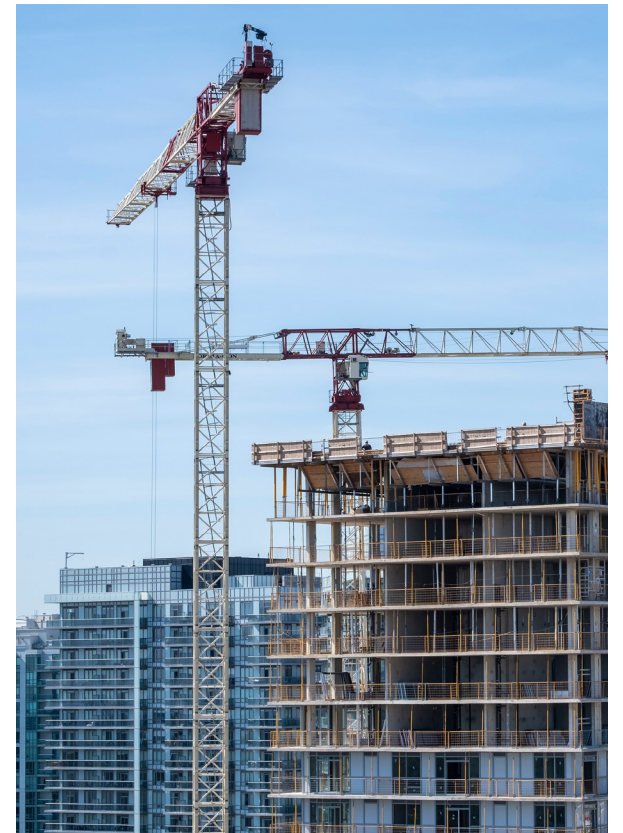
The plan also details where the private sector and government support are needed to meet the accelerated pace of development.

Growing Mississauga builds on the success of the City's previous housing plans which have positioned Mississauga to meet the

province's 2051 growth target, helped improve housing affordability, streamlined approval processes and led to the issuance of a record number of building permits in 2022.

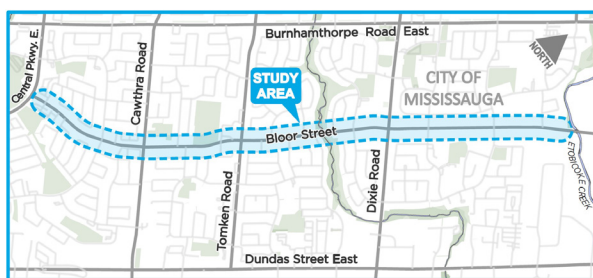
More Information

Visit mississauga.ca/housing to learn more or read the full plan. Download the *Growing Mississauga* fact sheet.



Improvements & Development

Bloor Street Integrated Road Project



The City of Mississauga is completing a planning and preliminary design project for various improvements to the Bloor Street corridor from Central Parkway East to Etobicoke Creek, as part of the City's Integrated Roads Program. Study area above.

The City's Integrated Roads Program seeks to improve the coordination of City road works and to reduce construction nuisance/fatigue for local residents. **Bundling planned road improvements and renewals into a single construction project will more effectively optimize construction costs while fulfilling the City's objectives for Vision Zero, climate change action, 'complete' streets, asset management and others.**

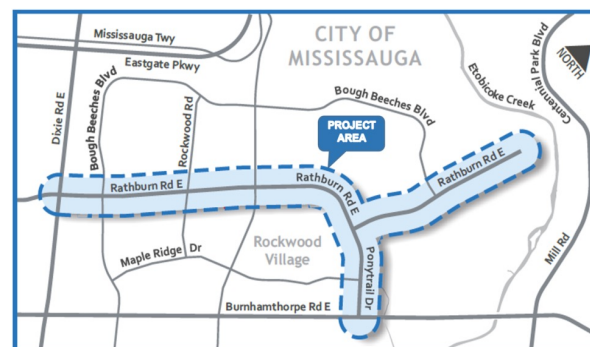
The scope of the Bloor Street Integrated Road Project includes road safety improvements, pavement rehabilitation, noise walls, cycling facilities, street lighting and transit enhancements. City staff have hosted four community meetings for this project, with two viable alternative solutions presented for

comment at the last community meeting held on November 29, 2022. The project team is conducting a careful review of the alternative solutions in consideration of the comments provided by the community and other stakeholders.

Staff are planning to present a final recommendation for Council's consideration at a General Committee meeting in spring/summer 2023. The meeting agenda will be published on the City's website in advance.

Further information regarding the project can be found at mississauga.ca/bloorstreet.

Rathburn Road and Ponytrail Drive Integrated Road Project



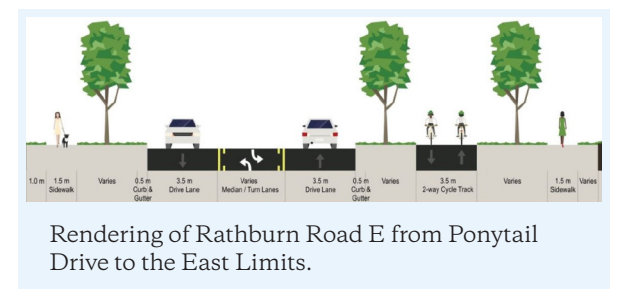
The City is making various road improvements on Rathburn Road East from Dixie Road to Etobicoke Creek and Ponytrail Drive from Rathburn Road East to Burnhamthorpe Road East.

This project is part of the City's Integrated Road Program, an initiative that aims to streamline the design and construction of infrastructure projects and improve collaboration during project delivery through

the bundling of various road improvement projects. A map illustrating the project area is shown above.

The improvements proposed in this project include pavement rehabilitation, safety upgrades, storm drainage, noise walls, cycling and intersection improvements and landscaping.

The proposed improvements will support a range of transportation modes, including walking, cycling, transit and other vehicles, ensuring the community remains vibrant and active. They will also support the City's Vision Zero initiative by prioritizing the safety and access of our most vulnerable road users.



Rendering of Rathburn Road E from Ponytail Drive to the East Limits.

Noise wall installation has started along Ponytrail Drive from Rathburn Road East to Burnhamthorpe Road.

The next stage of construction is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2023.

For more information, please visit the project website mississauga.ca/rathburn-ponytrail.

Invasive Species

Invasive plant species are a big threat to Mississauga's parks and natural areas. The City's Invasive Species Management Plan and Implementation Strategy guides the City's efforts to monitor, control and manage them. Six of the most troublesome species that are a priority for the city's attention (the 'Big 6'), include Common Reed, Japanese Knotweed, Dog-Strangling Vine, and Tree of Heaven, and two hazardous plants, Wild Parsnip and Giant Hogweed.

In Ward 3, City staff are focusing on monitoring the Big 6 in parks along Little Etobicoke Creek and Etobicoke Creek.

Wild Parsnip is the most common invasive and hazardous plant in Ward 3, and the city prioritizes management in areas where the public is most likely to encounter it.

Wild Parsnip can cause skin irritation and burning if the sap of the plant gets on your skin and the area is exposed to sunlight. In Ward 3, it has been found in Applewood Hills Park and Shelby Park, where

populations have been treated over the last five years. Invasive species are persistent and it often takes several years for some species like Wild Parsnip to be fully controlled. These parks will be monitored and treated again in spring 2023 if they are found.

To bring attention to the location of hazardous plants like Wild Parsnip, the city often installs signs in areas with known populations to alert the public to the hazard. If you come across a sign, it is a good reminder to remain on the trail to limit the risk of coming into contact with these hazardous plants.

Residents can help inform the city's invasive species management efforts by:

- Reporting invasive species using our new online Reporting Form: mississauga.ca/report-invasive-plants.
- Volunteering for the Natural Areas Stewardship Program (now includes Garlic Mustard Task Force), which has locations throughout the City, including in Ward 3.

Sign up here: <https://btr.im/gncza>.



Get Involved: One Million Trees Program

Celebrating 10 Years

Mississauga currently has more than 2.1 million trees and is working to plant one million more by 2032, through the One Million Trees program. Since the program started, the City has planted over 500,000 native trees and shrubs.

In 2021, the City of Mississauga received the Tree Cities of the World designation. Mississauga is among 18 Canadian municipalities to receive the designation and 138 other cities worldwide.

For more information about the City's One Million Trees program and how you can get involved by attending an event or planting your own trees, please visit onemilliontrees.ca.

Burnhamthorpe Community Centre Update



Some exciting news regarding the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre! I was fortunate to visit the construction site and see the progress that they are making, it is great to see this project enter the final stages of construction and the details coming together.

From young to old, there will be something for everyone at this beautifully enhanced facility. With much excitement, the indoor arena, Chic Murray Arena, will be open as of September 5, 2023.

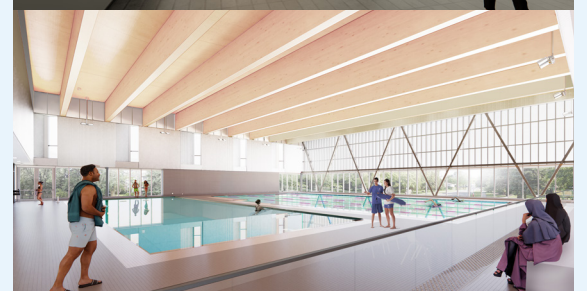
Several updates and improvements have been planned for the indoor arena, which will include, refrigeration plant equipment replacements, sliding doors into the arena, an elevator in the lobby,

new arena lobby flooring and wall finishes, upper arena viewing gallery refresh, improved connection, access and visibility from arena to the rest of the community centre and more.

The remainder of the building is targeted for November 1, 2023. The new aquatic centre will include a 225-meter six-lane pool, a warm water therapy pool and a new multi-purpose space for swim parties and other functions.

A new equipment-based fitness centre with cardio machines, weights and a fitness studio with wood-sprung floors will also be opening for the resident's enjoyment. The City of Mississauga registered programs will kick back in for the winter 2024 session.

For more information and project updates, please visit mississauga.ca/burnhamthorperedevelop.



Join Me for My Ward 3 Community BBQ

Saturday, July 29th
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Fleetwood Park

Come join myself and Heritage Mississauga with live re-enactments of The War of 1812 and more.

For more information, please visit chrisfonseca.ca/BBQ or call my office 905-896-5300.



35 Years of ACER

The Association for Canadian Educational Resources (ACER) was founded by Alice Casselman in 1987. As our climate changes, ACER works to support communities with grass-roots initiatives to plant trees and educate participants in measuring, monitoring and reporting on tree health and growth.

Congratulations to ACER for helping to care for the environment and planting trees in parks, such as Fleetwood Park in Ward 3.



In memory of former Mississauga Mayor

Hazel McCallion
February 14, 1921, to January 29, 2023

Hazel McCallion was mayor of Mississauga for 36 years.

She was first elected in November 1978 and went on to serve 12 consecutive terms as mayor; the longest-serving mayor in the City's history.

She was acclaimed in 1980 and then re-elected in 1982 and 1985, acclaimed again in 1988 and re-elected in 1991, 1994, 1997, 2000, 2003, 2006 and 2010. She decided not to run in the 2014 election and stepped down on December 1, 2014.

Donations can be made to the Trillium Hospital Foundation or the Hazel McCallion Foundation for Arts, Culture and Heritage.

Black History Month



In February 2023, the City of Mississauga, in partnership with the Black Caucus Alliance, recognized the accomplishments of Mississauga's Black community and shone a spotlight on talented artists, authors, musicians and more who are amplifying local Black voices and stories to celebrate Black History Month.

KNOW WHO TO CALL

211 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel Region. Examples include:

- doctors accepting patients
- employment leads
- social housing resources

311 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Mississauga. Examples include:

- municipal property taxes
- parking enforcement
- parks and forestry inquiries

911 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes. Examples include:

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

Visit mississauga.ca for more information.

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