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## Councillor's message

Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Welcome to my winter 2017 Ward 3 newsletter! This edition features a variety of City of Mississauga and Region of Peel service highlights and information you may need as we head into winter.

It has been a busy year in Ward 3 with the completion of a number of Canada 150 park and trail rehabilitation projects including Jaycee, Cherry Hill, Alison's, Burnhamdale, Garnetwood and Forest Glen parks. The list of improvements also includes Burnhamthorpe, Garnetwood and Etobicoke Creek trails. I visit these wonderful outdoor facilities and green spaces frequently and am pleased to see that they are all well used. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to take the time to visit and enjoy them.

I would like to thank all of you who contributed during our public meetings on Dundas Connects, Does Cycling Move You, the Rockwood Mall Walkability Workshop, Burnhamthorpe SNAP programs and the various planning and development community meetings that took place this year.

I am so appreciative of the feedback, support and commitment the residents of Ward 3 provide to ensure we have a strong, vibrant community both now and into the future. I love our community and I work hard to make it the best it can be.

During 2018, while we will face many challenges at the City and Region, we will also have many opportunities. I look forward to working with you to make the most of those. I also want to especially special thank those of you who volunteer your time to helping others. You make our city and our community thrive. On behalf of my family and staff, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas, a joyous holiday season and a safe, happy and healthy New Year. To those who recognize other religious days, may your time of celebration be joyous.

Respectfully,

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## Rink 1 at Iceland Dedicated to Fran Rider

Fran Rider, long-time community activist and advocate for girls and women's hockey, was honoured at an official dedication ceremony at Iceland Arena in October. The Olympic-sized rink, Rink 1, was dedicated to recognize Fran's tireless efforts to grow and further the sport of women's hockey.

The dedication ceremony took place during the 2017 World Girls Hockey Weekend Long Game. This fun "long game" saw female players ages 10 and up playing on either Team White or Team Red from coast to coast. Games started in Newfoundland and finished in British Columbia. The games for Ontario were hosted by the Ontario Women's Hockey Association (OWHA) at Mississauga's Iceland Arena.

I have known Fran for many years and am thrilled the City of Mississauga agreed with me to ensure her achievements and contributions were recognized. Fran has been involved with girls and women's hockey as a player and advocate since the age of 16. Some of her crowning achievements include the development of the OWHA in 1975, bringing the first official women's International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) World Championship to Ottawa and helping to introduce women's hockey at the 1998 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan.

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Council at Aboriginal Day





## Council Approves MiWay Affordable Transportation Pilot and Senior One Dollar Cash Fare

MiWay's proposed Affordable Transportation Pilot Program (ATPP) was approved by Mississauga City Council and is on its way to becoming a permanent program in January 2018.

The Senior One Dollar Cash Fare at off-peak times will also become permanent in January.

The permanent affordable transportation program is based on phase two of the pilot in which 1,300 residents participated. Approved participants received a specially configured PRESTO card allowing them to buy a MiWay monthly pass at a 50 per cent discount. In January 2018, eligible participants who remained active during phase two of the pilot will get priority. New participants will be accepted in February 2018. For details visit: [povertyinpeel.ca/task-forces/affordable-accessible/members](http://povertyinpeel.ca/task-forces/affordable-accessible/members).

## Financial Assistance Programs for Older Adults

The City of Mississauga offers many financial assistance programs for low-income seniors and residents in Mississauga. These programs include:

- Property Tax Rebate Program
- Stormwater Subsidy Program
- Yard Maintenance Subsidy Program
- Active Assist Program
- Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program
- MiWay Affordable Transit Program
- MiWay Senior One Dollar Cash Fare - Off-Peak Program

There are also other financial assistance programs offered by the Region of Peel and the Province of Ontario and Federal Income programs. For a printable version of all available programs and eligibility details, visit: [mississauga.ca/olderadultsassistance](http://mississauga.ca/olderadultsassistance).

## Coming to Ward 3 New Multi-Use Off-Road Trail

The City is creating a new off-road trail that will increase active transportation opportunities in Ward 3. Off-Road Trail #11 will be located within an existing hydro corridor east of Dixie Road and will stretch from Dundas Street East in the south to Audubon Boulevard in the north. The 4.5 metre wide asphalt trail will be almost four kilometres long, and will accommodate cyclists, pedestrians, dog walkers, residents, visitors and persons with limited mobility.

This trail was identified in the 2010 City of Mississauga Cycling Master Plan as a Primary Off-Road Route. It will provide important connections to the Burnhamthorpe Multi-Use Trail, Shaver Trail and Ponytrail Drive. The trail will also introduce a signalized mid-block road crossing for Burnhamthorpe Road East, providing a safer means of crossing the road.

The trail design is subject to final approval from Hydro One. A public information session for residents will be held before construction starts, which is expected to be in 2018.

## Airport Updates Master Plan

The Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) is working to update its airport Master Plan that outlines its short, medium and long-term plans to meet air travel over the next 20 years. You can view a copy of the Master Plan at [torontopearson.com/en/gtaa/master-plan/#](http://torontopearson.com/en/gtaa/master-plan/#).

I will continue to attend and advocate for Ward 3 residents at the Community Environment & Noise Advisory Committee (CENAC) meetings [torontopearson.com/en/cenacpastagendasandminutes/#](http://torontopearson.com/en/cenacpastagendasandminutes/#). I also encourage you to voice your opinion and concerns through the Noise Complaint link [torontopearson.com/en/noisecomplaint/#](http://torontopearson.com/en/noisecomplaint/#).

## Clearing the way this winter

[mississauga.ca/snow](http://mississauga.ca/snow)



### For information:

- Visit [mississauga.ca/snow](http://mississauga.ca/snow)
- Call 3-1-1 or 905-615-4311 if outside city limits
- TTY: 905-896-5151 | 905-615-SNOW (7669)

## Clearing the Way this Winter

The City of Mississauga is busy preparing our fleet so that residents can continue to move around the City safely after it snows. During the winter, our crews and 377 pieces of equipment are ready to respond to winter storms around the clock, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

### What We Clear

The City clears and salts using a priority route system. Major roads, arterial roads, and local collectors such as Burnhamthorpe Road or Dundas Street are cleared first so that emergency vehicles and transit can travel safely during and after a storm. Winter maintenance on residential roads, priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings starts once major roads are clear.

In a snow storm with eight to 15 centimetres of accumulation, you can expect major roads to be cleared within 12 hours after the snow has stopped. Residential roads, priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings would be cleared within 24 hours of the snow ending.

### Snow Season Parking

Roads with parked cars take longer to plow or salt. You can help by removing your vehicle from the road during heavy snowfalls.

A winter on-street parking restriction is in effect between November 1 and March 31 from 2 a.m. until 6 a.m. Vehicles left on City streets in contravention of the Traffic By-law may be issued a penalty notice and subject to towing and storage fees at the expense of the owner.

During snow clearing operations, temporary parking requests for on-street parking longer than three hours, or between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., will not be issued and current ones will be suspended. To find out if temporary parking requests have been suspended follow us on Twitter [@MississaugaSnow](https://twitter.com/MississaugaSnow) or call 905-615-SNOW (7669).

### Stay Informed

Visit [mississauga.ca/snow](http://mississauga.ca/snow) to track snow plows and salters online. Follow us on Twitter [@MississaugaSnow](https://twitter.com/MississaugaSnow) for updates. Call 3-1-1 (905-615-4311 outside city limits).

### Toronto Pearson Ride





Cherry Hill Park



Jaycee Park

## Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program (CIP 150) was introduced by the Government of Canada on May 15, 2015. It was coordinated through FedDev Ontario (Federal Economic Development Agency), the agency that facilitates funding within Southern Ontario.

As part of the Government of Canada's approach to celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation, CIP 150 made important investments in projects that renovate, expand and improve existing public infrastructure. These included community centres, recreational facilities, cultural centres and other community infrastructure.

Of the 154 applications submitted by the City of Mississauga, 53 were successful. The Small Arms Building in Ward 1 was later transferred to the City from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authorities making a total of 54 projects in Mississauga. The total contribution by FedDev is \$5,668,937.

### The CIP 150 Playground Sites in Ward 3 include:

- Allison's Park Playground
- Burnhamdale Park Playground
- Cherry Hill Park Playground and Trail Connection
- Jaycee Park

### The playground redevelopment works on these sites include:

- replacing play equipment
- improving accessibility by replacing sand surfaces with engineered wood fiber and paved pathway connections
- a sand pit
- a seating area
- an outdoor fitness area

In addition, the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) will support reconstruction work in Garnetwood Park.

### This work includes:

- excavation and removal of an existing asphalt trail surface
- excavation and replacement of an asphalt trail
- resolving any related drainage issues.

## New washrooms at Garnetwood Park

Garnetwood Park is receiving a standalone washroom building as a result of recommendations in the Parks 2014 City of Mississauga Park Washroom Study. This study engaged park users and Parks Operations staff to look at the future need for park washrooms.

The new park washroom is designed to be used throughout the year. The 450 square foot building has one barrier-free women's washroom, one barrier-free men's washroom, one universal washroom and mechanical/janitorial space.

The Garnetwood Park washroom is currently under construction and the project is anticipated to be completed by the end of December except for some minor landscape work that will be completed next spring. The City plans to open the washroom for spring of 2018.

This project was awarded as a lump sum contract which means there will be no impact to cost if the contractor takes more time (or less time) to complete the work.

## Connect to the City with 3-1-1 and Pingstreet

The City of Mississauga is committed to service excellence and to providing residents with responsive, seamless and accessible customer service. 3-1-1 and Pingstreet are two services that you can use to connect to the City and get answers quickly.

### 3-1-1



**3-1-1** is a non-emergency, easy to remember three-digit phone number that connects residents to accessible customer service. The service is available through a 3-1-1 Citizen Contact Centre with Customer Service Advisors (CSAs) who are trained to provide information and assistance about City or Regional services and programs.

Anyone who calls 3-1-1 can speak to a CSA who will answer questions or direct them to the correct information. Between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., Monday to Friday, you can speak directly to a CSA. An after-hours dispatch service is available for urgent issues on weekends and overnight on weekdays by dialing 3-1-1 and pressing 2 in response to the recorded message.

3-1-1 is accessible for callers who are deaf and use a teletypewriter by calling the TTY line at 905-896-5151.

**Always dial 9-1-1 for emergency Police, Fire or Ambulance services when the safety of people or property is at risk and requires immediate emergency assistance.**

### Pingstreet

Connecting to the City of Mississauga just got a lot easier with **Pingstreet** - a free mobile app that provides relevant information to you in one place.

You can use Pingstreet on your smartphone to request a parking permit or report a problem. You can also use it to stay in touch with the latest news, event schedules and Twitter feeds.

Download the Pingstreet app at the Apple Store, Google Play, BlackBerry World, and Windows Phone Store. Visit [mississauga.ca/pingstreet](http://mississauga.ca/pingstreet) for more information.



## What You Need to Know About Drones

Recreational drones are becoming more and more popular, and I would like you to be aware of the rules and regulations that are now in place.

The Canadian Aviation Regulations set out the rules and regulations which govern the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) or drones in Canada. You can find these rules and regulations on Transport Canada's website at [tc.ga.ca](http://tc.ga.ca).

Transport Canada regulates and enforces the operation of drones. In Canada, police services are not authorized to enforce Transport Canada's regulations. However, if you see an UAV being operated in a manner that is an obvious threat to public safety, please contact the Peel Regional Police non-emergency line at 905-453-3311. Peel Regional Police may investigate the incident from a public safety perspective.

You can also report unsafe drone operations to Transport Canada at [tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/opssvs/drone-incident-report-form](http://tc.gc.ca/eng/civilaviation/opssvs/drone-incident-report-form).

In addition, if you see someone operating a drone on City property, you may contact the **Citizen Call Centre at 311**.

Any complaints about a private drone operator collecting or using information, including personal information, should also be brought to the attention of the Office of the Privacy Commissioner of Canada at [priv.gc.ca/en/report-a-concern/file-a-formal-privacy-complaint/](http://priv.gc.ca/en/report-a-concern/file-a-formal-privacy-complaint/).

### Did you know?

You can watch Council and Committee meetings live. Or, if you miss one, you can watch it later. All meetings are archived. Visit [mississauga.ca/videos](http://mississauga.ca/videos).



# Ward 3 Community 150 Events



We celebrated the biggest ever July 1st Canada Day on Celebration Square with some 100,000 people in attendance. The event included additions to the program to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday. Among the enhancements were a C150 Parade of Nations presented by Carassauga and featuring 24 nations and 144 participants, stories about our unique Canadian identity told through virtual reality in the Sesqui Pavilion, 20 panels of Mississauga's Biggest Birthday Card available for well-wishers to sign and three stages showcasing 53 performers. The line-up included the international recording artist K'NAAN whose performance was synchronized with a 10-minute fireworks show.

Other Canada Day celebrations were held across the city in Malton, Port Credit, Streetsville, Churchill Meadows and at the Living Arts Centre.

I want to thank all those who came out to my Ward 3 Canada 150 BBQ on June 25. It was



a great day to celebrate Canada's milestone birthday and meet many residents. I was excited to attend several Canada 150 events and community barbecues this summer. These celebrations included the annual Williamsport

Safe City BBQ, Philip Pocock Catholic Secondary School tree planting, Mississauga Symphony Orchestra's new exhibition, A Musical Journey: Celebrating 150 Years of Community Orchestras in Ontario, MuslimFest 150 Art Exhibition, Mississauga Arts Council, the Boxes and Banners Project and many more.



## Turning Utility Boxes into Art Banners

Eight communities across Mississauga will receive a lasting gift as dull green and gray utility boxes are turned into beautiful landmarks that celebrate our city's heritage.

A city-wide beautification project launched in July paved the way for a new originally-designed, artistically-wrapped utility box representing the "Lost Village of Burnhamthorpe." Artist, Joanna Turlej joined me to celebrate the reveal at the south-east corner of Tahoe Boulevard and Eglinton Avenue.

Ontario 150 and the Community Foundation of Mississauga together with the City of Mississauga were instrumental in getting the utility companies on board. The creative initiative involved 10 boxes at eight sites from Lakeview to Meadowvale.

### Did you know?

Over the next 25 years, the City of Mississauga will invest in the conservation, management and growth of the 42 parks and natural areas that hug the Credit River, one of our most treasured natural resources. Learn more at [mississauga.ca/creditrivernaturalstrategy](http://mississauga.ca/creditrivernaturalstrategy).