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## Councillor Ward 11



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### Councillor's Message

Dear Neighbour,

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Ward 11 Councillor's Report. I hope you find it informative!

It's an honour to serve as your Councillor, and I invite you to share your thoughts, suggestions or questions. We have two excellent staff members in our office, Anita Solomon and Kimberly Duarte. They are both very experienced and knowledgeable in municipal issues and are pleased to assist you.

As your local Councillor, I serve on many committees both at the City and Regional levels. I Chair both the Heritage and Environmental Advisory Committees, and I'm a member of the Canada Day Committee, the Waste Management Committee, Peel Living (Peel Housing), the Audit Committee, and the Code of Conduct Committee. I'm also a member of the Mississauga Library Board and a Director of the Streetsville B.I.A.

We are here to help, so please don't hesitate to contact us at (905) 896-5011 or [george.carlson@mississauga.ca](mailto:george.carlson@mississauga.ca) if there is anything we can do to help you or your family.

Yours very truly,

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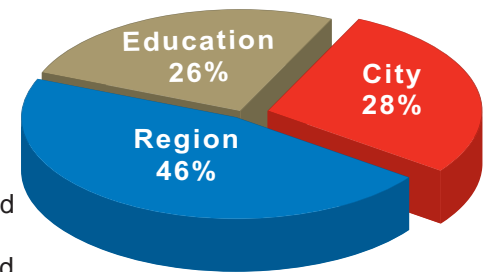
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### 2010 Budget at a Glance

After months of intensive review and debate, the 2010 City and Region budgets have been finalized. The City's 2010 budget includes the following new services for Mississauga residents:

- Re-opening of all Mississauga Library branches on Sundays
- A Windrow Snow Removal Pilot Program for seniors and disabled persons
- Additional funding to enhance forestry service levels and address a backlog of work orders due to several severe storms in 2009
- A property tax rebate program for low income seniors and disabled persons

Where do your property tax dollars go?



Impact on \$350,000 Home	\$ Increase	% Impact on Total Tax Bill
City Operating Budget	\$23.03	0.65%
City Infrastructure Levy	\$00.00	0.00%
<b>Total City Tax Increase</b>	<b>\$23.03</b>	<b>0.65%</b>
Regional Tax Increase	\$31.89	0.90%
<b>Total Tax Increase</b>	<b>\$54.92</b>	<b>1.55%</b>

The City's portion of the property tax bill will increase by 2.3% (a 0.65% impact on your total property tax bill). The Region's portion of the property tax bill will increase by 1.9%, (a 0.90% impact on your total property tax bill). In recognition of the current state of the economy, City and Regional Councils voted against imposing a 1% infrastructure levy. For a home valued at \$350,000, the City increase is \$23.03, while the Regional increase is \$31.89, which brings the total City and Regional tax increase to \$54.92 (a 1.55% impact on your total property tax bill). The City's portion of your tax bill represents 28% of your total property tax bill, the Region's represents 46%, and education represents 26%. For every property tax dollar you pay, the City receives 28 cents.

### City Adopts New Strategic Plan

The City of Mississauga has adopted a new strategic plan, which will serve as the vision for Mississauga for the next forty years. Mississauga has had a strategic plan in place since 1992 and it was last updated in 1999. The plan is a bold new vision for our City's future:

*"Mississauga will inspire the world as a dynamic and beautiful global city for creativity and innovation, with vibrant, safe and connected communities; where we celebrate the rich diversity of our cultures, our historic villages, Lake Ontario and the Credit River valley. A place where people choose to be."*



This vision statement is supported by five Strategic Pillars for Change. Each Pillar has its own unique direction statement, principle and set of strategic goals. The "Move" Pillar will ensure that Mississauga is a city where people can get around without an automobile in an environmentally responsible manner. The "Belong" Pillar will ensure that Mississauga is a city where people of all ages can spend their entire lives and where immigrants are welcomed. The "Connect" Pillar will ensure that Mississauga is a beautiful, sustainable city, with safe neighborhoods that support strong communities. The "Prosper" Pillar will ensure that Mississauga is a global hub of creativity and innovation. The "Green" Pillar will ensure that Mississauga is an environmentally responsible city where our natural areas are protected.

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## Habitat for Humanity Mississauga's First Home Build in Streetsville

Home sweet home! Habitat for Humanity Mississauga has completed its very first build in Streetsville.

"As the local Councillor, I'm happy to have been able to help Habitat Mississauga acquire this lot, at no charge, from the Region of Peel," said Ward 11 Councillor, George Carlson.

After months of hard work by numerous volunteers, sponsors and members of the local community, the keys to the home, which is located at Britannia Road West and Earl Street were handed over to a local family of four. "Countless hours of hard work and dedication have gone into this project," said Doug Clark, President and Board Chair for Habitat Mississauga. "To see such a hard-working family have a home to call their own makes it all worthwhile."

Construction of Habitat Mississauga's first Mississauga home began in June 2009 and was completed in October 2009. The home is equipped with the latest energy saving components and technologies, such as high efficiency light fixtures, premium insulation, and a geothermal heating and cooling system.

Habitat for Humanity is the largest not-for-profit home builder in the world and has built more than 200,000 homes in 100 nations. The Mississauga chapter was formed in 2005, and its mission is to ensure that every person in Mississauga has a place live. For more information, please visit [www.habitatmississauga.ca](http://www.habitatmississauga.ca).



Volunteers watch as the roof is raised on Habitat for Humanity Mississauga's first build located at Britannia Road West and Earl Street.

### New Traffic Signal in Levi Creek

Council has approved the installation of a new full traffic signal in Levi Creek. This traffic signal will be located at Meadowvale Boulevard and Tottington Drive. A new traffic signal will help all pedestrians and cyclists cross the road safely at this intersection. There are two nearby schools, so flashing 40km/hr signs have been installed, along with a heavy-truck prohibition. The new signal will be installed by summer 2010.



### New Code of Conduct and Integrity Commissioner

Council approved the establishment of a Committee of Council that will assist with developing a new code of conduct for the Mayor and Council and in determining the mandate and duties of an Integrity Commissioner. Councillor George Carlson, Councillor Eve Adams and Councillor Katie Mahoney serve on the Code of Conduct Committee.

The Code of Conduct will address: conduct at Council and Committee meetings, election campaigns, confidential information, gifts, a complaints procedure, use of municipal property, improper activities and compliance. The Integrity Commissioner will provide Council with advice concerning the code of conduct, assess complaints of alleged infractions of the code and adjudicate on violations of the code.

Mississauga will be the first municipality in Peel to hire an Integrity Commissioner. Other municipalities, such as Toronto and Kitchener have also established a code of conduct and have hired an Integrity Commissioner.

## GTA's First LEED-certified Transit Facility Located in Ward 11

North Streetsville is home to a new eco-friendly transit facility, which is the first of its kind in the GTA. Last year, GO Transit opened the GTA's first LEED-certified transit building, which is a state-of-the-art bus facility. The 281,122 sq. ft. facility is located at 6190 Mississauga Rd. and houses more than 200 buses. The facility was built as a result of increasing ridership demand in the western GTA.

The facility contains a number of green features such as a rainwater collection system, 40% better energy efficiency, locally sourced building materials, a rooftop covered in plants and a co-generation energy system.

In addition to the environmental benefits, passengers can also expect to ride in buses that are cleaner and more temperature controlled. Buses are stored indoors, making them cleaner and warmer in the winter and cooler in summer. Buses will also be serviced at this site, making bus turnaround time faster as they are no longer serviced in north Toronto.

The GO bus facility was funded by Federal and Provincial infrastructure funding to stimulate economic growth, create jobs and improve transit infrastructure. Over 400 GO Transit employees now work at this facility.



Pictured above is GO Transit's new LEED-certified bus facility located in north Streetsville.



Councillor George Carlson with City of Mississauga Environment Coordinator Andrea J. McLeod at Levi Creek Public School. Councillor Carlson was at Levi Creek Public School to support the week-long blitz to educate motorists about engine idling.

### Turn Off Your Engines!

Council has passed Mississauga's first "Idling Control By-law" to get tough on motorists who unnecessarily idle their vehicles.

"Internal combustion engines in cars, trucks, motorcycles, buses and boats emit greenhouse gases and air contaminants including carbon dioxide and volatile organic compounds that are harmful to the environment and people's health," said Ward 11 Councillor George Carlson, Chair of the City's Environmental Advisory Committee. "We're asking our residents to be mindful of these harmful effects and to not idle their engines unnecessarily."

The City's "Idling Control By-law" is presently in effect and sets a vehicle idling time limit of three minutes. Motorists who are caught idling their vehicles for longer than the established idling time limit may have to pay a fine. Fines range from \$100 to \$380. The legislation does not apply to vehicles operated by transit, police, fire or ambulance services. Drivers using drive-through lanes are also exempted as these vehicles are considered to be similar to vehicles in traffic.

Greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide, increase the temperature of the earth's atmosphere causing climate change. Other pollutants contained in vehicle emissions cause smog and air pollution. Remember, idling gets you nowhere! For more information about the "Idling Control By-law", please visit [www.mississauga.ca/environment](http://www.mississauga.ca/environment).

## Culham Trail Extension

The Culham Trail is being extended to connect two sections of the trail between the Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC) lands and Meadowvale Conservation Park.

When the extension is completed, the trail will extend from Creditview Road, at Old Creditview Road, to the Davidson Trail, at Second Line West and Derry Road West. Construction began in January 2010 and will be completed by June 2010. The following improvements will be made:

- Improvements to 400 metres of existing foot path on the west side of the Credit River
- 85 metres of boardwalk over the wetland
- A 50 metre bridge over the Credit River
- 140 metres of new trail in Conservation Park
- A set of steps from Missinihe Park to the trail
- A new footpath along the CVC office's driveway linking the Glassford Arboretum Trail



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The Village Hall will undergo both exterior and interior building renovations this year. Pictured above and below are the architect's renderings of the renovated exterior and interior of the building.



## Streetsville Village Hall to be Renovated

Streetsville Village Hall will undergo extensive renovations this year, which will preserve the historic character of this landmark downtown building.

The Village Hall will undergo both exterior and interior building renovations. Exterior work will include replacement of the exterior board and batten siding, a new cedar shake roof, custom windows and doors, a revitalized front façade to re-create the original storefront look, a small addition at the west end of the building and a new exterior deck on the south side of the building. The two chimneystacks, which were previously removed from the building will be restored and several parking spaces will also be added to the site.

The interior of the building will be renovated with reclaimed hardwood floors, wainscoting and drywall. The building will also be equipped with the latest energy efficient building systems to reduce energy consumption. The Streetsville Business Improvement Association (B.I.A.) will be occupying the building upon completion.

*The Village Hall building originally housed a tinsmith shop operated by Matthew and William Cunningham. It was subsequently the home of the Streetsville Library. Since 1968, it has served as a small community hall, a lawn bowling club and an outdoor skating rink location.*

## City Purchases Land within Credit River Valley Corridor

The City of Mississauga has recently purchased 134 acres of land located within the Credit River Valley Corridor. The purchased land is located at 6545 Creditview Road, just south of the 401.

“I’m delighted that after several years of negotiation, we have been successful in acquiring this large parcel of Credit Valley land. In years to come, this property will not only be preserved as open space, but will provide much needed passive recreation space and walking trails,” said local Councillor George Carlson.

The land is an environmentally significant floodplain located within the Credit River Valley Corridor. The newly acquired land will be used for passive recreation, trail connection and conservation purposes. The property is also of historical significance to the City and is listed on the City’s Heritage register. The property contains a two-storey brick farmhouse which was constructed in the 1850s. This heritage building will be retained and incorporated into the future park development plans for this property.



One of the City’s environmental goals is to “promote and be proactive in the management and protection of its natural areas.” The acquisition of this land allows the City to work toward this important environmental goal.

## City Grows Green

The City of Mississauga is doing its part when it comes to greening the planet, saving energy, and reducing its ecological footprint. Mississauga is growing green in numerous ways:

- Building Automation Systems at City facilities, which feature: setback controls for heating and cooling systems and lighting during non-business hours; infrared heaters; CO and CO<sub>2</sub> demand ventilation controls; waste heat recovery systems; rink lighting and garage lighting dimmers; rapid roll automatic garage doors; LED lights and block heater controls. These systems have already saved the City \$11.8 million in utility costs
- New Green Building Standards for construction and redevelopment will require that City buildings, such as the new Fire Training Facility, are constructed to the LEED Silver Standard
- A solar power plant installed on the roof of the Hershey Centre
- Waste heat recovery from ammonia refrigerant at Iceland, which will yield a savings of \$25,000/year



- The City's Green Fleet includes 72 hybrid-electric and fuel-efficient vehicles to reduce greenhouse emissions and air pollutants
- The City's Recycling Facilities Program has been expanded to include all City parks and outdoor sports facilities
- Energy-efficient lighting improvements were completed in five arenas, six community centres, the Central Library and the Living Arts Centre resulting in a reduction of 240 tonnes of greenhouse gases (equal to removing 53 cars from our roads)
- Reduced operation of cooling tower fans, which saved the city 13,000 kilowatt hours of electrical energy
- The Parks Watch Bike Patrol project was launched by Corporate Security and Parks/Forestry as an environmentally friendly approach to City patrols
- 54 large bay doors in 12 maintenance yards and Zamboni garages were interlocked with unit heaters to prevent outdoor heating when the doors are open, yielding a natural gas savings of \$9,900 and a reduction of 45 tonnes of GHG emissions (equal to removing 10 cars from our roads)

## Mississauga Receives Over \$92 million in Infrastructure Funding

The City of Mississauga was awarded over \$92 million in infrastructure funding from the Federal and Provincial governments. This funding was made available as part of Canada's Economic Action Plan, which was created to promote economic recovery. As part of this action plan, the Federal government established a \$4-billion Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) that provided funding to provincial, municipal and community infrastructure projects. The City received funding for 132 projects.

The Federal government has also established the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) program, which will invest \$500 million in recreational facilities across Canada over a two-year period. Mississauga has been awarded \$12 mil-

lion in RInC funding to help rehabilitate and re-develop the City's 6 outdoor pools, including Streetsville Pool (\$3 million project). This much needed funding will ensure that the City's ageing infrastructure is rehabilitated and maintained. The following infrastructure projects are located in Ward 11:

Park Pathway and Lighting	Road Rehabilitation	Sidewalk Replacement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bonnie Brae Park</li> <li>● Turney Woods Park</li> <li>● Meadow Green Park</li> <li>● Pinecliff Park</li> <li>● Glendenning Park</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Creditview Road (Britannia Rd to Old Creditview Rd)</li> <li>● Eglinton Ave W (Erin Mills Pkwy to Mississauga Rd)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Derry Road sidewalk (from McLaughlin Rd to Hurontario St)</li> </ul>

## Streetsville Pool Renovations

Mississauga's outdoor pools range in age from 33 to 56 years. Despite annual pool maintenance programs, these pools require significant capital repair and rehabilitation. Necessary pool tank repairs, deck rehabilitation and building renovations will increase the lifespan of our outdoor pools and help maintain them for generations to come.

Re-development and rehabilitation will include pool building replacement and repairs to the pool tank. The new energy-efficient design and building systems will greatly reduce energy consumption and water usage.

Other amenities that will be provided at the pool include a barrier-free family change room with on-deck showers, male and female change rooms, a shaded area for patrons, a sheltered outdoor learning space and landscaped areas around the facility. Construction will begin April 2010 and be completed March 2011. The pool will re-open in summer 2011.



Re-development of the Streetsville Pool will include building replacement and pool tank repairs. Pictured above is the architect's rendering of the renovated exterior.

## Important Numbers

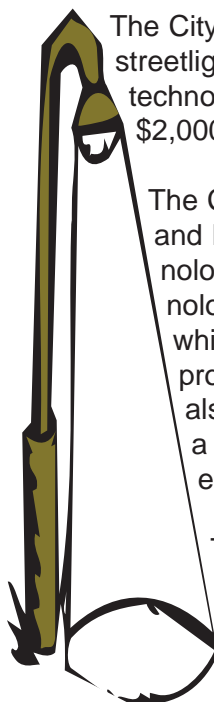
Aircraft Noise Complaints	416-247-7682	Park Lights (City)	905-615-4999
Animal Services	905-896-5858	Parking Control	905-896-5678
By-law Enforcement	905-896-5655	Peel District School Bd.	905-890-1099
City (after hours)	905-615-3000	Peel Regional Police	905-453-3311
Courtneypark Library	905-615-4745	Poison Control Centre	416-813-5900
Dufferin Peel Catholic		Property Taxes	905-896-5575
District School Board	905-890-1221	Recreation & Parks	905-615-4100
Enersource (Hydro)	905-273-9050	Region of Peel	905-791-7800
GO Transit	416-869-3200	River Grove CC	905-615-4780
Health Line Peel	905-799-7700	Safe City Mississauga	905-615-6272
Ministry of Health	905-275-2730	Snow Removal	905-615-7669
Mississauga 311	3-1-1	Streetlights (Enersource)	905-566-2718
Mississauga Ambulance	905-844-4242	Streetsville B.I.A.	905-858-5974
Mississauga Fire	905-615-3777	Streetsville Library	905-615-4785
Mississauga Transit	905-615-4636	Transhelp	905-791-1015
		Vic Johnston CC	905-826-3011
		Waste Management	905-791-9499

## New Streetlights Save Energy in Ward 11

The City of Mississauga is testing the latest energy efficient streetlighting technologies in Ward 11. Switching to these new technologies could save the City 80% in energy costs or about \$2,000,000/year!

The City will evaluate Light Emitting Diode (LED) luminaries and Induction Light luminaries. LED and Induction Light technologies are among the most energy efficient. These technologies have a long lamp life of 50,000 to 100,000 hours, which amounts to 12-24 years of operation. The new lights produce a white glow and are "dark-sky" friendly. They will also greatly improve visibility. Currently, streetlighting casts a yellowish glow, which makes identifying colours difficult, especially for police looking for a specific coloured vehicle.

The Light Emitting Diode (LED) and Induction Light luminaries will be tested along Falconer Drive and Mavis Road. These locations were chosen as there is minimal outside light spill, which will ensure a fairer evaluation.



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