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COUNCILLOR WARD 4 NEWS



WINTER 2020

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Greetings to all,

As we embark on this New Year, I wish you a peaceful and prosperous 2020! I thank you for your continued collaboration and I welcome you to remain engaged with my office and myself.

With Mississauga's population having elevated past 750,000, Ward 4 is itself very large with over 80,000 residents currently living here. Situated within Ward 4 is 'City Centre', home to City Hall, Celebration Square and the Living Arts Centre, an area booming with residential and commercial development. Ward 4 remains unique in that there is a strong mix of both residential and commercial components but also a series of older, more established neighbourhoods that are in need of continued preservation.

While Mississauga's 'downtown core' is evolving, it is imperative that we strike the right developmental balance by ensuring that we retain the great amounts of park land that our City has become known for. With the maintaining of our parks and local neighbourhoods, the City of Mississauga is also responsible for managing: Fire & Emergency Services,

Parks & Forestry, Recreational Services (eg. community centres), Library Services and Culture. Our City is also tasked with overseeing Transportation, including Public Transit (MiWay) and making sure that our infrastructure (eg. roads, bridges, sidewalks, pipes and culverts) is in a state of good repair.

This past year, the Ontario Government allowed for all municipalities to decide whether to reduce speeds on neighbourhood roads. In order to improve road safety, the City of Mississauga has since taken the step to reduce the speed limits on all residential roads to 40 km/h (excluding major roads). On October 23, 2019, I pushed a step further, introducing a Motion at Council to reduce all School Zones to 30 km/h (excluding major roads). While various 'traffic calming measures' and improved enforcement will also be needed, we believe that these are steps in the right direction - to ensure greater road safety.

It is that time of the year, where we must be prepared for snowfall! Each year, the City of Mississauga clears 5,600 kilometers of roads and bike lanes, 1,700 kilometers of sidewalks, 3,400 bus stops, 1 kilometer of cross walks and 90 kilometers of roadside trails. It is vital

that we meet the needs of all of our residents and ensure that we provide a high level of Winter Maintenance Service. In this Newsletter, I have provided a section outlining our City's strategy on Winter Maintenance, with a description of the type of maintenance that is routinely performed.

I am always happy to hear from you and would welcome your suggestions. Please feel free to contact my office at any time at **905-896-5400** or by email at **john.kovac@mississauga.ca**. My assistants Shelley Blake, Huda Rabie and myself will be pleased to hear from you! I am always thankful to receive your feedback and I look forward to beginning this New Year, 2020 together. Our community matters and I thank you for being a part of it!

John Kovac
Councillor, Ward 4

Ward 4 Wins the Angel Award Mayor Crombie's Annual Food Drive Exceeds Campaign Goals

Once again, residents of Mississauga rose to the challenge issued by Mayor Bonnie Crombie to provide healthy, nutritious food for their hungry neighbours through the Thanksgiving 2019 season.

Mayor Crombie challenged community members to participate in her annual One Bag Challenge in support of The Mississauga Food Bank. The food and funds raised by this annual campaign provide healthy, nutritious food to children, families, seniors and other neighbours across Mississauga who are struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living.

"Recognizing the needs of our City, I was very pleased to see Mississaugans, particularly from Ward 4, step up and help out their fellow neighbours during the Thanksgiving 2019 season," said Councillor Kovac.

"All in all, we exceeded our campaign goals, raising \$316,074 and 266,752 pounds of food. I thank the many residents for their selfless contributions."

The success of this year's campaign brings the total amount that Mayor Crombie's One Bag Challenge has raised to over \$1.3 million and 1.25 million pounds of food over the last five years.

This year, Ward 4 was awarded the 'Angel Award' based on the most food collected at Fire Stations and Community Centres.

The Mississauga Food Bank is in need of donations of food and funds year round. For more information about donating, volunteering, or the Food Bank's impact in the community, please visit **themississaugafoodbank.org**.



Hurontario LRT on Track for Completion in Late 2024



Infrastructure Ontario and Metrolinx announced that Mobilinx has signed the contract to design, build, finance, operate and maintain Hurontario Light Rail Transit (LRT), a key city-building initiative and the largest transit infrastructure project to take place in Mississauga’s history.

This is a key milestone for the project and sets off the next phase of the project. Mobilinx will begin sharing design components and City staff

will review for compliance ahead of major construction which is expected to start early 2020.

The new 18-km dedicated light rail transit system from Port Credit GO Station to Brampton Gateway Terminal is scheduled to be completed in late 2024. It will have 19 stops and will link to other transit connections.

For more information about the project, please visit metrolinx.com/HurontarioLRT or follow [@HurontarioLRT](https://twitter.com/HurontarioLRT).

MiWay Celebrates Five Years of Service on the Transitway



Time flies on the Mississauga Transitway bypassing traffic. This month, MiWay is celebrating five years of service delivery since launching the first phase of its dedicated 18 kilometre transit corridor in 2014 – the first of its kind in the Greater Toronto Area.

Learn more by visiting miway.ca/transitway

New Hybrid Buses

MiWay announced the introduction of 10 new, next-generation hybrid-electric buses that are convertible to full battery power. These buses are unique in the MiWay fleet and help to advance the City of Mississauga’s commitment to address climate change. Features of MiWay’s next-generation hybrid buses include:

- Start-stop engine technology that shuts down the engine while stopped at bus stops and automatically restarts when the brake is released – achieving up to 25 per cent fuel savings
- All-drive control mechanisms and battery storage systems that are mounted on the roof
- “Plug and play” components, helping to simplify the maintenance process
- Reduced number of drive belts from four to one, reducing the potential of breakdowns on the road and lowering overall maintenance costs

Learn more about MiWay’s new hybrid-electric buses by visiting mississauga.ca/portal/miway/next-generation-hybrid-electric-buses



NOTICE OF MOTION

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario recently passed legislation allowing all municipalities within the Province to establish speed limits of lower than 50 km/h within their local neighbourhoods;

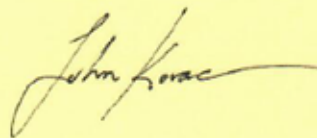
AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga has recently enacted a by-law to amend the Traffic By-law 555-2000 to establish 40 km/h neighbourhood area speed limits within the neighbourhoods identified in the report dated September 13, 2019 from the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, entitled, "40 km/h Neighbourhood Area Speed Limit Implementation (All Wards)" and further that a by-law be enacted for all municipal wards, including Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, to allow for the reduction of speed limits to 40 km/h in identified neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga has championed the Vision Zero initiative and remains focused on ending motor vehicle collisions resulting in injuries and/or fatalities;

AND WHEREAS the safety of our children and the safety of School Zones remains of paramount concern to parents, local residents and our Council;

AND WHEREAS a distinction in speed limits should continue to exist between neighbourhood roads and School Zones for added clarity and increased safety;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED that staff be directed to review the establishing of 30 km/h area speed limits for all School Zones within the City of Mississauga and subsequently prepare a report and recommendation to General Committee.



John Kovac
October 23, 2019



Please Slow Down on the Street

City of Mississauga is distributing 'Please Slow Down' lawn signs to promote safe driving habits and to lower vehicle operating speeds on neighbourhood streets. These signs can be obtained at no cost from the Ward Councillor offices or the Transportation and Works Customer Service Counter at 3185 Mavis Road.

Permitted Sign Placement

While placing the signs, residents must ensure that they do not create any sightline obstruction and do not create a hazard for users of the road. The signs must:

- Only be placed on the boulevard with the consent of the property owner
- Be set-back a minimum of two-feet from the curb or the edge of the road
- Not obstruct the travelled portion of the roadway, median, traffic island, sidewalk, bicycle path, or multi-use trail

Lawn signs that are unsafe or require relocation for any reason may be removed or relocated to a more suitable location at any time by the property owner.

Learn more by visiting mississauga.ca/roadsafety

Slower Residential Street Speed Limits Vision Zero

The City will gradually lower speeds on residential streets from 50 to 40-kilometres per hour (km/h). This year, 11 neighbourhoods across the City including Ward 4 will have their speed limits reduced to 40 km/h. The new 40 km/h speed limit in Mississauga neighbourhoods advances Vision Zero by matching speeds to the types of activity on a street.

In February 2018, Mississauga passed a resolution to adopt Vision Zero, a framework which focuses on the prevention of fatalities and injuries due to motor vehicle collisions. In May 2019, City Council approved the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) which outlines a vision, six goals and over 90 action items to guide the future of the City's transportation system from today to 2041. The plan is committed to advancing Vision Zero. The Region of Peel has also adopted Vision Zero, and published its Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan in 2018.

Read more about how Mississauga plans to implement Vision Zero in the Transportation Master Plan.

Background:

Today, Mississauga has the second lowest rate of fatalities and injuries on its roads of municipalities of the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA), and collision rates in Mississauga are similar to its peers. The majority of collisions and personal injuries occur on Mississauga's arterial and major collector roadways, outside of neighbourhood areas. Intersections account for the most serious conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians, cyclists, or other vulnerable road users. Aggressive, impaired, and distracted driving are significant concerns. Safety while walking, cycling, or taking the bus to school is also a concern for parents.



KNOW WHO TO CALL

3-1-1

for direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Peel:

- garbage pick up
- water billing
- recreation programs

2-1-1

for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel:

- employment leads
- doctors accepting new patients
- social housing resources

9-1-1

for life-threatening emergencies or crimes:

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

You can sign up for City news by email at: mississauga.ca/keepmeposted. Receive up-to-date information on City programs, projects, upcoming events, engagement opportunities, important seasonal reminders and issues affecting Mississauga.

Mississauga is Ready to Clear the Way This Winter

Colder temperatures and morning frosts have already made their mark in Mississauga. The City's winter crews are ready to take on winter.

Residents can get snow clearing updates using our snow plow tracker online and by following **@MississaugaSnow** on Twitter.

Here is what residents need to know about snow clearing in Mississauga:

On-street Parking

Parked vehicles reduce City staff's ability to efficiently and safely clear roads. Any parked vehicles on residential roads should be removed during snow clearing. On-street parking restrictions remain in effect from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m., year-round.

Temporary parking permits can be suspended at any time during winter operations and new permits will not be issued. Vehicles parked on City streets will be enforced according to the Traffic By-law and will be issued a penalty notice and be subject to towing at the owner's expense.

Using Salt Responsibly

The City is committed to maintaining road safety while minimizing impacts to the environment by using the right amount of road salt in the right place and time. Salt trucks are equipped with on-board technology to monitor and control salt use. Access to an advanced weather monitoring system also allows winter crews to salt only when necessary and in accordance with conditions.

Residents are also encouraged to minimize the impact of salt on the environment by following manufacturer instructions to only apply the right amount under the right conditions.

Download the Pingstreet mobile app to report over-salting at bus stops.





Safety Tips

- Be a good neighbour by clearing your sidewalk as soon as possible after a snowfall for the safety of others, and offer to help older adults and people with disabilities who may need it
- Drive according to weather conditions and give snow plows and salt trucks lots of space as they clear the roads
- Wear appropriate footwear when outside
- Ensure pets are brought indoors during extreme weather condition

Significant Weather Event

During severe winter events, the City may declare a Significant Weather Event under the Ontario Municipal Act (Regulation 239/02). This allows the City's works operations more time to deploy winter equipment to address a significant winter storm. Service level timing starts after the declaration is lifted instead of when the snow stops.

After the snow stops:

| |  < 8 cm |  8-15 cm |  15-30 cm |  > 30 cm & Back-to-Back Storms |
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| Major & Priority Roads | Salted within 12 hrs | Plowing & Salting | Plowing & Salting | Plowing & Salting |
| Priority Sidewalks* & Designated Multi-use Trails | | Cleared within 12 hrs | Cleared within 24 hrs | Cleared after more than 24 hrs |
| Bus Stops | | | | |
| Pedestrian Crossings | | | | |
| Residential Roads* & Secondary Roads | Salted within 24 hrs | Plowing & Salting Cleared within 24 hrs | Plowing & Salting Cleared within 36 hrs | Plowing & Salting Cleared after more than 36 hrs |

* Residential roads and priority sidewalks are not cleared to bare pavement, but are made passable and safe.

Be a Good Neighbour, Clear Your Walk

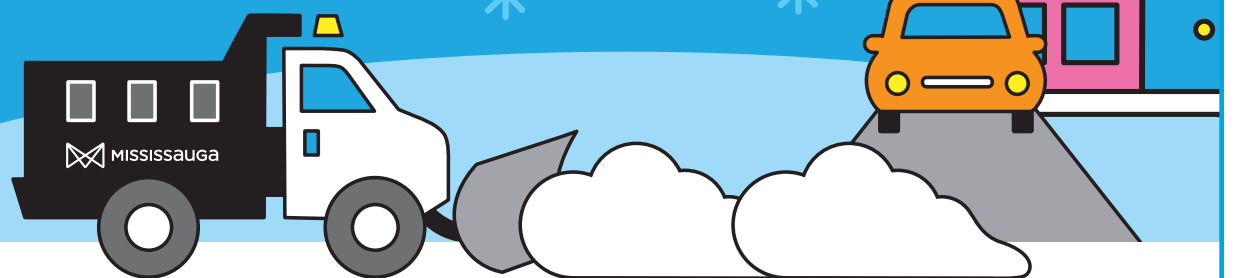
This winter, be a good neighbour by shovelling sidewalks in front of your home to help others, especially elderly persons or persons with disabilities. This helps people walking to school, work, appointments or enjoying a beautiful winter day.

Make it a family event. Take 10 minutes and clear your walk as soon as possible after a snowfall.

The City clears sidewalks along major roads and other priority areas where there is access to hospitals, schools and transit.

Snow Clearing Updates and Temporary Parking Permit Cancellations

mississauga.ca/snow



- Visit the online **Snow Plow Tracker**
- Call **3-1-1** or **905-615-4311** if outside city limits for concerns about road conditions after snow clearing is complete

Follow us:  **@MississaugaSnow**



Skate on the Square

The Celebration Square ice rink opened Saturday, November 23, 2019 and closes March 20, 2020.

Public Skate Hours: 10 am to 10:30pm

Please note the rink is patrolled weekdays from 4:30pm to 10:30pm, weekends from 10 am to 10:30 pm, and holidays. Only approved skating aids may be allowed on the ice.

Celebration Square is an outdoor rink, open 10 am to 10:30 pm daily (weather permitting). To confirm the rink is open, call **905-615-3200** ext. **R-I-N-K (7465)**.

Holiday hours

December 24, 2019 | 10 am to 9 pm
 December 25, 2019 | 10 am to 10:30 pm
 December 26 - 30, 2019 | 10 am to 10:30 pm
 December 31, 2019 | 10 am to 11 pm
 February 17, 2020 | 10 am to 10:30 pm
 March 16 - 20, 2020 | 10 am to 10:30 pm
 Skate schedule is subject to change.