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Councillor
Ward 4



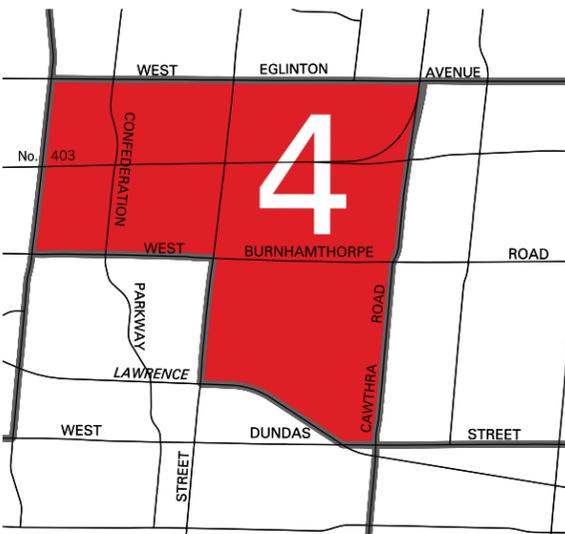
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Councillor's message

Dear friends and neighbours,

It is with excitement that I share with you my first Community Newsletter. As your newly elected representative on Mississauga City Council, I thank each and every one of you for the opportunity to serve you in the role as Ward 4 Councillor!

Mississauga is a beautiful city, one that I am proud to have grown up and continue to reside in. It is truly diverse, with over 50 per cent of our residents having been born outside the country. We have large open spaces for our children to play in, numerous parks and playgrounds, a growing number of attractions and most important of all, one of the safest cities in Canada to call our home.



There are nearly 80,000 residents who live in 'Ward 4', which is a uniquely structured electoral boundary stretching along Eglinton Ave. from Mavis Rd. to Cawthra Rd., Cawthra Rd. south to Dundas St., Hurontario from Go Line to Burnhamthorpe, Burnhamthorpe Rd. west to Mavis Rd., Mavis Rd. from Burnhamthorpe to Eglinton Ave.

Our city is rapidly expanding and as such, we must look at ways of continuing to improve upon public transit, making it affordable but also more reliable and convenient for our citizens to use. Our downtown core is thriving, with **Mississauga Celebration Square** hosting some of our largest festivals and events, nearly week-in and week-out.

The Living Arts Centre is a hotbed for the performing arts and regularly attracts leading performers in the field. Sheridan College, held in such high regard, has a campus perfectly situated within our core and offers our youth an opportunity to study close to home. There are many, exciting new development projects on the horizon. This includes **Phase II of Sheridan College** which is due for completion in the summer of 2016!

While development of our downtown remains a priority, so too does maintaining and preserving our residential spaces. Since becoming elected, I have spoken with numerous residents and the issues they have brought forward remain important. First and foremost, Council needs to be more effective and efficient in managing our taxpayers' dollars. Yet, we must strive to sustain the same high-quality of services that our residents expect.

From maintaining our parks and community centres to repairing our roads, collecting waste and clearing snow, while providing a safe community for us all, we need to ensure your property tax dollars remain hard at work.

In this Community Newsletter, my first, I hope you will find plenty of information that will be of interest to you. Should you have any questions at any time, please do not hesitate to contact my office at: 905-896-5400. My staff, **Seema** and **Mary**

and I are always available to assist you with any concerns or ideas you may have. I am also reachable by email at: john.kovac@mississauga.ca.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your local Councillor and I look forward to continuing to work hard on behalf of our entire Ward 4 Community!

John Kovac
Councillor, Ward 4



Councillor John Kovac with Seema (L) and Mary (R), hosting Mayor Bonnie Crombie in Ward 4.

Councillor Kovac sits on the following committees and boards:

- Budget Committee
- City Council
- General Committee
- Living Arts Centre Mississauga Board of Directors - Ex-Officio
- Mississauga Celebration Square Community Reference Group
- Mississauga Public Library Board
- Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee
- Planning and Development Committee
- Region of Peel Council
- Safe City Mississauga
- Traffic Safety Council

2016 budget

Mississauga's annual Business Plan and Budget lays out what the City of Mississauga is doing as well as why and how much it costs.

Business planning and budgeting ensures the City's resources are spent wisely. It brings the City's strategic plan to life by providing the necessary funds to move action plans forward.

Learn more about the City's 2016 budget:

- learn more about funding for 10 service areas using the online budget allocator
- review the detailed 2016 Business Plan and Budget online at mississauga.ca/budget
- email questions and comments directly to the City at budget@mississauga.ca
- contact the Mayor or your Councillor

Did you know?

You can watch Council and Committee meetings live. Or, if you miss a meeting, you can watch it later. All meetings are archived. Visit mississauga.ca/videos.

Interested in making your neighbourhood a safer, friendlier place? Start a **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH!**

What is it?

Do you know the names of the people who live beside you? What about in front of you, or behind you? Would you be able to spot a stranger in your community? Do you know what to do and who to call in the event of an emergency?



Councillor Kovac with local youth volunteers, Uswa (L), Fatimah and Fahad (R).

If you answered 'no' to these questions, then **Safe City Mississauga's Neighbourhood Watch Program** is a fantastic way to increase community safety and cooperation by inspiring residents to look out for their neighbours, and their neighbours' property. This program is offered at no-cost to residents of Mississauga.

How effective is it?

Nearly all studies show that Neighbourhood Watch areas are associated with lower levels of crime, and research indicates that implementing a Neighbourhood Watch can

reduce neighbourhood crimes by up to 26 per cent (Bennett, Holloway, & Farrington, 2008).

In 2015, Safe City Mississauga contracted Social Impact Squared to conduct a social impact study on the program. It was determined that our Neighbourhood Watch streets decreased their property crime by 36 per cent within their first year in comparison to streets with no watches.

More than that, Neighbourhood Watch inspires residents to take back their neighbourhood from crime; and while the program has been shown to reduce criminal activity, one of the greatest benefits is that it brings people closer together, forming a stronger community.

Contact **Safe City Mississauga** to start a Neighbourhood Watch:
905-615-4155 ext. 4479

neighbourhoodwatch@safecitymississauga.on.ca, safecitymississauga.on.ca

Safe City Mississauga's Cyber Ambassadors project has launched its brand new website:

Designed as an interactive resource-based social community, the new website provides Mississauga youth with a safe place to go on the web where they can escape from online bullying and harassment, and engage with a community where positivity is spread. Youth can also blog, and seek advice in our Q & A section.

cyberambassadors.ca



Bi-Weekly, Cart-based Waste Collection is Coming

Beginning January 4, 2016, those of you who currently receive curbside waste collection services will be moving to bi-weekly, cart-based collection which means:

- garbage and recycling will be picked up every other week (one week garbage, the next week recycling) but organics will continue to be picked up weekly
- you will be required to use carts (rather than bags and bins) for your waste

In early 2016, once the program has been rolled out, the Region will offer a collection program for the old boxes and green bins. Whenever possible, residents are encouraged to re-purpose the old containers.

You can go to peelregion.ca/carts to learn more about bi-weekly, cart-based waste collection.

Key Dates to Remember:

Carts will be delivered from September through mid-December of 2015. Start using the new carts during the week of **January 4, 2016**.



BIKE TO WORK Day is recognized by Smart Commute organizations across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, in partnership with Metrolinx and area municipalities to encourage people to trade in their four wheels for two and cycle more often. Civic and corporate leaders demonstrate their commitment to sustainable transportation by participating in Bike to Work Day rides. For complete details on Mississauga's Bike to Work Day events including a listing of all Mississauga Bike to Work Day rides.

Visit: bikemonth.ca/mississauga or smartcommutemiss.ca.

Mississauga Transitway Faster and Easier

The Mississauga Transitway is making travel faster and easier through the city. Service started at the first four stations of the Mississauga Transitway in November 2014. The remaining transitway stations are scheduled to open between 2016 and 2017. When fully complete, the 18 kilometre transitway will have 12 stations connecting Winston Churchill Blvd. in the west and Renforth Dr. in the east.

Follow the MiWay blog at miwayblog.ca for construction photo updates. Plan a MiWay trip by visiting miway.ca or by calling 905-615-INFO (4636) for customized route and schedule information.



Recycling Cart

Garbage Cart

Organics Cart

WINTER Maintenance



The City of Mississauga is prepared for the winter season. There are many operations and steps the City takes to help people travel safely during the winter months including:

- clearing roads
- clearing priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings
- removing snow
- salting and brining of roads
- offering a windrow program for seniors and persons with disabilities

Keep Up-to-Date on Plowing and Salting

- download the Mississauga Roads App (from the Apple Store or Google Play) to track plows/salters travelling routes and receive alerts
- follow us on Twitter @MississaugaSnow for current conditions and progress
- visit mississauga.ca/snow for live updates, details, routes and maps
- call the information Snow Line **905-615-SNOW (7669)** to hear recorded information about plowing and salting during a snow event, available 24/7

If there are concerns with road conditions 12 to 24 hours after a snowstorm ends please contact **3-1-1 or (905-615-4311 outside city limits)**.



Snow Clearing and Salting

The City uses a priority route system to clear and salt roads, bus stops, priority sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. Following a snowfall the City's priority is to ensure that emergency vehicles and transit buses have safe access to routes on major roads.

During a snowstorm, priority roads (major roads, arterial roads) and local collector roads such as Burnhamthorpe Rd. or Dundas St. are cleared first. These roads are salted if the snow is less than eight cm (three inches) or plowed and salted if snow is more than eight cm (three inches).

Following the clearing of priority roads, local residential roads, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and priority sidewalks (those around hospitals, schools and major transit routes) are cleared.

Levels of Service

- priority roads are cleared within 12 to 24 hours after the end of a snow storm (back to back storms will extend this timing)
- local residential roads, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and priority sidewalks (those around hospitals, schools and major transit routes) are cleared (bare pavement is not guaranteed)
- priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings are cleared within 24 to 36 hours after the end of a snowstorm. Back to back storms will extend this timing
- cul de sacs, roads with 90 degree bends and dead end streets are at the end of the snow clearing operations

Snow Season Parking

Roads with parked cars take longer to plow or salt. Please remove vehicles from roads during heavy snowfalls. A winter on-street parking restriction is in effect in Mississauga from November 1 to March 31 between 2 to 6 a.m. This restriction will be enforced in accordance with the Traffic By-law and vehicles left on city streets will be issued a penalty notice and are subject to towing and storage fees at the expense of the owner.

During snow removal, temporary parking permits (parking considerations) will not be issued and current ones will be cancelled.

Keep up-to-date on cancellations with @MississaugaSnow, the Winter Maintenance page at mississauga.ca/snow or download the Mississauga Roads App for free.

Winter Maintenance Service Standards for the City of Mississauga

SNOWFALL ACCUMULATION:	Less than 8 cm (3")	8 cm to 15 cm (3" to 6")	15 cm to 30 cm (6" to 12")	More than 30 cm (12") or back to back storm
Major/Priority Road	Salting only	Plowing and salting Cleared within 12 hrs after the end of a snowfall	Plowing and salting Cleared within 24 hrs after the end of a snowfall	Plowing and salting Cleared within 24 hrs after the end of a snowfall
Residential/Secondary Roads, Priority Sidewalks, Bus Stops, Pedestrian Crossings	Salting only	Plowing and salting Cleared within 24 hrs after the end of a snowfall	Plowing and salting Cleared within 36 hrs after the end of a snowfall	Plowing and salting Cleared within 36 hrs after the end of a snowfall

Mississauga residents can now receive real-time weather alerts on Twitter by following @ECAAlertON4.

Environment Canada developed the service to help keep residents informed about breaking weather information in a timely and accurate manner. It ensures that those using Twitter can stay up-to-date on severe weather in their area. Interested in signing up? Visit Canada.ca/weather and search for "Twitter Weather Alerts".



KNOW WHO TO CALL Visit mississauga.ca for more information.

3-1-1 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Peel:

- garbage pick up
- water billing
- recreation programs

2-1-1 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel:

- employment leads
- doctors accepting patients
- social housing resources

9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes:

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

Interested in receiving city news by email? Sign up and receive up-to-date information on City programs, projects, upcoming events, engagement opportunities, important seasonal reminders and issues affecting Mississauga. Sign up at mississauga.ca/keepmeposted.

The importance of fire prevention

Be sure to test and change batteries in home smoke alarms. Ensure working alarms are in all bedrooms, outside each separate sleeping area and on every level including the basement. If not, it's time to make fire safety a priority.

Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services' (MFES) Fire Prevention and Life Safety Division wants to remind residents about the importance of learning how to prevent, detect and escape from a fire.

Now is the perfect time to educate all family members on the importance of being fire safe. Everyone living in the home should know:

- what to do and where to go if there is a fire
- home escape plan - a home map showing all doors and windows

- the sound of the smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and what to do when you hear them.

Carbon monoxide is known as the silent killer because you can't see it, taste it or smell it. The only way to detect the presence of the deadly gas is to install a carbon monoxide alarm. Be sure to replace all smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every 10 years.

Visit: mfeshomesafehome.ca for further details on fire prevention.



Mayor's City-Wide Food Drive Challenge



The community pulled together to fight hunger this past Thanksgiving by raising \$82,917 and 148,900 pounds of food - enough to distribute food for 207,293 meals.

Mississauga receives an age-friendly community grant



Councillor Kovac with Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto

In June, the City of Mississauga received a \$50,000 Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant. Awarded by the Province of Ontario, the City will use the Grant to develop an action plan towards becoming a World Health Organization (WHO) designated Age-Friendly Community.

This internationally-recognized designation will acknowledge Mississauga as a municipality that supports older adult participation in social, civic, employment, communication and healthy active living opportunities.

In 2014, the City formed an Older Adult Advisory Panel comprised of 11 members and six City staff. Their mandate is to give older adults opportunities to exchange information and advice on developing and improving older adult services in the community.

The major goal of the Panel will be to pursue the Age-Friendly Community designation. This will be done by working with the City, community groups, volunteers and residents through Community Centre Older Adult Committees.

The plan will involve an age-friendly community self-assessment, reviewing and updating the City's 2009 Older Adult Plan and establishing action teams to move forward the key priorities of the WHO's Age-Friendly Cities framework:

- civic participation and employment
- communication and information
- community and health care
- housing
- outdoor spaces and buildings
- respect and social inclusion
- social participation
- transportation

For more information, contact Lorena Smith, Community Development Co-ordinator, Older Adults at 905-615-3200, ext. 3718 or: lorena.smith@mississauga.ca.

City of Mississauga's Mobile App Powered by Pingstreet

Connect with the City of Mississauga using Pingstreet - a free mobile app that provides relevant information in one convenient place. Residents and visitors can access real-time information from the City including latest news, upcoming events, committee meetings, Mayor and Councillor's contact information and waste collection information.

Newest Features

The following City service requests may be submitted through the app 24/7:

- request a temporary parking permit for a residential street;
- report a problem with graffiti, sidewalk or road damage (pot holes), illegal signs and shopping carts.

The Pingstreet mobile app is available for download at the following online stores: Apple Store, Google Play, BlackBerry World and Windows Phone Store.

\$1 Senior cash fare

On June 29, MiWay, the City of Mississauga's transit service began offering a one dollar cash fare to seniors as a six-month pilot program approved by City Council.

Valid on **Weekdays** (from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and after 7 p.m.) and all day on **Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays**.

Are you ready to ride?

Have your \$1 fare ready when boarding and be prepared to show valid photo ID (Government issued or MiWay Senior Photo ID).

The MiWay Senior Photo ID can be purchased for \$5 at the City Centre Transit Terminal.

Hanlan Water Project

The Hanlan Water Project includes installing the 2400-mm (eight feet) diameter Hanlan Feedermain (HFM) and the 1500-mm (five feet) diameter **Mississauga City Centre Subtransmission Main (MCC)**. The HFM will bring water from Lakeview Water Treatment Plant on Lake Ontario to the Hanlan Reservoir at the corner of Tomken Road and Britannia Road. The MCC will carry water from Hanlan Pumping Station to the centre of Mississauga.

The MCC has had a significant impact on traffic along Cawthra Road between Eastgate Parkway and Burnhamthorpe Road, but the end is in sight. Temporary restoration of this portion of Cawthra Road will take place this year and permanent paving will be completed in the spring of 2016.



Councillor Kovac with Councillor Chris Fonseca, Ward 3 and Peel Public Works staff.



Mississauga City Centre Subtransmission Main (MCC) tunnel.

In order to avoid having to return to the Cawthra/Burnhamthorpe neighborhood in 2017, the Region is installing a section of the Burnhamthorpe Road watermain (ultimately connecting the Burnhamthorpe Watermain to the MCC) as part of the Hanlan Water Project. The watermain will cross Cawthra Road about 120 metres north of Burnhamthorpe Road, and will then run south along the east side of Cawthra Road to Burnhamthorpe Road. This work will take place in mid-December to mid-January.

For more information, visit: hanlanwaterproject.ca or follow along with up-to-date project and traffic news on Twitter by following [@hanlanwp](https://twitter.com/hanlanwp).

Tree Planting



Councillor Kovac with members of local youth group, Key Club Mississauga.



Councillor Kovac with City of Mississauga staff at McKenzie Park.

Pan Am Games leave a lasting legacy for Mississauga

The TORONTO 2015 Pan Am / Parapan Am Games are over and there is a lot to celebrate. Residents, businesses, volunteers and City staff hosted the largest international multi-sport event in Ontario's history. As a host venue city, Mississauga is proud to be part of this lasting legacy. Here are just some of the highlights:

- The Hershey Centre was showcased as a multi-sport event venue.
- Mississauga residents and businesses carpoled, cycled, used transit walked and/or used alternative work arrangements during the Games. All efforts helped to alleviate traffic congestion and get athletes and officials to their events on time.
- More than 15,000 community members joined local festivals and concerts across the city.
- An astounding 4,300 residents volunteered at all Pan Am venues.
- The City distributed 650 Pan Am and Para Pan Am event tickets to local sport and community groups including Mississauga's youth, families and volunteers.

- Mississauga was one of five Parapan Am host cities for the largest Parapan games in history. Committed to accessibility, the City initiated and developed a three year plan to incorporate para sport into community programs.
- Residents watched as 17 local athletes showcased their skills in a variety of sports during the Games. Visit: mississaugapanam.ca for a full list of Mississauga athletes who competed in the Games.
- Mississauga welcomed 50,000 visitors, 1,800 national media and 950 athletes from 41 nations visiting Mississauga for the Games.
- The City's revamped tourism website, discovermississauga.ca had 50,000 unique visits in the two months spanning the Games.

What's next

Mississauga is hosting the **2016 Ontario Summer Games**, an event that will welcome more than 5,000 athletes, officials, friends and family. **Next year, from August 11 to 14** Mississauga will showcase 20 venues across the City hosting more than 30 sports from lacrosse to archery to soccer and basketball.



Councillor Kovac with Canadian wrestler, Ohenewa Akuffo, a two time silver medalist.



Councillor Kovac with Councillors Jim Tovey, Ward 1 and Karen Ras, Ward 2.



Councillor Kovac with Pan Am Games mascot "Pachi."

Did you know?

It has been one-year since the Mississauga Transitway opened as a dedicated bus corridor. Ridership for the first year of service is expected to reach three million boardings.



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My Tour of Sheridan College

Building on the success of Sheridan's Phase I campus building in downtown Mississauga, Sheridan's Hazel McCallion Campus continues to grow with the Phase II campus building under construction. There is in excess of 3,000 full-time, part-time and continuing education students currently enrolled at the Sheridan HMC Campus and with the opening of Phase II scheduled for September 2016, an additional 3,200 full-time students will be pursuing a post-secondary education in downtown Mississauga. The expansion of the campus will further support the City's Strategic Plan and the City's Downtown21 Master Plan to create a vibrant urban centre, attract and retain youth, create great public spaces and develop talent.

In addition to Sheridan's School of Business and Centre for New Canadians in the Phase I campus building, the Phase II campus building will be home to program clusters in architecture and interior design, creativity and communications, and business, advertising and merchandising.

For further information on Sheridan College Campus in downtown Mississauga, visit: mississauga.ca/downtown or sheridancollege.ca/about/campus-locations



Councillor Kovac with Andre Plante and Pitsa Davey of Sheridan College.



View of Mississauga's downtown from Sheridan College's Phase II building.

Skating Party

for Ward 4

Join Councillor John Kovac
at Celebration Square skating rink

Sunday, Jan 10th 1 – 3 p.m.
(Snow Date: Sunday Jan 17th, 1 – 3p.m.)

Bring your skates and helmet.
If you don't have your own, you can rent them at
Celebration Square. Please drop by with your family and friends and
enjoy a fun filled afternoon outside with your neighbours.

Hot chocolate will be served!

Celebration Square the heart of the city



With Lenny Lombardi of CHIN Radio at Italian Fest.



At inaugural Latin Festival.



Presenting 1st place award at Ribfest.



With youth volunteers at Muslim Fest.



At inaugural Diwali Razzmatazz Festival.



At Light up the Square with Santa Claus.

