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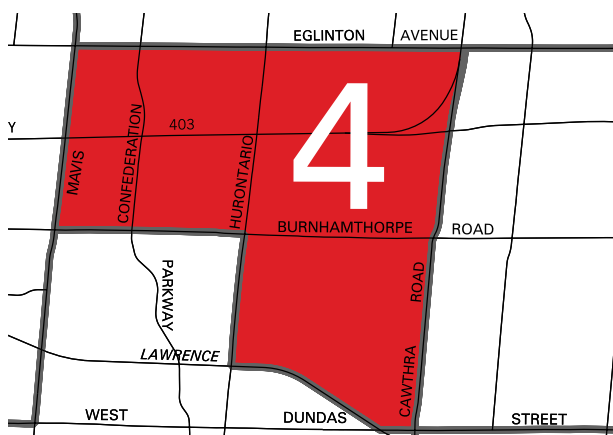
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## Councillor's message

### Hello and Welcome,

In this, my 2017 Community Newsletter, I reflect on the past year's accomplishments from a City standpoint while looking ahead to some of the excitement that awaits us here in Ward 4.



Comprising the neighborhoods of 'Centre Point West', 'Kingsbridge', 'Huron Heights', 'Meadows', 'Mississauga Valleys' and 'City Centre', Ward 4 is among the most densely populated wards within Mississauga and remains home to numerous, culturally diverse

communities. It is an honour to serve the greater "Ward 4 community" as your local, Ward 4 Councillor!

Beginning this past January, the City of Mississauga was thrilled to announce the unveiling of Sheridan College's 'Phase 2' building off of Rathburn Road West and Duke of York Boulevard. With classes having begun on January 9th, this new 220,000 square foot facility now houses program clusters in architecture and interior design, creativity and communications and business, advertising and merchandising. This expansion of Sheridan's Mississauga Campus supports our City's "Downtown 21 Master Plan" to create a vibrant downtown, attract and retain youth, create great public spaces and develop talent. For more information about the Downtown 21 Plan, visit [mississauga.ca/downtown](http://mississauga.ca/downtown).

Mississauga's City Centre is continuing to grow, blossoming and brightening with businesses freshly opening and a mix of residential, office, commercial and retail development on the rise. Home to our City Hall, the Living Arts Centre, Central Library and Celebration Square - brimming with festivals week-in-and-week out, our city-core is emerging as a destination place for residents and visitors alike.

As Council, we are tasked with meeting the needs of Mississauga residents and ensuring that your tax dollars are being spent efficiently on the services that we provide you. From managing all our parks, playgrounds and community centers, to repairing roads and bridges; to replacing stormwater trunks, pipes and culverts, whilst providing reliable public transit, snow maintenance and fire and emergency services - we need to continue to ensure your tax dollars remain hard at work.

I am always pleased to connect with you and on behalf of my executive assistant, Seema Bakshi and my administrative assistant, Shelley Blake and myself, I welcome you to contact my office, any time, at: **905-896-5400** or alternatively by email at: [john.kovac@mississauga.ca](mailto:john.kovac@mississauga.ca).

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your local representative and I am honoured to continue to fight the 'good fight' for you at City Hall -

John Kovac  
Councillor, Ward 4  
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## Canada Celebrating 150 Years

This year, Mississauga will join communities from across Canada to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary. From main stage events to neighbourhood block parties and public art installations, there are countless ways to celebrate Canada in Mississauga.

Mississauga Celebration Square will play host to main stage events including Canada Day on July 1, 2017 and Light up The Square on November 25, 2017.

The City of Mississauga offers Neighbourhood Celebration Kits so you can celebrate Canada

150 with neighbours, friends and loved ones right at home. For more information, email [saugacelebrates@mississauga.ca](mailto:saugacelebrates@mississauga.ca).

Help create Mississauga's Biggest Birthday Card! Sign one of the birthday card panels which will be available at community centres, libraries and ward events. On Canada Day at Celebration Square, these panels will be assembled to create one huge birthday card. Watch for more information in the weeks and months ahead.

Join the Canada 150 for 150 Volunteer Challenge and give back to your community. The Canada 150 for 150 Volunteer Challenge is a nation-wide movement led by Volunteer Ottawa in partnership with Volunteer Canada and Volunteer Centres across the country.

The goal is to encourage Canadians to give 150 hours of volunteer time in 2017 in celebration of Canada's 150th anniversary.

For more information on the challenge and all Canada 150 events, visit [mississauga.ca/canada150](http://mississauga.ca/canada150).



Celebrating the 52nd Annual National Flag of Canada Day with Mayor and Council colleagues,

### Councillor Kovac sits on the following committees and boards:

- Accessibility Transportation Master Plan Advisory Group
- Arts, Culture & Heritage Ad Hoc Committee - Chair
- Budget Committee
- City Council
- General Committee
- HLRT Ad Hoc Council Working Group
- Living Arts Centre Board - Ex-Officio
- Mississauga Celebration Square Community Reference Group
- Mississauga Public Library Board
- Museums of Mississauga Advisory Committee
- Planning and Development Committee
- Public Vehicle Advisory Committee-Vice Chair
- Regional Council
- Safe City Mississauga Board
- Waste Mgmt. Strategic Advisory Committee
- Square One Older Adult Centre - Ex-Officio
- Traffic Safety Council



## Cooksville Creek Construction

### Flood Protection Project

As part of the Cooksville Creek Flood Evaluation Master Plan, Cooksville Creek is getting flood protection work and local drainage improvements along the south of Central Parkway East. Construction for the project started in July 2016 and is expected to be completed by Spring 2017.

The goal of the project has been to significantly reduce the impact to residential properties from large storm events like the Hurricane Hazel regional storm that swept through the Greater Toronto Area in 1954. The newly designed project will reduce ravine flood risk in the Cooksville Creek watershed.

### Erosion Control Plan

After careful monitoring, the City of Mississauga is taking action to address the erosion of Cooksville Creek, spanning from Mississauga

Valley Boulevard to Central Parkway East. Based on the severity of erosion, risk to infrastructure and public safety, the creek has been identified as a high priority site in need of rehabilitation.

Recognizing that Cooksville Creek is important to the community, the City is working on an Erosion Control Plan to address erosion and deposition issues in the area and help improve the creek's water conveyance capacity.

Since October 2016, the City has been evaluating several alternatives to determine the best approach to restore the creek. Currently, an Environmental Assessment Report, preliminary plan and profile drawings are in the works. The new designs will protect, restore and enhance Cooksville Creek as a natural resource to the community.

Construction is tentatively scheduled for winter 2017/2018.

## Neighbourhood Watch Bulletin

### Online Reporting

Many people are surprised to find out that they can report minor crimes online. If you feel uncomfortable calling the police for minor crimes, or have accessibility limitations, you'll be pleased to find the option to report minor crimes online at [peelpolice.ca](http://peelpolice.ca). While calling in a report is usually quicker to do, I welcome you to try online reporting where appropriate.

### How to Access

On [peelpolice.ca](http://peelpolice.ca) you can access online reporting by clicking on "File a Report Online" at the top right corner, in the yellow box. Then follow the instructions on the page.

### What Can I Report?

Online reporting is to be used for reporting 'minor' crimes to the police, for which you do NOT have suspect information (as in you don't know what the person looks like, license plate, etc.). Where the total damage/stolen of the crime is UNDER \$5,000, this includes:

1. Damage/Mischief to property
2. Damage/Mischief to vehicle
3. Lost property
4. Theft
5. Theft from vehicle
6. Supplemental reports
7. Road Watch (driving complaints)

### Numbers to Know

**9-1-1**.....If you need police, ambulance or fire services in an emergency or if you see any crime occurring.

**905-453-3311**.....If you want to report a crime after the fact and you are not in danger. This number can also be used to get in contact with specific units and divisions for general inquiries.

**905-453-2121 ext. 4021**.....If you want to speak to an officer who specializes in crime prevention or sign up for academies/seminars offered by Peel Regional Police call Crime Prevention Services.

### Safe City Mississauga, Neighbourhood Watch

Safe City Mississauga is a charitable organization founded in 1992 to help reduce criminal opportunity and criminal victimization in Mississauga. Safe City Mississauga's Neighbourhood Watch Program increases community safety by inspiring residents to look out for their neighbour, and their neighbour's property.

### Contact Safe City Mississauga:

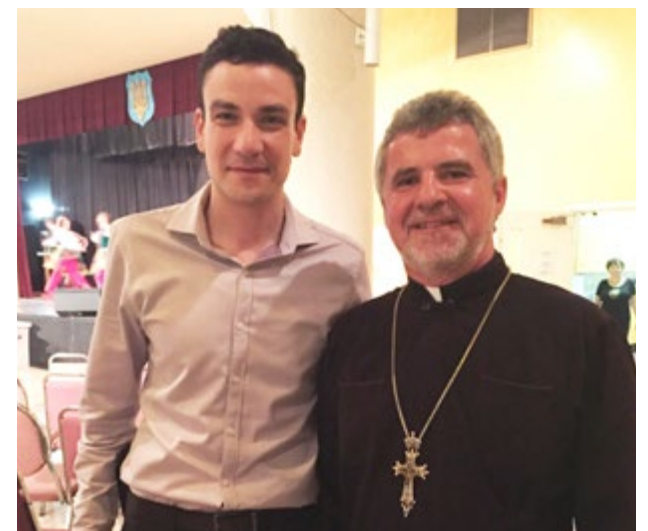
Email: [neighbourhoodwatch@safecitymississauga.on.ca](mailto:neighbourhoodwatch@safecitymississauga.on.ca)  
 Website: [safecitymississauga.on.ca](http://safecitymississauga.on.ca)

## Sheridan's Hazel McCallion Campus Expansion Now Complete

The first classes were held in Sheridan's new B-wing at Hazel McCallion Campus (HMC) in Mississauga on Monday, January 9.

The new 220,000 square foot facility features 57 state-of-the-art classrooms, studios, labs and production spaces, a Centre for Creative Thinking and a gallery space to showcase students' creativity and innovation. The new space will accommodate an additional 3,200 full-time students for a total enrollment of approximately 5,500.

For further information on Sheridan College Campus in downtown Mississauga, visit [sheridancollege.ca/about/campus-locations](http://sheridancollege.ca/about/campus-locations).



John with Father Roman Pankiw at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church.



Attending the Grand Opening of 'The Maharaja', a boutique Indian restaurant, located in the Kee Square Building at 4646 Heritage Hills Boulevard.



Cutting the ribbon for the Grand Opening of 'Gymify' at 350 Burnhamthorpe Road East.

## Carassauga Festival

The countdown is on to Carassauga 2017. Carassauga is a city-wide multicultural festival featuring live performances, artisans, food, history and culture with 31 pavilions representing over 70 cultures. On May 26, 27 and 28, come out and travel the world without leaving the City!



## Please Slow Down Lawn Signs

The 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 free from my office.

### Permitted Sign Placement:

While placing the signs, residents must ensure they do not create any sight line obstruction and do not create a hazard for users of the road.



## Upcoming Events Celebration Square

### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Fresh Air Fitness**  
Wednesdays, May 24 - August 30  
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**Lions Farmers Market**  
Wednesdays, May 24 - October 25  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Movie Nights**  
Thursdays, May 26 - September 1  
8 p.m. - 10 p.m.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

**Mississauga Halal Food Festival**  
Saturday, May 20

**Pep Rally**  
May 22, Noon - 4 p.m.

**National Public Works Week Family Fun Day**  
Saturday, May 27

**Buddha's Birthday Celebration 2017**  
Sunday, May 28

**MAC and Cheese Sauga's Got Talent Show and Festival**  
Saturday, June 3

**2017 Scotiabank Bed Race Picnic & Family Fun Day**  
Sunday, June 4

**Mississauga Polish Day**  
Saturday, June 10

**Mississauga Ukrainian Festival**  
Saturday, June 17

**Irie Music Festival**  
Friday, June 23 - Saturday, June 24

**Canada Day Celebration**  
July 1, 2017, 2 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.

**Philippine Festival of Mississauga**  
Saturday, July 8 - Sunday, July 9

**Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest**  
Thursday, July 13 - Sunday, July 16

**#BollywoodMonster Mashup**  
Friday, July 21 - Sunday, July 23

**Mississauga LATIN Festival Celebrates Canada's 150th Anniversary**  
Saturday, July 29 - Sunday, July 30

**MuslimFest 2017**  
Saturday, August 5 - Sunday, August 6

**Mosaic 2017 - South Asian Festival of Mississauga**  
Friday, August 11 - Saturday, August 12

**Mississauga ITALFEST - Ferragosto in the City**  
Friday, August 18 - Saturday, August 19

**Japan Festival CANADA 2017**  
Saturday, August 26 - Sunday, August 27

**SoundBites**  
September 2, 5 p.m. - 11 p.m.

**Viet Summer Fest**  
Saturday, September 9

**Tour de Mississauga**  
Sunday, September 17

**Earth Market**  
Saturday, September 23

**2017 Community Crime Awareness Day - A Celebration of Cultural Diversity**  
Saturday, September 30

**Diwali RazzMatazz**  
Friday, October 13 - Saturday, October 14

For more information and for more events happening at Mississauga's Celebration Square, visit [mississauga.ca/celebrationsquare](http://mississauga.ca/celebrationsquare).

# Hurontario

Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project

## Facts

### What You Need to Know:

The Hurontario LRT will bring 20 kilometres of fast, reliable, rapid transit to the cities of Mississauga and Brampton along the Hurontario corridor.

20 kilometres from Port Credit GO to Brampton Gateway Terminal.

22 stops with connections to 2 GO Transit lines, Mississauga MiWay, Brampton Züm, and the Mississauga Transitway along Highway 403.

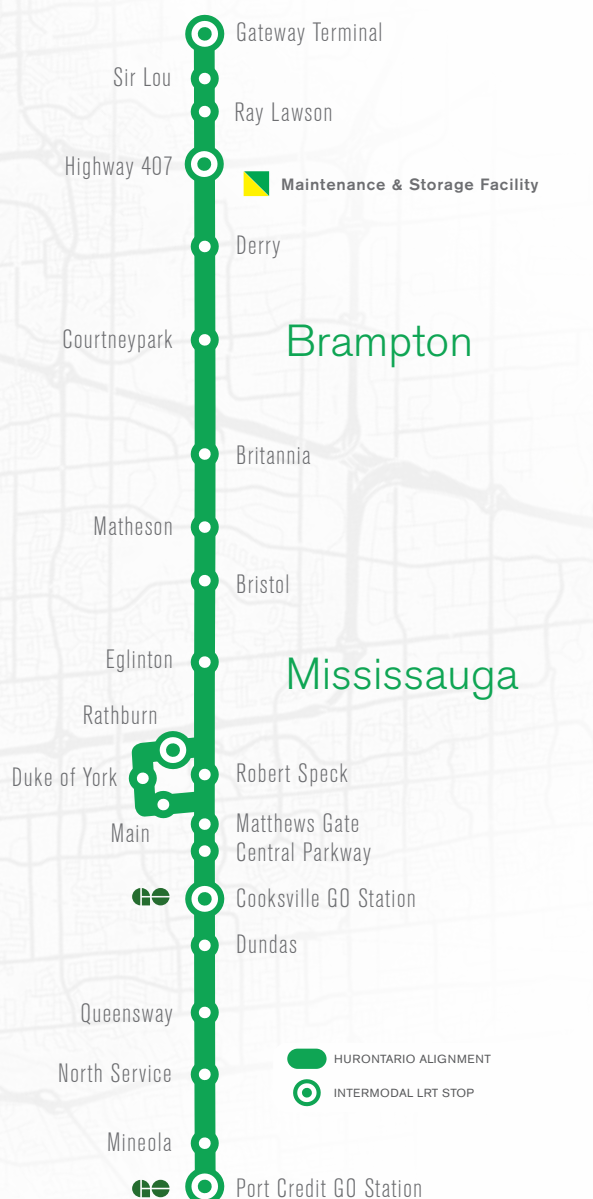
New, modern light rail vehicles will travel in a dedicated right-of-way.

Construction will begin in 2018, with anticipated completion in 2022.

Funded through a \$1.4 billion commitment from the Province of Ontario.

A signature project as part of the Moving Ontario Forward plan.

Metrolinx is working with the cities of Brampton and Mississauga to ready the project for construction.



## Did You Know...



The City of Mississauga is developing a long-term plan for the Dundas Street Corridor. The plan will shape the future look and feel of Dundas, focusing on transit, land-use, and public space. Visit [dundasconnects.ca](http://dundasconnects.ca) to learn more.

## Family Day Fun Swim Hosted by Councillor Kovac

The Family Day Fun Swim was held at the Mississauga Valley Community Centre on February 19th. There was a great turn-out! Hold the date for next year's swim/skate on **Sunday, February 18th, 2018.**



Did You Know...



Youth ages 12-14 can get unlimited free rides within Mississauga on MiWay and unlimited free public swimming at City of Mississauga indoor and outdoor pools? Visit [mississauga.ca/freedompass](http://mississauga.ca/freedompass) for more information.

## Square One Older Adult Centre Relocating in 2017

After 24 years at Mississauga's Square One Shopping Centre, the Square One Older Adult Centre (SOOAC) is pleased to announce that it will soon be relocating to the Central Parkway Mall. Mississauga City Council provided approval for City staff to proceed with a lease agreement and significant capital improvements to the space at its December 14, 2016 meeting. The leased space at Square One is set to expire in September 2017; however, there is some flexibility with timing to coincide with the renovations happening at the new space.

The Centre has been working with the City of Mississauga, including my office and me, to secure this exciting new space for the city's growing older adult population.

Upon relocation, the Centre will also be changing its name to the Active Adult Centre of Mississauga, a name which better reflects the vibrancy and vitality of its members and the new 8,600 square foot program and activity space.

"We are very appreciative to the City of Mississauga for investing in the visionary work of our Centre," said Alice Dods, SOOAC Board President. "Our members are eager to make this new home their own. We are so thankful for the role Councillor Kovac and others, played in ensuring this wonderful result."

Since 1992 Square One Older Adult Centre, a registered charity, has offered a vast array of health, fitness, social, educational, volunteer and multicultural programs that have enriched the lives of older adults in Mississauga. The organization strives to improve health, foster well-being, and reduce isolation by creating opportunities for older adults to remain active, independent, and engaged in their community.



John with Linda Salb, Alice Dods and fellow Square One Older Adult Centre Board of Directors, after sharing the positive news.

For more information about the Older Adult Centre or other programs for Older Adults, please visit: [mississauga.ca/olderadults](http://mississauga.ca/olderadults) or email [olderadults@mississauga.ca](mailto:olderadults@mississauga.ca).

- Linda Salb, Executive Director, Square One Older Adult Centre

Please join Councillor Kovac for a

**FREE**  
**Community**  
**BBQ**



Let's all get together to celebrate  
**Canada's 150th Birthday!**  
Mississauga Valley Community Park

**Saturday, May 13th, 2017**  
**12 noon - 3 pm**

Lots of fun activities for all ages  
Local artists

Community information and great food  
(Vegetarian and Halal options available)

## KNOW WHO TO CALL

Visit [mississauga.ca](http://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

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