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## Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your representative on Mississauga City Council and on Peel Regional Council.

I am pleased to share with you my summer 2022 newsletter, which contains information and highlights of what is happening in our Ward 8 community and across the city.

While COVID-19 continues to be present, we are seeing brighter days ahead. City facilities are open with classes, programs and activities running for all to enjoy. As well, venues such as the Living Arts Centre, the Paramount Fine Foods Centre and Mississauga Celebration Square are also warmly welcoming us back with a variety of shows, concerts, sporting events and more.

This summer, I encourage you to get out and explore all that our community and city has to offer – parks, trails, pools,

splash pads, sport courts, libraries, outdoor festivals – there is truly something for everyone.

As always, I welcome your thoughts and ideas of how we can continue to make Ward 8 and Mississauga a wonderful place to live.

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer and please remember my staff and I are here to assist you with any questions or issues you may have.

For the latest news and information, please visit my website at [mattmahoney.ca](http://mattmahoney.ca)

Warmest regards,

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## Permanently Raising the Every Child Matters Flag

On February 16, we raised an Indigenous flag for the first time in Mississauga. We raised The Every Child Matters flag, which was created to bring awareness to the residential school experience. It will fly permanently outside City Hall on City Centre Dr.



Proud to stand beside **Gimma (Chief) Stacy Laforme, Mayor Crombie** and **Members of Council** on the day we raised the Every Child Matters flag to symbolize the City of Mississauga's commitment to Truth and Reconciliation.

## Proud Hosts for the 2022 Ontario Parasport Games and 2022 Ontario Summer Games



This year, I am very proud to be one of the Host Councillors for both the 2022 Parasport Games and the 2022 Ontario Summer Games. Combined, the Games will contribute an estimated \$5.5M in economic activity to Mississauga.

In May, we proudly welcomed 500 Parasport athletes, coaches, sport assistants and officials along with their family and friends to Mississauga. It was three days of impressive competition that ran from

May 13 to 15. Athletes competed in nine different sports and it was truly inspirational to watch these athletes compete for top honours and witness their impressive skills, strength and determination.

We are now busily getting ready for the Ontario Summer Games, taking place from July 21 to 24. We will welcome 3,500 athletes, coaches and officials as well as their family and friends to our great city. The athletes, ranging in age from 12 to 18 years, will compete in 17 different sports. The Ontario Summer Games will kick off with an Opening Ceremony on July 21 at Mississauga Celebration Square complete with athlete parade, special remarks from dignitaries and ending with a headlining concert. Everyone is invited to attend all the free events, venues and competitions.

I look forward to seeing you at the Games!  
For Games information and updates visit, [sauga2022games.ca](http://sauga2022games.ca)



# Aerial Spray Combats Invasive Species

The City of Mississauga conducted an aerial spray this spring on both public and private lands in Ward 8 as well as several other areas in Mississauga. The spray was necessary to manage *Lymantria dispar dispar* (LDD), formerly known as gypsy moth.

As LDD caterpillars grow, they consume large quantities of tree leaves. They have the ability to quickly strip trees of their leaves, leading to the tree becoming weak and open to potential disease. The City's current Integrated Pest Management (IPM) measures such as tree banding, tree injections, ground spraying and egg scraping were no longer enough to control the population.

The total area being treated is approximately 2,100 hectares (5,189 acres). As part of the program, two applications of Btk are being applied in affected areas, pending weather. Fine droplets of Insecticide Foray 48B, which contains the active ingredient *Bacillus thuringiensis* subspecies *kurstaki* (Btk), were sprayed across treetops by a low flying helicopter.

Btk is only toxic in the caterpillar stage of the LDD life cycle and does not affect adult moths or butterflies. It is a naturally occurring bacterium found in soil and has been approved by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency, an agency of Health Canada, for aerial use over urban areas. According to Health Canada,



Btk treatment is considered low-risk to human health and the environment and is an effective pesticide that has been used globally for more than 30 years to successfully manage LDD populations.

To learn more about the City's aerial spray program and IPM efforts, visit [mississauga.ca/2022spray](https://mississauga.ca/2022spray)



Proudly celebrating a donation of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors through **Project Zero** to be installed in off-campus housing of Mississauga post-secondary schools.



Celebrating with **Nav Bhatia** at the ground breaking of a new Genesis Dealership in Ward 8.

## Wildlife Feeding



While feeding ducks at the park might sound enchanting and magical – it does more harm than good. You might think you're helping a poor little animal find food but you're just adding to a bigger problem. More and more wildlife species like robins, squirrels and chipmunks are becoming dependant on humans for food.

If you're feeding wild animals food like bread, nuts or leftovers, chances are, someone else is too. It only conditions these animals to rely on humans for food. As a consequence, wildlife start to worry less

about finding their own food and become more dependant on humans.

So please, don't feed wildlife. It has consequences and can cause animals to:

- Become dependent on artificial food sources and stop searching for food naturally. This is not healthy and can lead to illness or disease.
- Lose their natural fear of humans and pets, and become more likely to approach you.
- Gather in large numbers when food is easily available – leading to more diseases and may destroy natural habitats.

Wild animals like raccoons, birds, foxes and coyotes should always look for food and shelter on their own. This is important since it helps wildlife develop and maintain their natural adaptation skills for long-term survival. It's also important so that wildlife aren't scavenging properties for food or becoming aggressive, expecting food when they come across humans.

Feeding wildlife also has negative impacts for people, including:

- Attracting other unwanted pests, such as rats and mice, which can attract larger predators like coyotes that can prey on neighbourhood pets.
- Increasing nuisance wildlife activity and unsanitary conditions – such as raccoons taking up residences in attics, skunks burrowing beneath sheds or bird droppings that can damage property and pose a health risk.
- Entering urban areas, putting them in danger of being hit by vehicles and causing accidents, resulting in property damage, injury or death.
- Posing a health risk when animals get too close to you if they're carrying diseases like rabies.

Under the City's Animal Care and Control By-law – feeding wildlife is illegal. There is a \$300 minimum fine for feeding wildlife. This includes leaving food out, food waste and disposing of food in natural areas.

To learn more about urban wildlife visit [mississauga.ca/wildlife](https://mississauga.ca/wildlife).



# Keeping Mississauga Beautiful

While the warmer weather brings sunshine and fun, it also brings long grass and weeds complaints. Please remember as a homeowner, you are responsible for maintaining your property in accordance with all City by-laws. This includes ensuring clearing your property of all tall grass and nuisance weeds, including the area beyond your fence as well as the boulevard side of the sidewalk.

In addition, City Council recently approved changes to the Property Standards By-law. The proposed changes, which will help City staff address property standards and lot maintenance issues, include:

- **Two new fees:** \$350 for properties that fail a re-inspection and remain non-compliant, and a \$430 administrative fee or 15 per cent of the total cost when remediation by City staff is required.
- **Introduction of a Three-year Proactive Inspection Pilot Program:** that will apply to unfinished, abandoned, vacant and derelict properties; properties with a history of non-compliance; areas where violations occur most frequently and other properties identified by Enforcement staff.
- **By-law Amendments and Enhanced Enforcement:** to manage hoarding and construction fencing issues; vacant and derelict buildings; and for controlling water drainage from sump pumps and catch basins.



Mississauga is a beautiful city and we want to keep it that way. The new pilot program and proposed fees will provide stronger deterrents and enhance the City's responsiveness to by-law violations which in turn, we expect will lead to greater compliance.

To submit a property standards complaint, please contact **311**.

For more information, visit [mississauga.ca/propertystandards](https://mississauga.ca/propertystandards)

## Sharing our Roads

Recently, Council voted to update our by-laws to prohibit drivers from parking and stopping in bike lanes.

You can now receive a fine of \$55 if you stop or park your vehicle in a bike lane.

In Mississauga, we have painted bike lanes and it's not uncommon to see drivers encroach on, stop or park in them. When this happens, it forces cyclists to merge onto the road with vehicles, which can be dangerous. We often see this happening where parking exists to the right of the bike lane - where drivers must cross the bike lane to access the parking such as what is on South Millway near the Glen Erin Trail entrance.

If you see someone parking or stopping in a bike lane, you're encouraged to call 311 so that the location can be flagged.

For more information about cycling in Mississauga, visit [mississaugabikes.ca](https://mississaugabikes.ca).



## Coyote Safety



Coyotes are intelligent, adaptable and resourceful animals who have found a permanent home in Mississauga. They are an important part of our ecosystem and contribute to keeping it healthy by managing wildlife populations and keeping them under control. By nature, coyotes are territorial and cover an expansive area.

As more people are out using public spaces and parks, the frequency of coyote sightings has gone up since the onset of the pandemic. Over the last several months, the City has received more than 370 reports of coyote sightings - many repeat sightings of the same coyotes in a specific area. We have had a few in the Ward 8 area along the Credit River, around the Erin Mills Town Centre as well as around some of the parks. All sightings are added to the City's interactive coyote map.

Our Animal Services staff continue to educate residents about coyotes and conduct patrols in areas where intentional feeding is a concern. Most interactions with coyotes are the result of accessible food sources and intentional feeding by residents. This creates a long-term problem for both the wildlife and Mississauga neighbourhoods.

### Consequences of feeding coyotes:

- It changes their normal behaviours - coyotes are normally not a threat to people but can become a nuisance or act boldly when people interfere by feeding them
- Habituated coyote behaviour may result in incidents with pets
- Bold coyote behaviour can lead to preying on neighbourhood pets
- It can cause illness or disease to the coyote

### If you are seeing coyotes in your neighbourhood, remember:

- Never feed coyotes
- Don't leave food outdoors
- Discard food scraps or waste properly in parks and green spaces
- Bring in all outdoor pet food as soon as it's consumed
- Don't Feed Wildlife! It Isn't a Good Thing

For more information, visit [mississauga.ca/wildlife](https://mississauga.ca/wildlife)



## Trail Etiquette

The City’s network of shared pathways and trails is expansive and provides pedestrians and cyclists alike with opportunities to visit Mississauga landmarks and see more of their city.

In Ward 8, you can enjoy the multi-use trail along Burnhamthorpe Road, running errands or checking out local restaurants along the way or the Glen Erin Trail that runs between Erin Mills Parkway and Mississauga Road. Consider visiting the scenic, unpaved Sawmill Valley Trail that winds its way along the Sawmill River from Burnhamthorpe Road to The Collegeway.

Whether you’re just starting to discover Mississauga’s network of shared pathways and multi-use trails or have been using the network for years, make sure to brush up on trail etiquette before you head out.

- Always keep to the right of the trail, particularly if you are traveling at a slower speed.

- Always pass others on their left. When passing another cyclist or pedestrian, cyclists must use their bell or give a friendly, verbal warning before passing.
- Cyclists should keep their speed low when passing pedestrians and be extra cautious around older adults, children and pets.
- Don’t block the trail. If stopping for a break, pull off to the side or off of the trail completely, allowing trail traffic to continue safely.

For more tips, visit [mississaugabikes.ca](https://mississaugabikes.ca)



## We’re Renovating for the Better



The South Common Community Centre & Library is vital to Ward 8.

Knowing the facility is at the heart of our community – we are working to ensure your ideas and feedback are incorporated into planning and design. Earlier this year, we conducted a public engagement survey that asked for input on a number of aspects including programming, design and features. I’m pleased to say that we received over 1,400 responses that are helping guide the priorities as we move forward. We are now moving into the design phase which is scheduled to begin this month. A Public Engagement Information meeting is also being planned for the end of the year where we will share and present some design concepts.

We expect shovels to hit the ground in 2024.

For more information visit: [mississauga.ca/projects-and-strategies/city-projects/south-common-community-centre-and-library-renovation](https://mississauga.ca/projects-and-strategies/city-projects/south-common-community-centre-and-library-renovation)

## Funding Boost for Transit

In the spring, Mayor Bonnie Crombie joined Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and the Minister of Transportation Stan Cho to announce a \$675 million funding investment for transit in Mississauga to support the development of the Dundas Bus Rapid Transit corridor, upgrade existing bus corridors and purchase new hybrid buses.



## Did You Know?



### Summer Camps

South Common Community Centre and Library offers a variety of summer camp options. Camps begin the week of July 4 and run until September 2, 2022. You can register at [activemississauga.ca](https://activemississauga.ca)

### Cool Off with a Splash

The City has several outdoor pools and numerous splash pads including ones located at Pheasant Run Park and South Common Park in Ward 8. Visit [mississauga.ca/staycool](https://mississauga.ca/staycool) for a listing of all locations.

### Outdoor Fitness Fun

We have three outdoor fitness areas in Ward 8 located at King’s Masting Park,

Crawford Green and Brookmede Park. They include stationary fitness equipment and instructional exercise signage.

### Shop Local

This summer, show your love for our Mississauga businesses by shopping and supporting local. **#MississaugaMade** businesses are counting on your support as they rebuild, so please get out there and explore your neighbourhood!

Explore hundreds of local **#MississaugaMade** businesses in the online directory at [mississaugamade.ca](https://mississaugamade.ca)



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## KNOW WHO TO CALL

**211** is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel Region. Examples include:

- doctors accepting patients
- employment leads
- social housing resources

**311** provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Mississauga. Examples include:

- municipal property taxes
- parking enforcement
- parks and forestry inquiries

**911** for life-threatening emergencies or crimes. Examples include:

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

Visit [mississauga.ca](https://mississauga.ca) for more information.

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