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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

As the winter season settles in, I want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative on both Mississauga City Council and Peel Regional Council. In addition to being your Councillor, I'm also proud to be the Deputy Mayor, supporting Mayor Parrish and representing Mississauga at new business openings, funding announcements and community celebrations.

I'm pleased to share my latest winter newsletter with you, filled with updates on what's happening in Ward 8 and beyond. In this edition, you'll find the latest news on the revitalization of the South Common Community Centre and enhancements of the park. You'll also find information about City programs and services that can make your winter a little easier and more enjoyable.

This year, we celebrated Mississauga's 50th anniversary! To wrap up this milestone year, we're sealing our time capsule, filled with a variety of items that showcase what our city is like today. This time capsule will be opened on the occasion of the City's 75th anniversary. A big thank you to everyone who shared their stories and joined us at the many events—we couldn't have done it without your enthusiasm and support!

As a Council, we've completed our City budget discussions and deliberations. We've worked hard to develop a budget that ensures we can continue to provide top-quality programs and services while also planning for the future. This includes investing in public safety, seniors, arts and culture as well as connected and convenient transportation options and resilient infrastructure to withstand climate changes and more intense storms.

As always, your feedback is important to me. My team and I are here to assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

Wishing you all a safe, joyful, and peaceful holiday season. I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together in the year ahead.

For the latest news and information, please visit my website at mattmahoney.ca.

Warmest regards,

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Update - South Common Community Centre and Library



Groundbreaking for our new South Common Community Centre and Library

I am very excited that work is underway, and shovels are in the ground building our new community centre and library. While it will take some time, I am looking forward to what the new space will mean for our community.

For over 40 years, the South Common Community Centre has been a central hub, and this renovation will ensure that it continues to be a welcoming and vibrant space for everyone.

Key features of the renovation include:

- New equipment-based fitness centre with cardio machines, weights, and fitness studio with wood sprung floor; walking track and squash courts and sauna
- New aquatics centre with 25-meter six lane pool, warm water therapy pool
- New gymnasium
- Updated library with a larger children's area, new makerspace with a recording booth, design computers, digital photography tools, robotics equipment, larger programming space, quiet and group study spaces, bookable small meeting rooms and comfortable lounge seating and reading areas
- New multi-purpose program spaces

For ongoing project updates, please visit mississauga.ca/southcommon

Update South Common Event Space



I'm pleased to share that construction on the new event space at South Common Park is now complete. This new community space, located where the former T-ball diamond stood, has been transformed into a safe, accessible, and versatile venue for all to enjoy.

New Features Include:

- Picnic seating and gathering space
- Multi-use court and open lawn area
- Trail connection with lighting
- Electrical outlets for events
- Bicycle parking and removable bollards
- Accessible seating and tree planting
- Lit shade structure

This upgraded event space will serve as a hub for outdoor events, community gatherings, and recreation. I look forward to seeing it in full use next season.

Lace Up Your Skates and Get on the Ice, Mississauga!



As the chilly winter weather settles in, it's the perfect time to get outside and keep active by enjoying some skating on our Woodhurst Heights outdoor rink or at Mississauga Celebration Square.

Outdoor Skating Rinks:

Woodhurst Heights Park
3475 Ash Row Crescent

This outdoor neighbourhood rink is right in our community. Weather permitting, this rink is open daily from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Learn more: mississauga.ca/skating

Mississauga Celebration Square
300 City Centre Drive
Open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.
It's a fantastic spot for skating under the lights!

Learn more:
mississauga.ca/wintermagic

Reminder: Always check rink conditions before heading out!

Stay Safe – Avoid Frozen Lakes and Ponds!



While it might look like fun to skate on frozen ponds, please stay away from all frozen natural bodies of water in Mississauga which is not only dangerous but also against the City's Parks By-law.

If you're planning to walk, snowshoe or toboggan with children and pets, it's important to stay away from ice close to the shore and riverbank. The ice may appear safe, but it can be uneven, slippery and dangerous.

If you see anyone or a pet fall through the ice, call 911 immediately. Don't try to rescue them yourself!

Winter Road Safety: Stay Alert and Drive Responsibly

There's always a lot to celebrate in December, but it's important to do so responsibly.

With darker days and many people out running errands and going to events, there's a higher risk for collisions on Mississauga roads. It's important to be aware, stay alert and travel according to the conditions.

There are serious consequences for distracted driving and impaired driving so please, put your phone down and stay focused on the road at all times, and don't drive impaired.

Be sure you always have a safe plan for getting home - consider assigning a designated driver, taking MiWay, GO Transit, rideshare or a taxi to get home safely.

Winter Driving Tips:

- **Slow Down:** In snow and ice, reduce your speed and allow more space between vehicles.
- **Give Snowplows Room:** Snowplows need space to clear roads safely, so stay behind them.
- **Clear Your Vehicle:** Make sure your windows, mirrors, roof, and headlights are clear of snow and ice.

Learn more: mississauga.ca/roadsafety



Winter Waste Management in Parks

The City maintains 3,162 hectares (7,813 acres) of parkland—including more than 500 parks, 373 sports fields, 327 km of trails, 266 playgrounds, 12 cemeteries and two marinas. The City's Parks Operations Team manages waste collection at all City parks, trails, spray pads and sports fields.

During the winter, as park and trail use declines, waste containers are scaled back and removed before significant winter weather hits. There will still be waste containers available in our parks and along the trails but they will be located in high-traffic areas and near entrances. They will continue to be emptied on a regularly scheduled basis. Any waste containers removed in the winter will return in the spring.

Please help keep our parks clean by disposing waste, including dog waste, properly and if you come across a container that is full, please report it by calling 311.

Learn more: mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/home-and-yard/report-litter-or-dumping/



Fire Safety Tips for a Safe Winter and Holiday Season



This season is a time for celebration, but also for being mindful of fire safety.

Here are some essential fire safety tips to help ensure your celebrations are safe and joyful:

- Use lights certified by a recognized testing laboratory, inspect for frayed wires or broken bulbs, and never overload outlets.
- Keep candles in sturdy holders, away from flammable items, and never leave them unattended. Consider battery-operated candles as a safer alternative.
- Water real trees regularly and keep them away from heat sources.
- Never leave cooking unattended; if you need to leave the kitchen, turn off the stove.
- Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, test them monthly, and replace batteries once a year.
- Keep fire extinguishers in key areas like the kitchen and know how to use them.
- Have and practice an escape plan with at least two exits from each room.
- Keep space heaters three feet from anything that can burn and turn them off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- Use a chimney screen to prevent sparks from flying out; ensure it's clean and have your it inspected annually.
- Handle lithium-ion battery devices carefully. Follow manufacturer instructions and use the provided charging equipment. Never charge devices while sleeping or on a couch or bed.

To learn more about fire safety and how to keep you and your family safe, visit mississauga.ca/firesafety

MiWay Supports Riders with Invisible Disabilities



I am pleased to share that Mississauga is the first municipal transit provider in Canada to join the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program. This program empowers MiWay customers with invisible disabilities to wear a Sunflower lanyard, which discreetly informs transit staff that they need more support, help, patience, or time. Designed to support and improve the travel experience of riders with hidden disabilities, the program aims to make travel on MiWay smooth, seamless and respectful.

In Mississauga, more than 201,000 people live with a disability, and the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program highlights that 80 per cent of these disabilities are not visible to others. The program acknowledges various hidden conditions, including Attention Deficient and Hyperactivity Disorder, autism, dementia, hearing loss, low vision, anxiety, and epilepsy. As a City, it's our responsibility to ensure that our community is accessible and inclusive.

If you or someone you know would benefit from the program, Sunflower lanyards are available at the City Centre Transit Terminal or by emailing miwayhelps@mississauga.ca

Learn more: mississauga.ca/miway-transit/announcements

Mississauga's Snow Clearing - What You Need to Know

Winter weather can bring heavy snow, but our snow-clearing crews are ready to keep roads, bike lanes, sidewalks, and priority areas clear. The City follows a priority route system and this infrastructure is cleared first.

Here's what to expect during snow events:

- After a snowfall, crews focus on clearing priority roads, priority sidewalks, bus stops, roadside multi-use trails, pedestrian crossings, on-street bike lanes, parking lots and entrances connected to community centres, arenas and libraries first. It can take 12-24 hours to clear these after the snow has stopped.
- City crews then move on to clearing residential roads, park trails, pathways and easements to schools. It can take 24-36 hours to clear these once the snow has stopped.
- Residential roads are not cleared to bare pavement but are cleared to be safe and passable for vehicles. Some snowpack may be left on the road.

You can track the progress of the City's plows and sidewalk-clearing equipment using the [online plow tracker](#).

Safety Tips

- Give plows lots of space and drive according to weather conditions.
- When it snows, remove parked vehicles on residential streets. Parked vehicles can limit or block snowplows from clearing the snow.
- Clear your walkway and sidewalk so that others can travel safely. Consider offering to help those who may need assistance.
- Use salt according to the manufacturer's instructions to minimize the impact on the environment. If you see oversalting at one of our MiWay bus stops, you can report it by calling 311.
- Clear snow and ice off your vehicle, including all windows, headlights, roof and hood before you head out.
- Consider wearing appropriate footwear to avoid slips and falls and installing winter tires for better traction

Stay updated on snow clearing in Mississauga

- Visit mississauga.ca/snow to learn more about snow clearing in the city.



- Visit mississauga.ca/temporaryparking to find out if winter on-street parking restrictions are in effect and if temporary parking permits are suspended due to a weather event.
- Follow [@MississaugaSnow](#) on X for timely snow-clearing updates.
- Call **311** (905-615-4311 if outside city limits) for questions related to the City's snow clearing operations or to report a missed street after the level of service timelines have ended.

Pet Winter Safety Tips



As the temperature drops, don't forget to look out for your furry friends. Winter weather can be harsh on pets, especially those with thinner coats.

Here are some quick tips to keep your pets safe and warm:

- **Winter Walks:** Keep walks short during cold spells, and always keep dogs on a leash to avoid losing sight of them in snowy conditions.
- **Pet Apparel:** Dogs with short coats may need sweaters or jackets to stay warm.
- **Protect Their Paws:** After walks, clean off snow and salt from paws to prevent irritation.
- **Indoor Comfort:** Keep pets inside during extreme weather, and make sure they have a cozy spot to rest.

Adequate Temperature By-Law



As winter temperatures fluctuate, it's important to remember Mississauga has an **Adequate Temperature By-Law**, which ensures landlords maintain a temperature of at least 20°C in rental units during colder months.

This by-law helps ensure residents are safe and comfortable, especially when the weather gets extreme. Violating this by-law can lead to fines of up to \$100,000.

Landlords and tenants alike should stay aware of their responsibilities to keep homes warm during winter.

Learn more: mississauga.ca/propertystandards

Winter Fun in Mississauga



This winter, I invite you to explore two of Mississauga's most vibrant spots: **Celebration Square** and the **Living Arts Centre**. Each offers a wide variety of activities that are perfect for all ages.

Whether you're looking to enjoy a cozy indoor concert, have a fun family outing, or take a leisurely stroll through sparkling light displays with a hot chocolate in hand, there's something for everyone.

Celebration Square has been transformed into a winter wonderland, complete with stunning light displays, art installations, and exciting programming. Don't miss the festivities, including a fantastic New Year's Eve celebration on December 31.

Our Living Arts Centre has a fantastic lineup of live events this winter. From symphonies to hip-hop, nostalgic rock, ballet, hypnotism, comedy, and more, I'm sure you'll find something that peaks your interest!

To learn more about all the great fun planned visit: mississauga.ca/celebrationsquare and mississauga.ca/living-arts-centre

Councillor and Deputy Mayor Committee List

City Committees

- City Council
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Advertising Review Panel
- Budget Committee
- Environmental Action Committee (Chair)
- General Committee (Chair)
- Governance Committee (Vice-Chair)
- Mississauga Public Library Board
- Planning and Development Committee

Regional Committees

- Region of Peel Council
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Credit Valley Conservation
- Regional Budget Committee
- Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee



Celebrating our police services with Chief Nishan and raising funds for ProAction Cops and Kids at the third annual gala.



Pleased to be part of the announcement for more housing in Mississauga at 1 Port Street East in Mississauga



All-Nations powwow at University of Toronto Mississauga

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 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes. Examples include:

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

Visit mississauga.ca for more information.

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