



Ward 9 Report

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Message from Your Councillor

Welcome to the fall, 2001 Ward 9 Report. I have tried to cover as many topics as possible that may be of interest to you. If you have a question or concern on these or any other issues, please contact me at any time.

I have moved the Ward 9 Web site to its own domain at www.ward9.ca and will update it with information relevant to the Ward so check it often. I also send out regular e-mail newsletters to those subscribed to the Ward 9 newsletter. Visit my Web site for information on how to join.

Ward 9 continues to grow with the new community of Churchill

Meadows underway. Lisgar and Central Erin Mills are nearing completion. New businesses continue to open in the Meadowvale Business Park providing jobs for the community. Ward 9 is the second largest Ward in the city with more than 85,000 residents, and still growing.

My office continues to be very busy with hundreds of daily requests. I do try to view every letter, e-mail or call and respond directly wherever possible. In order to expedite your issues as quickly as possible, my assistant Brenda Luckhurst is available to take your call and ensure it is directed to the correct staff. She will call you back with an answer as soon as possible. We work

together to get the job done for you as fast and as efficiently as we can.

My office is here to help you with any City or Region of Peel issues. If your issue isn't related

to the City or Region, we will make sure you are directed to the right person at any other level of government. Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Recycling and Garbage Collection

Blue and Grey Box Recycling is collected weekly

A three bag limit for garbage began in 2001 with a phased in approach:

- **Phase One - June 2001** compliance education phase - Complimentary garbage tags must be placed on bags or containers in excess of three
- **Phase Two - February 2002** Garbage bags in excess of three without the mandatory complimentary tag will be left behind

• **Phase Three - September 2002** - A nominal fee will be charged for tags for excess bags

• **Three 'Amnesty Weeks'** will be provided per year: first week of January, the week after Victoria Day in May and the week after Labour Day in September

Furniture, bulky items, large appliances and large metal items are not considered part of the Three Bag Limit

For more information contact: WASTELINE at 905-791-9499.

Erin Meadows Community Centre and Library Grand Opening Celebration

On **Saturday, September 15**, I have the pleasure of hosting the Official Opening Celebration for Ward 9's newest facility - the Erin Meadows Community Centre and Library - and I hope you will join me. Activities begin at 10 a.m. and continue until 4 p.m. with the formal ceremony starting at 11 a.m.

Erin Meadows opened its doors to our community on July 3, 2001 and hundreds of residents have already enjoyed recreational swimming, the library and a sampling of future library, recreation and active living programs. This multi-use facility is the first of its kind in Mississauga and I am extremely pleased residents of Ward 9 will be able to enjoy its many benefits.

Erin Meadows is located at 2800 Erin Centre Boulevard, opposite the Erin Mills Town Centre. It represents a unique partnership between the City of Mississauga, the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board and the Mississauga Public

Library Board. The facility features a 22,000 square foot library, a 25 metre, 6 lane swimming pool and tot learning pool, multi-purpose rooms, and active living space for dance and

recreational programs. It is also home to the 214,000 square foot St. Aloysius Gonzaga Catholic Secondary School.

This unique facility could not have been achieved without the



Names Needed for Erin Meadows Rooms

The rooms at the Erin Meadows Community Centre need names and I am inviting the community to make suggestions. Names are needed for the multi-purpose and meeting rooms and should reflect the community of

Central Erin Mills. Names can be historical or of other significance. Please send your ideas to me at pat.saito@city.mississauga.on.ca or fax to me at 905-896-5463 or call 905-896-5900.

hard work and dedication of the staff at the City of Mississauga and the Dufferin-Peel Separate School Board. Also very integral to the realization of this partnership were the community representatives on the initial steering committee - Mike Harwood and Mark Hollingsworth. These residents attended numerous meetings with me and the steering committee and provided valuable input from the community's perspective.

When we started planning the complex, I insisted on the formation of a Community Advisory Committee to work with the community centre, library and school staff on an ongoing basis. This committee, which includes myself, local representatives and the separate board trustee, will meet regularly to ensure that staff are aware of any community concerns and to make programming suggestions.

For more for information, please call Erin Meadows Community Centre and Library at 905-569-9100.

What You Should Know About Our Natural Areas

Whether it's hiking, bird-watching, fishing or just simply enjoying the scenery, many residents make good use of our city's natural areas. You don't have to travel very far from most neighbourhoods to experience nature in Mississauga.

In Ward 9, we are fortunate to have such preserved areas as the Lisgar Meadow Brook trail and Mullet Creek trail. These areas were designated to be preserved in a natural state many years ago when the initial concept plans for the communities were developed.

The natural beauty of these areas is for all to enjoy but with that enjoyment comes the responsibility of stewardship. In order to preserve these lands we must understand their fragility. In many cases, residents unwittingly take part in activities that threaten the delicate balance that exists between the natural areas and our urban environment.

It is costly for taxpayers when City staff must restore the

damage caused by people who innocently take part in activities that threaten these fragile areas. More important than dollars, it is impossible to quantify the costs associated with irreparable damage caused to our natural ecosystem. The City of Mississauga is working hard to preserve our natural areas but we will only be successful with your help.

In Lisgar, the Lisgar Residents' Association (LRA) has played a vital role in the preservation of the Lisgar Meadow Brook trail as a natural area. For the past 10 years, under the LRA's organization, residents have helped plant thousands of wildflowers, trees and shrubs within the natural floodplain lands. Students of West Credit Secondary School have joined with staff of CIBA Specialty Chemicals to adopt the Mullet Creek area and have spent many hours doing clean-ups and planting in this area.

There are many innocent acts that have resulted in costly damage to our naturalized areas:

- Cutting natural grasses causes the infiltration of problem seeds such as burdock and poison ivy.
- Backwashing pool water into natural lands causes bank deterioration, erosion, and deposits chemicals into the ecosystem.
- Dumping grass clippings and brush may lead to rat infestations, which are extremely difficult to remove once they become established.
- Failing to pick up dog droppings makes areas unsightly and unsafe for children.
- Encroaching on natural areas for personal use such as landscaping, adding structures such as stairs or play equipment and removing the forest undergrowth upsets the natural ecosystem.
- Introducing invasive species to the area may out-compete and push-out native plants.

I hope you will appreciate the importance of becoming a steward of our natural areas and help preserve them for present and future generations.

For more information about our natural areas, please contact Eugene Furgieule at 905-615-3736.



Lisgar Residents Association

This very active residents association serves the community of Lisgar bounded by Britannia Road, Ninth Line, Tenth Line and Derry Road. The LRA reviews and comments on development applications in the community, organises the annual tree planting and picnic each May in Lisgar Meadow Brook Park and represents the community on

numerous issues. For information, contact Neil Evans at 905-824-2991 or by e-mail at: weldon@total.net

Skateboard Park Survey

The City has been working for some time towards the development of skateboard parks. The Skateboard committee, which includes myself, Councillor Dale and City staff,

want skateboard users to provide input into how these parks will be built. Have your say; visit the City of Mississauga's Web site at www.city.mississauga.on.ca/rec&parks/skateboard.htm



Road Works

Eglinton Avenue was closed from June 30 for reconstruction between Winston Churchill and Ninth Line.

In 2002, new full right turn lanes will be constructed at Derry Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard. Derry Road will have an additional eastbound curb lane from Millcreek Drive to Argentinia Road.

Development Updates for Ward 9

Meadowvale Police Station Expands

After four years in its present location, the Meadowvale Reporting Centre will be expanding to become a full Community Police Station. The station will remain in Meadowvale Town Centre but move into larger premises adjacent to the Meadowvale Library's future location on the main level near Dominion.

The Dam Looks for a New Home

One of the casualties of the Meadowvale Town Centre renovations is the Dam Youth Drop-in. Started six years ago with the ongoing support of the former mall owners, Markborough Properties, the Dam has served thousands of youth in the Meadowvale area. At that time the Dam was given space at a very reduced rent but now with new owners and new plans this option has been discontinued. Although my staff and I have tried to fit the Dam in the library facility, the space we can allocate is too small to support its programs. In addition, the rent would no longer be subsidised and the Dam would be paying many times more rent for about one third the space. This means

that money now spent on youth programs would go to the mall for rent.

The Dam board and staff along with many members of the community are working towards finding a new home. Unfortunately there are few opportunities within the Town Centre area. I am still hopeful that we will find the drop-in centre a suitable temporary headquarters as well as a long-term location in the coming year.

The Drop-In campaign "Give a Dam" is running right now and any support would be most welcome. **Please contact Bill Crawford at the Dam at 905-826-6558 or by e-mail at bill@thedam.org**

Erin Mills Regional Centre

North side of Eglinton Avenue, east of Glen Erin Drive – three free standing restaurants – Wendy's/Tim Hortons, Kelsey's and Montana's scheduled to open late fall 2001/winter 2002.

North side of Eglinton Avenue, east of Winston Churchill Boulevard - three free standing restaurants – Swiss Chalet, McDonalds and Mediterraneo scheduled to open fall 2001.

Southeast corner of Erin Centre Boulevard and Winston Churchill

Boulevard – long-term care facility to accommodate 180 beds and scheduled to open winter 2002/2003.

Southwest corner Erin Centre Boulevard and Plantation Place – Daniels Group is building 135 townhouses.

Northeast corner of Hazelton and Plantation – 5 apartment buildings. There is no construction date.

Loblaws Marketplace construction is underway at Glen Erin and Eglinton. The existing Loblaws Superstore will remain open until the new store opens in spring of 2002.

Winston Churchill and 401 Area

Building Box due to open fall 2001.

Site plans in progress for:

- Pier One Imports
- Bouclair
- Business Depot
- Moore's The Suit People
- Mark's Work Wearhouse
- Sport Mart
- Home Outfitters

Proposed Loblaws Marketplaces for the southwest corner of

Argentia Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard.

Meadowvale Library News

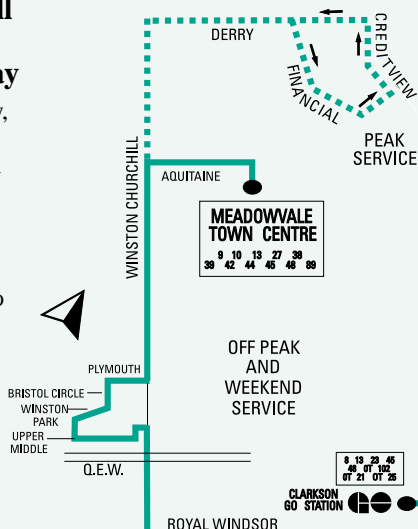
With all of the planned renovations at Meadowvale Town Centre, the library will be moving from its present location on the upper level to the lower level near Dominion. I do not have a date yet for the move but we will make every effort to ensure the service impact on patrons will be minimal during the process. The new facility will be about 17,000 square feet and have similar features as are available now. Watch my Web site for ongoing updates.

805 New Parking Spots for Meadowvale GO Station

The Meadowvale GO station is undergoing an expansion that will allow for a total of 805 new parking spaces. The proposed plan will move the buses to the area by the water tower and will add two additional entrances/exits to the station. Expected completion by summer 2002.

Route 45 Winston Churchill New Routing: Monday to Sunday

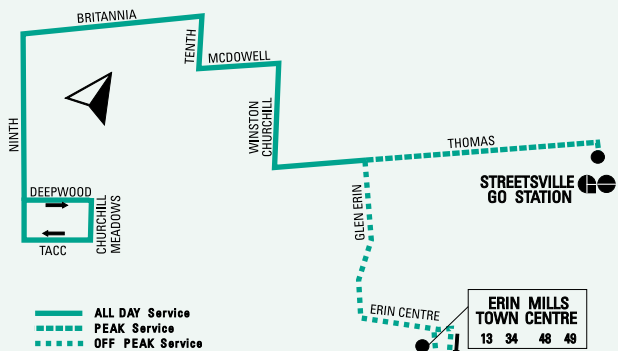
New 40 minute midday, evening and weekend service will travel from Clarkson GO station to Meadowvale Town Centre. 30 minute rush hour service from Clarkson GO Station to Financial Drive (Royal Bank Towers) via Meadowvale Town Centre. New all-day routing through Plymouth /Bristol Circle/Winston Park area (AMC 24 complex area/Oakville).



Route 49 Churchill Meadows New Weekday Service

New 20 minute service will connect with both morning and evening Streetsville GO trains.

Mid-day service every 45 minutes from Churchill Meadows to Erin Mills Town Centre area.



Smoke Free By-Law

The second phase of Mississauga's Smoke Free By-law came into effect on June 1, 2001. The City of Mississauga joined forces with the Region of Peel, the municipalities of Brampton, Caledon, York Region and Toronto to promote the smoke-free by-laws within the Greater Toronto Area.

This phase of the by-law mandates all restaurants, banquet halls, dinner theatres, food courts and recreational facilities to be smoke-free unless a designated smoking room with separate ventilation is provided.

The third and final phase of the by-law is currently scheduled for June 1, 2004 and will require bars or taverns to become smoke-free or provide a designated smoking room with separate ventilation. Workplaces and most other public places in Mississauga have been smoke-free since the by-law was passed in 1999.

There has been some feedback from the community and restaurant owners that the third phase of this by-law should be

implemented sooner than the original June, 2004 date in order to ensure a level playing field.

On May 10, 2001 Peel Regional Council passed a resolution that the Smoke-Free By-law Committee consult with the City of Toronto and Regions of York and Halton to review the feasibility of moving the implementation date of the third phase to January 1, 2002 or June 1, 2002. We also made an immediate request to the Province of Ontario to move forward on legislating smoke-free public places province wide. As the Mississauga representative on the committee, I am meeting with staff and representatives of the restaurant industry on a regular basis to review potential changes to the 2004 date. We expect to bring a report to Council this fall.

For more detailed information on Mississauga's Smoke-free By-law, please call Director of Enforcement Elaine Buckstein at 905-615-4194 or visit the City of Mississauga's Web site at www.city.mississauga.on.ca and click on the icon.



Stats and Facts about Smoking

Fact: 70 per cent of people don't smoke.

Fact: A 2001 Environics Survey indicated that 58 per cent of people would be more likely to visit a smoke-free restaurant, while 28 per cent said it would not make a difference.

Fact: Smoke-free restaurants attract more families, fewer lingerers and consequently see an increase in sales.

Fact: the introduction of smoke-free public places reduces exposure to second-hand smoke, discourages young people from starting to smoke and supports smokers who want to quit.

Fact: Statistics show that the vast majority of City of Mississauga residents are supportive of Council's smoke-free resolution.

Fact: It is estimated that second-hand smoke kills more than 330 non-smoking Canadians a year from lung cancer and 3,000 die prematurely from heart disease.

Parking Considerations

Guests who visit you and wish to have a consideration and park longer than the 3-hour limit on city streets must call Parking Control.

Parking Control can be reached at 905-896-5678 during regular business hours or at 905-615-3000 after hours and weekends.

To request a review of parking on your street, please call Traffic Operations at 905-896-5131 or my office at 905-896-5900

Staff will survey the residents affected by the parking change and, if more than 66 per cent of respondents agree, a recommendation will be made to Council to enact the change.

Battleford Off-leash Park

I have received many calls from users of the Battleford off-leash Dog Park who are concerned the park will be moved to Totoredaca Park in the Meadowvale Business Park. There is a proposal by the Region of Peel Works department to lease this land, which is owned by the City for a Community Recycling Centre. The Region wants to move the centre from Britannia Landfill site when the landfill closes next year as to not conflict with the golf course users.

Although the Battleford site is in Ward 6, I have been very involved over the years with the off-leash organizers and with the new proposed site in Ward 9, I have also been concerned with the process. I have told City and Region staff

I do not support closing the Battleford site. I do want another Off-leash Park established at Totoredaca Park and have asked that this be incorporated into the Master Plan for the park, which has not yet been done. I feel that by turning the site over to the Region, the City would be taking away a well-used facility from the community. This park was leased to the off-leash group and all work and costs have been borne by the organization at no cost to the taxpayers. It primarily serves the Meadowvale community as it is within walking distance of many homes and is enjoyed by hundreds of Ward 9 residents.

The Ward 6 Councillor George Carlson, City and Region staff are aware of my

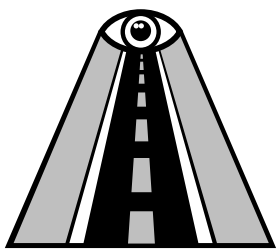
concerns and I will continue to work on this project on behalf of Ward 9. I have suggested the Region locate the recycling facility to land in an industrial area as to have less impact on the residents.

Animal Services of Mississauga

For more information about Mississauga Animal Services, please contact 905-896-5858



Update on Traffic Concerns and the Safe Driving Committee



ROAD WATCH®

Dealing with traffic concerns such as speeding and dangerous driving are a high priority of Council. In 1998, we established the Mississauga Safe Driving Committee to bring together community experts to find solutions to the problems. I have sat on this committee since its inception and the programs which we have implemented have received the unanimous support of Council.

These include **Road Watch, Neighbourhood Speed Watch and Community Safety Zones.** The Committee reviews potential programs and recommends to Council if they can and should be implemented. The Safe Driving Committee works in cooperation with the Mississauga Traffic Safety Committee, of which I am a member and deals with school related traffic issues.

As your Councillor, I often receive questions and concerns from residents regarding the placement of traffic controls such as stop signs. These are often requested to slow down traffic on a street and make it safer in particular, for children to cross the road. This is not always the result when signs are installed in locations where the amount of traffic does not warrant them and in fact, can have the opposite effect.

The placement of traffic controls is a complicated issue to which the Transportation and Works Department pays careful attention. In general, Council will follow the recommendations of our technical staff but we also look at any other factors that may result in a control being required even though the provincial

warrants are not fully met. That is why I review all requests and study results carefully before making any decision. As always, I welcome comments and concerns with regard to the location of traffic controls in your neighbourhood.

There are other ways to manage traffic on residential roads. Through the Safe Driving Committee, I work to develop ways to address the challenges that occur as a result of careless and dangerous driving. By utilizing the various programs that we have implemented, we are able to deal with traffic problems in a more proactive approach.

Road Watch is a program that encourages and depends on motorists to alert police when they witness an instance of unsafe driving. Motorists are encouraged to note details of the unsafe driver and when stopped, fill in a Road Watch form which is sent to Peel Regional Police for follow up with the driver. The Community Safety Zones initiative acts as a deterrent by doubling fines in designated focussed areas. The Neighbourhood Speed Watch program is a digital radar device that is used by residents with assistance from Traffic staff to make motorists aware of their speed on residential roads.



Participation in these Safe Driving programs has already resulted in a reduction in the instances of unsafe and careless driving. By working together with the Safe Driving Committee we can ensure safer residential roads without having to install unnecessary and ineffective traffic controls.

There are however situations where technical controls are necessary and where physical methods can be employed. Traffic calming techniques such as reduced road widths,

narrowed entrances (chicanes) to school and park areas on local roads are a few of the options available to us. I believe that there are traffic calming methods that can and do work. In the new Churchill Meadows community, I have had these integrated into the road designs.

McDowell Drive is an example where curbs narrow the entrance to the school and park areas to cue drivers to slow down. It can be very difficult to install traffic calming devices in established communities as they require not only money, but also the support of the neighbourhood.

Some methods, such as speed humps, are opposed vehemently by emergency services and many residents - in one pilot project, they were removed after a short trial. Upon a request we will do a full review and public process before any decisions are made.

For more information about the Safe Driving Committee, please visit the City of Mississauga's Web site at www.city.mississauga.on.ca/ direct or contact the Safe Driving Committee Chair Edie Newton at 905-793-4233.



The City of Mississauga has been chosen to host CPTED Ontario's inaugural workshop, November 5, 2001 to coincide with Crime Prevention Week. The public is encouraged to attend the workshop, which is expected to be located at the Civic Centre and Central Library.

For information about CPTED Ontario or on attending this workshop, please contact Wayne Nishihama at 905-896-5540.

New BMX Track for Meadowvale Youth

I am happy to say that Meadowvale BMXers have a new place to call home. The new facility is located at the Meadowvale North Sports Park on Meadowvale Boulevard at Syntex Drive. Getting this facility up and running was truly a team effort – the track was

designed and built by bikers and their parents with assistance from City staff. It is the culmination of more than a years work which started when Laura Buchal from Community Services and I met with local youth last year to discuss their needs.



Quick Reference Phone Numbers

- City after hours dispatch905-615-3000
- Region of Peel after hours dispatch905-791-7800
- Animal Control905-896-5858
- By-law Enforcement905-896-5655
- Transit905-615-4636
- Aircraft Noise Complaints905-676-4531
- Meadowvale Library905-821-7570
- Meadowvale CC905-821-3330
- Erin Meadows Library905-569-9100
- Erin Meadows CC905-569-9100
- Meadowvale Four Rinks905-826-9300
- Mississauga Crime Prevention Assoc.905-803-8118
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Tax Bill Clarification

I have had some questions regarding this year's tax bills. You already know the City of Mississauga was able to hold the line on taxes for the 10th straight year and the Region of Peel was also able to freeze taxes this year. However, some residents have still noticed an increase on their tax bill.

I can assure you that any increase on your tax bill is the result of provincial legislation and is not related to municipal operations. You may have noticed a significant increase in the educational portion of your tax bill. That is because the education rate, calculated by the province, was based on property value reassessment. As property values in Mississauga and the GTA increased more than the provincial average, the average

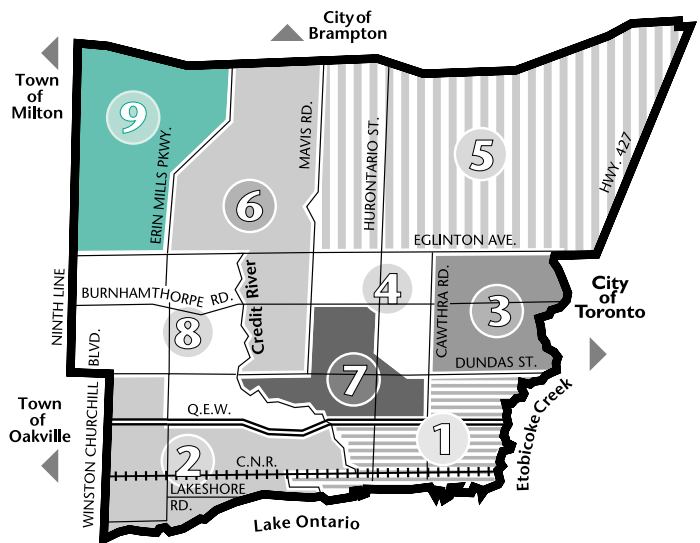
\$240,000 home will see its education taxes increase by \$42.

You may also see an increase in your taxes based on Current Value Assessment (CVA). The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is responsible for placing a value on all properties in Ontario. The City of Mississauga supports CVA because we believe it is important to keep values up-to-date. This year, the MPAC reassessed your property bringing values up from 1996 values to 1999. The next value assessment will take place in 2003, followed by yearly reassessments.

For further clarification on your tax bill, please contact the Mississauga Tax Office at 905-896-5575.

City Map

Keep this handy reference map that identifies our Ward's boundaries in relation to the City's other eight Wards.



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