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DEAR RESIDENTS OF WARD 5: BRITANNIA AND MALTON COMMUNITIES

As Canada slowly returns to normal, so too does our city and most especially our ward. We have returned to celebrating a variety of postponed events including two parks and a fire station opening. We look forward to in person Canada Day celebrations and fireworks at Celebration Square in City Centre and Westwood Square in Malton. Celebrating with family and friends in a simple backyard barbecue is somehow more special this year.

We have demonstrated resilience during a prolonged pandemic and we now forge ahead with a somewhat uncertain economic situation. Responsible governments on all levels must control costs and look for ways to create jobs and fire up our economy.

Two exciting new job creators are coming to Ward 5 on Hurontario close to Derry Road: Illumi created by Cavalia and Studio Bottega- a massive movie studio built by the principals of Tridel. And an incredible 18,000 square foot Youth Hub is under construction in Malton. More detail on these projects inside the pages of this newsletter.

I look forward to continuing to serve the residents of Ward 5 through the exciting months and years ahead.





BRITANNIA

- Fall Fair returned to Britannia Farm with BBQ, veggie sales, horse and buggy rides
- Hazel McCallion Light Rail Transit progressing well on **Hurontario linking Port Credit to Brampton border**
- 1071 trees saved on McLaughlin Road where a widening for cut through traffic is being replaced with a Scenic Route
- Saigon Park with its storm water reservoir officially opened May 14, 2022
- Fire Station 120 opened at 125 Eglinton Ave W to better serve local residents
- Fairwinds Park opening May 29, 2022 including a creative playground with pirate ship and lighthouse
- Illumi: A Dazzling World of Lights a 13 acre local and tourist attraction on Hurontario/Derry at family friendly admission prices
- Studio Bottega under construction
- Grand Highland Golf Course purchased for parkland

MALTON

- introduced yearly Canada Day Celebration/fireworks at **Westwood Square**
- restored Paul Coffey Arena and surrounding landscaping
- built Castles creative playground next to arena
- restored CF 100 beside cenotaph
- removed rusty arch and replanted median gardens on **Airport Road**
- facilitated new PetroCanada gas station at Goreway and **Morning Star**
- renovated and upgraded Westwood and Malton Village parks
- public washroom at bus terminal
- reopened improved Community Police Station at Westwood
- MALTON letters on Derry Road
- Superfan basketball courts at Paul Coffey Park
- artificial track, football/soccer field at Lincoln Alexander **Secondary School**
- \$3 million AVRO Arrow under construction
- Goreway Bridge begins construction November 2022
- \$12.7 million Youth Hub under construction

We received notice yesterday that The Mississauga Food Bank will be receiving \$1 million from the legion of feels new food security fund! Dear our Parrish, Thank you so much for proposing this funding seeing this support come to funding seeing this support come to fruition. It will make a HUGE difference in our ability to keep up with rising demand and costs. Thank you for your ongoing dedication to improving life for those who are vulnerable in Mississanga. With my deepest thanks, meghan (4the 30,000 people the Food Bank serves)

MY SPECIAL PROJECT

Many City Councillors have special interests and projects that go beyond the traditional job description. I love designing creative playgrounds made out of wood - and yet my most significant interest is that for many years I have had a special place in my heart for those who volunteer in food banks and for others who, from time to time, need to use food banks - especially the children.

I spearhead a team that puts on a yearly MILK FUND event to raise funds for expensive dairy and other necessities for the smaller community food banks and pantries. We have distributed over \$1.3 million as well as purchased endof-day Farmers' Market produce at half price. I have also advocated strongly at the Region of Peel for increased support for The Mississauga Food Bank with great success.



LISTENING TO YOU

Your priorities and concerns are important. I want your feedback on issues that affect our community and the City of Mississauga.

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CELEBRATING GREEN SPACES & PARKS

Preserving green space and developing parkland, with community input, is becoming more and more important as our City grows upward and develops more infill housing. Ward 5, with its heavy concentration of industry situated around the airport and along the 400 series highways, provides almost 25% of the tax revenue that is required to maintain and operate the City of Mississauga. Yet many of the projects and improvements we've made over the past eight years have required sponsorship through private sector fundraising. In fact millions of dollars have been raised to add spectacular playgrounds, design and build an AVRO Arrow replica, sponsor festivals and celebrations and convert a crumbling and abandoned indoor swimming pool into a \$13.7 million youth hub. As a seasoned politician I have been able to draw a fair share of the City's budget allocations back into Ward 5 for infrastructure as well as attract generous donors for many of the projects you see on these pages. We have many of the City's most spectacular attractions right here in Ward 5!



ONE PARENT'S COMMENTS

Great playground that's not just plastic. The ground is cushy and padded and there's great areas for hide and seek play. The big slides are limited to those that can climb steep ladders or "rock climb". My little one year old liked hiding, finding the carved animals, and the bike rack installation. The mural was also a big hit for air plane lovers. Nice seating areas and a unique playground for all.





Fairwinds Park at 181 Eglinton Avenue was truly a community affair. Through several consultations the community stressed accessible playing courts for tennis and pick up basketball, preservation of natural wetlands and open green space, walking trails and a truly 'creative' playground. Created by EARTHSCAPE through a generous sponsorship by PINNACLE INTERNATIONAL, an incredible 18 acre park met all the requirements, Opening May 29, 2022 with hundreds of kids in pirate costumes.







On Saturday September 25, 2021 the City of Mississauga and the Nav Bhatia Superfan Foundation unveiled a full NBA basketball court in Nav's stunning red and black theme colours. Three attached 3-on-3 courts were also refurbished. Bringing something extra special to Malton's Paul Coffey Park and to Ward 5 as a whole, basketball lovers from all over the city can enjoy the game of basketball in the village the Superfan first called home when he arrived in Canada.





Another delayed park opening took place in Britannia May 24, 2022. An incredible record of over 3,000 attendees over the day, a large number of whom are from Mississauga's Vietnamese Community, many of whom live in Ward 5. Actively participating in the opening they provided entertainment, flowers, guest speakers and a variety of delicious foods. The park is built around huge storm water ponds with look-out points, walking trails, public art screens and exercise stops. The day ended with fireworks over the water.

MAINTAINING AN EXCITING COMMUNITY





BRITANNIA FARM FALL FAIR

After more than 20 years, the Fall Fair returned to Ward 5. With huge thanks to lead sponsor PINNACLE INTERNATIONAL and appreciation to TIM HORTON'S and our additional sponsors, we brought back a wonderful free family event at the Britannia School House on Hurontario south of Matheson. Bouncy castles, giant slides, hot air balloons, face painting, horse and buggy rides, tours of the heritage school house, veggie market, live bands and volunteers manning the BBQs and popcorn machines. Incredible mock battles staged by Heritage re-enactors 2nd York Regiment, completing their show at dusk with a pitched battle under spectacular fireworks set to the music of the 1812 Overture. See everyone again for your free pumpkin in 2023!



The Malton Letters on Derry Road were funded in cooperation with the City of Mississauga Parks Department, the Federal Gas Tax rebates and generous private donations made to the Malton Business Improvement Association. The BIA has been an incredible partner for processing corporate donations, over the past eight years, including \$3.2 million for the AVRO Arrow replica currently under construction. It will commemorate the origin of the aerospace industry in Canada, in the Village of Malton which is still the largest aerospace hub in Canada.

The MALTON letters can be digitally changed to reflect national events like the orange of National Indigenous Peoples Day or to commemorate events significant to Malton's residents.

MALTON CANADA DAY

Canada Day with fireworks, at City Hall's Celebration Square, was actually initiated by your councillor in 2007. It has continued successfully til today. Upon becoming the Ward 5 Councillor in 2014, it was clear to me that in the extreme north-east corner of the City, it's most diverse section, families could not easily access Celebration Square. Clearly Malton needed it's own permanent event.

I raised over \$100,000 for the initial Malton celebration. The BIA has since taken over organizing the event. Now \$27,000 in City grants, \$73,000 in local business sponsorships and a generous venue and financial contribution from Westwood Square, have supported this annual celebration.

HUGE thank you to Westwood Square, the Malton BIA and the local businesses who contribute to this wonderful celebration.







The Goreway Bridge over the CN tracks has been promised for over 30 years by numerous Ward 5 Councillors. It took several years to get to the bottom of what was holding up this project. Digging into the circumstances at the Province it was found there was a hold on the land needed on the Brampton side for outstanding payments by the landowner. The main property is on the Brampton side so that the Council of the City of Brampton is managing the project and setting the agenda.

Mississauga has had its share of costs in the bank for many years. Waiting. Finally, the timetable is progressing. All legal agreements with outside agencies have been signed. The Regional access road completed. The Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA) is ready to sign off. Brampton has acquired all the easements necessary. Tenders close September '22 with construction starting this winter. Questions should be directed to Brampton City Hall at 905-874-2000.





BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

"Attracting new and exciting projects to Ward 5 ultimately benefits us locally as well as benefitting the whole City. Building tourism boosts the hospitality industry that suffered greatly during the pandemic. Some projects recently attracted to the City also serve to expand our creative sector, a significant economic stimulant to our local economy - creating jobs and putting Mississauga on the map as an exciting place to live and to visit."

STUDIO BOTTEGA COMES TO MISSISSAUGA

Mississauga is becoming a significant movie studio hub mainly due to warehouse conversions. Studio Bottega and SIM International are constructing our first, largest, most complete studio facility on the corner of Derry and Hurontario. Two 18,000 square foot, four storey studios will house 12 complete stages where feature films, reality TV, commercials etc will be shot. Costuming, sets, makeup and tech facilities will be on site.

Mississauga will benefit from 3,295 construction jobs, 5,590 permanent jobs, City/Gov't revenue of \$87m/yr, and apprenticeship programs in every aspect of the arts. Studio Bottega will become part of SIM Int'l facilities in Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Vancouver and Toronto. Their clients include Netflix, Amazon, Apple and Disney. Ward 5 has definitely entered the big leagues!





THE MALTON YOUTH HUB - OPENING 2023

The Jonathan Davis Centre

The City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel have recognized the need for quality space being dedicated to Malton's youth. With both Councils approving funding and several very generous private sector donors, the City is converting the no longer viable pool at Lincoln M. Alexander SS into a welcoming, safe youth space specifically designed to meet the needs of Malton's young people. It will be a spacious place for kids to just hang out, do homework, listen to music or play video games. They can organize their own special events and also book private appointments with some of the youth-oriented organizations that will be tenants on the upper floor.

The \$12.7m conversion will result in:

- 18,300 ft2 in a fully renovated ground floor (12,500 ft2) and partial second floor(5,800 ft2) around a huge two storey atrium filled with natural light
- a fully equipped and stocked teaching kitchen (3,000 ft2) for snacking, quick
- breakfasts and most importantly, learning how to cook healthy meals
- a professional quality recording studio for budding artists
- individual rooms for meetings, art work, theatrical ventures and numerous other youth-organized events
- the Peel District School Board is partnering with the City to build an all-weather track right behind the Hub, an added feature for the youth and for the community at large.



ILLUMI OPENS SEPTEMBER '22

The next five fall/winters will be brighter, attracting visitors to our hotels and restaurants as well as providing wonderful family entertainment for local residents at an affordable price. On Hurontario south of the 407 Hwy, it will be the largest light, sound and media show in the world. Originating in Laval Quebec, it draws 500,000 visitors a year. Walking or driving through, the entire family will be dazzled by 30,000 magical structures covering 13 acres - the size of 10 football fields - and illuminated by 20 million sparkles of light.

Special fund raising evenings for a wide variety of charities are part of Illumi's support to our city. 400 employees will also be hired locally every season. We welcome Illumi!



47 metres high with 28,000 LED lights

MY COMMITMENTS TO YOU

- Hard work and passion to develop and deliver a stronger, safer and more sustainable community for everyone to enjoy.
- Experience and an ability to attract private sector donations and senior government grants to Ward 5.
- Oversight every week at City and regional Council, ensuring not one penny of your hard-earned tax dollars is wasted and Ward 5 gets a fair share of the huge tax base that is produced in our ward.
- Diligence, ensuring your calls are returned promptly, your questions answered and your opinions valued.