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## MISSISSAUGA BECOMES AN INDEPENDENT CITY!

**THE HAZEL MCCALLION ACT** received Royal Assent at Queen’s Park Friday June 9, 2023. It declared **MISSISSAUGA, BRAMPTON** and **CALEDON** independent cities and ended the **REGION OF PEEL** effective January 1, 2025. The next months will require an incredible amount of work to complete the process on time.

**THE PROVINCE** is appointing a Transition Board of five members, selected by Minister Steve Clark, to evaluate the programs, departments and services at the Region. The Board will be making decisions regarding which departments can be transferred to the three lower tier municipalities and which can remain joint services. They will be keeping in mind the operating budget of the Region is over \$3 billion annually. Peel also has massive investments in office buildings and service centres all over the region.

**PEEL REGIONAL POLICE**, Paramedic Services and two Water and Waste Water Treatment Plants, which are located on Lake Ontario are obvious services that should remain jointly managed. The Transition Board will also direct how these services will be governed - possibly by service boards - and how they will be funded. Other departments will be transferred completely to the three municipalities.

**THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT** at the Region often duplicates decisions made by local Planning and Works Departments which slows down approvals for housing developments. Two levels of government also charge builders two sets of Development Charges for a variety of services. One local Planning Department will save time and should save money - lowering the costs on housing units desperately needed at this time.

**OVER FORTY SOCIAL SERVICE AGENCIES** work through the Region. Supportive Housing, Shelters, Long Term Care, Ontario Works, Public Health, Family Services and TransHelp are all delivered at the Region and funded heavily by Provincial grants. These will have to be evaluated as to how they transfer to the Cities with no gaps in service. Waste Management and Recycling are contracted to private companies through tenders and administered by Regional staff. They too will have to be reviewed.

**THE TRANSITION TEAM** will also evaluate the billions of dollars in Regional buildings and other assets to decide if any payments are owed by our city to our current regional partners. There continues to be ongoing debate, particularly with Brampton, on how those assets were funded. In rounded percentages, Mississauga is currently paying, 60% of the Region’s budget, Brampton 35% and Caledon 5%. Over the past 50 years, the numbers were even more heavily weighted on Mississauga taxpayers.

**THOSE HIT THE HARDEST** by this separation will be the more than 6000 permanent and part time employees, not counting Peel Regional Police. Some will be hired in newly formed departments in the independent municipalities. Others, not knowing the Transition Board’s decisions, will seek employment elsewhere. Not knowing their fate after January 1, 2025 makes life’s everyday issues like renewing mortgages or children going away to university overwhelming. Keeping staff to continue to deliver services at the Region while the details of separation are ironed out will, understandably, be challenging.

**MISSISSAUGA COUNCIL** unanimously approved a motion I drafted that establishes the principle that as positions become vacant at Mississauga, those positions will be advertised to our Regional employees first. It also asks that the Transition Board make the more obvious decisions, like moving departments to the lower tiers, as quickly as possible so those affected can be assured of positions in the new cities.

**FORMER MISSISSAUGA MAYOR** Hazel McCallion, after whom the Act was named, wanted separation from the Region from the day Premier Bill Davis established regional government in Ontario. As separation is now a reality, it is hoped the dissolution process sees the City of Mississauga and its residents in a more efficient and a financially stronger position than before. Your councillor will be monitoring the process closely on your behalf.



### 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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# BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY



## UPDATE ON MALTON YOUTH HUB

### The Jonathan Davis Centre

The City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel recognized the need for quality space to be dedicated to Malton's youth. Both Councils provided funding as well as several generous private donors. The work, as you see from the photos, is almost completed. The unused pool is being turned into a safe, attractive space for young people to just hang out, do homework, listen to music, dance, learn to cook healthy meals and organize their own special events. They can also seek private counselling from several providers on the mezzanine floor.

### THE \$13 MILLION CONVERSION

- 18,300 ft<sup>2</sup> of fully renovated ground floor (12,500 ft<sup>2</sup>) and a mezzanine (5,800 ft<sup>2</sup>) wrapped around a huge two storey atrium filled with natural light
- a 3,000 ft<sup>2</sup>, fully equipped and staffed teaching kitchen for snacking and most importantly learning how to prepare healthy yet tasty meals under the supervision of chefs from COOKSMART
- a professionally designed and equipped recording studio for budding artists with the assistance of highly trained technicians
- in partnership with the Peel District School Board, a new all weather track and artificial turf football field is under construction adjacent to the Hub as well as vegetable gardens to supply our kitchen

### PARTNER AGENCIES

- **MALTON BLACK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION** will occupy main floor space to provide creative performance programs like dance, clothing design and sewing, painting, photography and creative writing
- **COOKSMART** will assist Youth in getting their Food Handlers' Certificate to prepare breakfasts, lunches and after school snacks for those who need them, teach youth how to cook for their families and promote food security through growing vegetables and understanding general nutrition
- **PUNJABI COMMUNITY HEALTH** will counsel on addictions, general support programs, employment skills, urgent needs of International Students and youth settlement issues

There is room for more partners. We are finalizing discussions with **MALTON YOUTH WELLNESS HUB**. We will also have many drop in Youth workers from various organizations as young people make their interests known.

### OFFICIAL OPENING

This fall we will be opening the doors seven days a week from morning to late evening. The Board of Directors made up of students from Lincoln and Ascension Secondary Schools will continue to govern the Youth Hub with the assistance of staff at Malton Community Centre. **OPENING DAY WILL BE THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN MY LONG POLITICAL CAREER.**



Atrium mural with Jonathan Davis at far right





# MALTON: BIGGEST AEROSPACE HUB IN CANADA



**LEGEND**

- PROPERTY LINE
- PROPOSED TREE
- PLANTING BED
- UNIT PAVING ON CONCRETE BASE
- ASPHALT PATHWAY
- COLOURED CONCRETE BANDING
- STANDARD CONCRETE PAVING
- CONCRETE SEATWALL
- ARMOUR STONE

**KEYS**

- 1 CF-100 AVRO CANUCK (EXISTING)
- 2 CF-105 AVRO CANUCK (BY OTHERS)
- 3 RELOCATED EXISTING CENOTAPH
- 4 MALTON SIGN (EXISTING)
- 5 TWO-STEP CONCRETE PLATFORM (600MM H.T.)
- 6 PROPOSED BRIDGE CONNECTIONS
- 7 OPEN PLAZA WITH SEATING

To commemorate the incredible history of Malton as the birthplace of Canadian aviation, the City is renovating a section of Paul Coffey Park along Derry Road East into a FLIGHT GARDEN. Our \$3 million AVRO Arrow currently under construction, the most technically advanced supersonic jet of its day, will soon join the restored CF 100.

## STUNT DRIVING AT WESTWOOD SQUARE

Two years ago, Walmart closed its doors at Westwood Square, creating huge problems for Malton. Residents have only one, overcrowded grocery store and have lost a source of reasonably priced household goods. They left behind a vast, empty parking lot which was quickly turned into a stunt car location. Attracting muscle car drivers from all over, the noise and exhaust continue to torture residents living close to the mall.

Walmart has finally struck a deal with Westwood to terminate a lease that was going to run until 2032. They also brought in cement barriers to cut off access to their parking lot. Mall owners are in negotiations with a grocery store and another recognizable name brand store. Good news is coming soon!

Meanwhile the incredibly disruptive stunt driving continues. Hooligans get much of their pleasure from outsmarting Peel Regional Police (PRP) by texting each other about available parking lots where they can “drift” and screech tires from midnight to four or five in the morning, evading the police. Westwood Square unfortunately has six entrances, so police must dispatch multiple cruisers to trap offenders.

For several weekends, PRP put on a full court press at Westwood with 6 cruisers and 12 officers. They laid hundreds of charges, made arrests, impounded cars, issued criminal code offences - all of which boosted the offenders’ insurance - making inroads into the mess at Westwood. But it was not enough. PRP did a property inspection and provided an extensive list of modifications to the mall’s owners to curb stunt driving, including:

- gates at 4 entrances set to close at 11:00 pm
- low concrete lane markers throughout to cut open space
- speed humps that deter cars with low road clearance
- cameras to pick up plate numbers so fines can be issued without stopping drivers

So far, the Mall has not installed any of the above.

In the last City Budget I requested 8 additional by-law officers so overnight complaints can be investigated. We can now apply bylaw 785-80 to Westwood Square: “No person shall emit, or cause, or permit the emission of sound resulting from any act...”

This bylaw will hold the property owners responsible for not taking the necessary steps to minimize disturbance in fact, permitting the activity. Once being served with notice of breach of this bylaw, in due time the City will install the measures it deems necessary and the Mall owners will be billed on their property taxes. **THE END OF THIS NONSENSE IS NEAR!**

**To report Westwood Square noise, call non-emergency 905-453-3311. Or Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or Peel crime stoppers.ca. Don’t give up. Insist on filing a report OVER AND OVER AGAIN!**



## BELIEVE IT! GOREWAY BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION BEGINS!

After 30 years of clogged traffic at the CN Rail crossing, and hundreds of promises, the Goreway Bridge construction begins the end of June! The successful bidder is a local Peel company from Caledon ALLIANCE VERDI CIVIL INC.

The \$41.6 million budget is in the bank, roughly divided between the City of Brampton, the City of Mississauga and CN Rail.

The overpass will be built much more quickly than the originally planned underpass, with the road closure and no time consuming CN Rail diversions. Completely closing Goreway to all traffic will see the bridge opened in the summer of 2024!





# Malton celebrates!

# CANADA DAY

## MORE FREE FUN FOR EVERYONE!

WESTWOOD  
SQUARE

BRITISH  
LEGENDS

STEVEN'S  
GARAGE

Canada's  
Diversity Show  
from  
Ascension of  
Our Lord SS

PAN FANTASY

NIGHT  
FEVER



JAKE DHEER, M.C.

**SATURDAY  
JULY 1, 2023**

Family fun with  
bouncy castles,  
electric train rides,  
games with prizes,  
food village and much  
more starts at 2:00pm

Ceremonies and Stage  
Entertainment 5pm

Fireworks at nightfall

Hosted by Westwood Square  
7205 Goreway Drive

Visit [www.maltonbia.com](http://www.maltonbia.com)  
for more information

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