



# Councillor Carolyn Parrish

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### Dear Residents of Malton,

The Village of Malton has seen many interesting changes over the past three years. Most large projects have been accomplished in partnership with the Malton Business Improvement Association (BIA). Canada Day, the Castles Playground and the restoration of the CF 100 all have required extensive financial sponsorship from local businesses. These donations, as well as their own contributions, have been processed by the BIA. The partnership between the Ward 5 office and the Malton BIA has been very productive, resulting in some truly exciting projects. I have invited the BIA to contribute to the ward newsletters as you can see by the back page of this edition.



Household size	After-tax income
1 person	\$22,133
2 persons	\$31,301
3 persons	\$38,335
4 persons	\$44,266
5 persons	\$49,491
6 persons	\$54,215
7 persons+	\$58,558

As you are aware, all seniors can travel on buses in off-peak hours for only \$1. Those times include 9:30-3:30 weekdays and all day weekends and holidays. There is also assistance for those who work or go to school who can't afford full-fare monthly passes. The Region of Peel is providing a 50% discount to eligible participants with after-tax incomes as listed in the chart.

**To apply online you must be a Canadian citizen, landed immigrant or have applied for permanent residency. You must live in Mississauga and have a registered PRESTO card. For more information go to [Peelregion.ca/affordabletransit](http://Peelregion.ca/affordabletransit)**

**Get regular updates about Ward 5! Sign up for my monthly e-newsletters to stay up-to-date. I send out one newsletter specific to Britannia, another geared towards Malton - sign up for one or both.**

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## ROAD SALT: Safety Underfoot - A Serious Threat To Our Environment

### Salting For Safety

Salting public roads and walkways prevents expensive car accidents and serious sidewalk slip-and-falls. Serious injuries and deaths are prevented but this added safety comes with serious consequences for our environment.

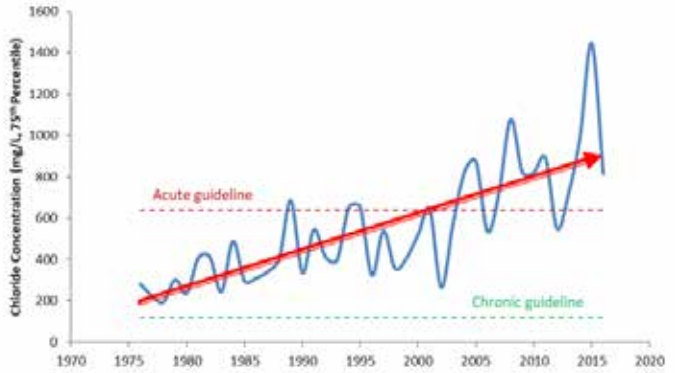
Canada classifies salt (chloride) as a toxin and yet it is used in various forms to lower the freezing temperature of water - melting snow that clogs roadways and slows traffic and ice that makes roads and sidewalks treacherous. But salt doesn't remain in place, waiting to be swept up and stored for next year. It leaves the roads, sidewalks and parking lots - splashed, sprayed, blown by wind, and melted as run-off into rivers and soil where it builds up over many years and collects in our underground water tables.



Canada-wide, almost 5 million tonnes of chloride salts are released into the environment each year. It comes from the road salt applied under controlled conditions by thousands of municipalities and from unregulated applications on private parking lots. As it accumulates, it is having a profound impact on creeks, rivers, lakes, soil, ground water, vegetation, wildlife and even drinking water.

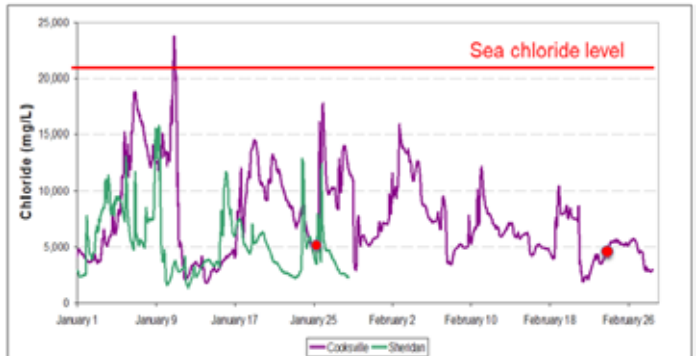
The Credit Valley Conservation Authority continually monitors our urban creeks, measuring chloride concentrations and the effects on aquatic plants and animals, adjacent plants and our drinking water. Their results are discouraging.

In the winter and spring, chloride measurements in local creeks spike from pre-1970 levels (30mg/l) through 1990 levels (600mg/l) to ocean water levels of 20,000mg/litre!



**Chloride accumulates**, increasing damage year over year - killing plants and fish, choking streams with algae and seeping into our sources of drinking water. What can we all do to turn the salt-water tide?

- reduce public expectations for constantly bare pavement in winter
- require plow operators on private lots to be trained and certified
- redesign new parking lots and roads with installed heated ramps and slopes
- reduce salting while increasing plowing and shoveling
- make snow tires mandatory
- research and develop de-icing alternatives to salt
- educate the public, especially our children, to the increasing damage to our environment caused by salt





## Goreway Bridge Plans: Full Steam Ahead!

The land for the Goreway Bridge, on the Brampton side, has been purchased by that City. As a joint project between Brampton and Mississauga, meetings are now taking place between the two staffs and decisions are being made at a brisk pace.

The road crossing the CN lines will be closed for the duration of construction, for several very practical reasons.

- The CN rail track does not have to be detoured around the construction site. Only one CN crew in Canada does this and we'd have to wait for their schedule and pay the costs for relocating and then returning the tracks under the bridge.
- Temporary roads won't have to be built to route traffic around the construction, with traffic control personnel on site.
- An incredible amount of construction time will be saved and time is money.

The traffic studies for detour routes are now completed and the detailed design of the bridge is 90% completed. Brampton will be tendering the construction when the design work is finished.

**Alectra's** hydro utility relocation is scheduled for late April and Mississauga/Brampton legal agreements are being finalized. Detailed reports on those agreements will go to the two city Councils shortly with a projected date for the road closure and the start of construction.

The Goreway Bridge has been an election issue over the last twenty years. A complicated series of roadblocks continually blocked progress. I committed to get to the bottom of the issues, unravel the red tape, and deliver a bridge. It will be under construction this summer. I look forward to driving over it the day it opens!

## Malton Neighborhood Report

An up-to-date study of Malton was undertaken by the Region of Peel to evaluate the social needs of its residents. The study focused on community services - particularly those related to Youth - Income Security and Health.

The results clearly showed Malton is a highly engaged community with a strong sense of neighborliness, community and connectedness. It also concluded that the current community spaces were in short supply. While the Malton Community Centre is well used, much more space is needed.

### Significant Data

- 38,075 residents with 10,660 under the age of 19
- 28% of the youth are not involved in any extra-curricular activities because of poverty, fees, distance to activities and transportation costs
- 4,136 seniors who need more day-to-day activities
- 22,835 (60%) of Malton's residents are immigrants, 4,075 of whom have been in Canada less than five years
- A very high proportion of Malton's residents (72%) feel a real sense of belonging to the Malton community
- Peel Regional Police report 334 crimes ranging from mischief to robbery, a very low (4.8%) proportion of the crimes reported in Mississauga

The report presents a very strong case for Malton's having more community space - particularly for youth - which is accessible, safe and very loosely programmed for the needs of a very diverse community.

I will work toward implementing the space and programming that Malton so badly needs.

**I have asked the Region to complete an evaluation of the feasibility and costs of converting the unused indoor swimming pool attached to Lincoln Alexander SS into a Youth Drop-in Centre and social services HUB. 25.4% of all taxes collected in the City come from Ward 5!**

## Some Effects of Salt on Plants, Animals and the Economy

- stunts growth of fresh water plants
- encourages toxic blue-green algae growth
- clogs water treatment plants with algae
- stunts agricultural crops
- plant loss results in less food for wildlife
- songbirds mistake salt crystals for grit
- results in smaller hatchlings
- salt water in ditches harmful when drunk by animals
- lower oxygen levels in lake harms aquatic plants and animals
- salt levels gradually increasing in drinking water
- salt sediment kills lake beds
- water-based tourism harmed

# MALTON BIA

The Malton BIA had another successful year in 2017 and is gearing up for bigger things in 2018! Thanks to the tremendous support from Councillor Carolyn Parrish, the Ward 5 staff and our tried and true community supporters, we have grown each year and are proud to be part of the positive changes in Malton.

We have now outgrown our current office space and are moving to an office inside Victory Hall (3091 Victory Crescent) in April. The move will mean better accessibility for businesses and a more effective space for our cooperative to work. The new office space, located on the left side of the hall, will not affect the availability of the main area to be used as rental space by the community but will provide the historic building a little extra attention on a regular basis.

The timely move will come just before the BIA hires our seasonal summer student to help with Canada Day preparations and various other summer events and initiatives. College and university students committed to returning for the fall 2018 semester are encouraged to send a resume to Stephanie Scott at [manager@maltonbia.com](mailto:manager@maltonbia.com).

*It is an election year for us too! The Malton BIA will host elections for its board of directors in the fall of this year. Passionate business owners who care about the vitality of Malton are encouraged to come to a couple meetings and see if becoming involved on a deeper level is for you. To learn more about the BIA, contact our office or any of our current directors listed below*



**We are moving April 1st!  
Come see our new office  
location at Victory Hall.**

## HERE IS WHAT WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT IN 2018

### Business Support

New this year, we will be hosting both a spring and fall networking social for local business owners. Engaged members consistently gain valuable information and access to opportunities and support.

This winter and spring we have been to a record-breaking number of stakeholder meetings with the city to bring the opinions of Malton to the table. Our association with groups like MBOT also helps us advocate for our businesses.

### Beautification

The Airport Road flower boxes will be filled again this spring to add life and character to our streetscape. Ward 5 has committed to augmenting our efforts this year by adding flowers in the planters in the median.

In attempt to top last year's great turn out at our community clean up, this year we will be giving away a new bike as incentive to attract more helpers at our annual event in April. Stay tuned for details.

#### Networking



#### Canada Day



#### Advocacy



#### Tree Lighting



#### Flower Boxes



#### Social



#### Community Clean up



#### Print



### Community Events

Canada Day at Westwood Square is one of the biggest festivals in the city. Plans for 2018 include more afternoon fun for families without giving up our title of "Best Fireworks in the City". If you haven't been, mark your calendar now!

Last year's outdoor tree lighting event was a great success thanks to support from Carolyn Parrish and the Malton's CC staff. We have already committed to involving the community this year for an even larger event.

### Village Promotion

We have a growing online community base keeps getting bigger. Our social feeds are helping residents in and around Malton learn about local businesses and events. If you haven't connected with us yet, don't miss out.

The BIA has been working with the city of Mississauga to ensure Malton has a real and meaningful presence in the Mississauga Visitors guide. 2018 guide copies are out now at various tourist stops around the city and online at: [DiscoverMississauga.ca](http://DiscoverMississauga.ca)

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