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### WARD 5 HAS EXPERIENCED A TOUGH EIGHTEEN MONTHS, BUT WE'RE ABOUT TO RETURN TO NORMAL AND SOME EXCITING EVENTS.

*The past 18 months have been incredibly difficult for everyone. Ward 5 has been particularly hard hit with Covid because of the huge industrial belt in the middle of the ward and around the airport. Many of our residents work on assembly lines, in service industries and transportation. Proximity and travel, which increased exposure to others, helped spread infection. But we are strong. I am happy to see we are on the way back to normal life.*

*Passing through stage three, our businesses and restaurants are opening and our kids are back at school. Having raised our double vaccination rate to 85%, we can look forward to Spring and to celebrating openings at Saigon and Fairwinds Parks, Canada Day at Celebration Square and the Britannia Farm Fall Fair. We also have several exciting, job creating projects coming to Ward 5 along the Hurontario corridor, which you are welcome to read about in this newsletter.*



### PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE VIGILANT. STAY SAFE AS WE LOOK FORWARD TO CELEBRATING THE HOLIDAYS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

### FINALLY...MCLAUGHLIN ROAD, A SCENIC ROUTE!

McLaughlin Road was once a gorgeous arch of trees that met over the road, filtering the sunlight, much like the arched roof of a cathedral. Developers built subdivisions on the west side, removing most of the trees. On the east side the 25 acre Britannia forest, part of the Britannia Farm, was owned by the Peel District School board as it is today.

The City has made several attempts to widen McLaughlin Road to four lanes - the first time in 1988. As a Trustee, I took the case to the province which resulted in the City plan being reduced to two lanes with turning lanes at intersections. That construction was rough and tumble, destroying many trees along the westerly edge of the forest.

Again in 2016 the City conducted an Environmental Assessment to widen the road, rip out another 250 trees and channel traffic into a neat by-pass of the LRT construction on Hurontario. Residents rallied at public meetings, making their opposition very clear. My colleagues on Council rejected the road widening unanimously.



Instead of heavy traffic, we are finally preserving McLaughlin and what's left of its trees as a designated Scenic Route. Our first virtual public meeting was held November 4th and as usual, our residents filled the airways with creative, positive and interesting ideas. Tree preservation was the top concern as we discussed short stone walls and plantings on the forest edge, a bicycle trail with raised, protective edging, decorative street lights, benches, raised planters and much more.

I am hoping our second consultation will be in person, with some artists' renditions so we can all visualize what our scenic route will really look like. If you would like to be informed of our next consultation, please email or phone the Ward 5 office.

### I PROMISE YOU I WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON THIS LOVELY PART OF WARD 5!

## 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

### EXCITING NEW MOVIE STUDIO DISTRICT IN WARD 5

#### Studio Bottega Inc and SIM International Partnership

While Mississauga is home to several large movie studios - the result of warehouse conversions - Studio Bottega will be the first, largest, most complete purpose-built facility in our City.

Located on 10.87 hectares ( 26.86 acres ) at the SW corner of Derry and Hurontario, the Class A studios in two 18,000 square foot, four storey buildings will contain a total of 12 complete stages. Feature films, scripted TV series, reality TV, photo shoots and commercials will have costuming, makeup, set building and tech facilities located conveniently on the campus.

Studio Bottega will be joining a stable of SIM International facilities currently in Los Angeles, New York, Atlanta, Vancouver and Toronto. Negotiations have begun with Netflix, Amazon, Apple and Disney. Using a sports analogy, Mississauga has definitely joined the big leagues right here in Ward 5.

The benefits to Mississauga with 3,295 construction jobs(\$300m in wages and business income) 5,590 permanent positions in the arts (\$530m annual operation) and City/Gov't revenue (\$70m during construction and \$87m yearly) are outstanding.

Also significant is the commitment of the Bottega Team to partner with local educational institutions like Sheridan College to provide hands-on apprenticeships and experience in a wide variety of arts and technology fields.

Thank you to Leo and A.J DelZotto and SIM International for choosing Mississauga for their next great adventure!



COMING SOON	
Camera Location	Enforcement Period Begins
<b>Fairwind Dr.</b> Heritage Hills Blvd. to Hollymount Dr.	<b>October</b>
<b>Ceremonial Dr.</b> Chagall Ct. to Bristol Rd W.	<b>January 22</b>



**SAFE CITY MISSISSAUGA**

Safe City Mississauga's Business Watch is an adaptation of the Neighbourhood Watch program, in which organized communities of business owners look out for one another, and each other's business properties.

By participating in the Watch, everyone is alert and working together to maintain safety in their respective business communities.

For details go to: <https://safecitymississauga.on.ca/programs/business-watch>

### TRAFFIC CALMING

In July 2021, the City of Mississauga began Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) operations in neighbourhood school area Community Safety Zones utilizing two mobile automated speed enforcement units.

The first Ward 5 location where cameras were deployed was Morning Star Drive between Lancaster Drive and Netherwood Road in Malton.

The cameras enforced the posted 30km/h speed limit between July 5th and August 3rd. Preliminary data collected shows the average speed was reduced by more than 11 km/h on Morning Star Drive.

A total of 298 tickets were issued on Morning Star Drive. The average fine was approximately \$140 with the maximum fine issued was \$544.00.

A total of 495 tickets were issued at the first two ASE camera locations: 298 tickets at Morning Star Drive and 197 at Sawmill Valley Drive in Ward 8.

The average fine was approximately \$140.00 on Morning Star Drive and approximately \$126.00 on Sawmill Valley Drive with the maximum fines issued being \$544.00 and \$607.00 respectively.

During the month-long enforcement period, a combined 55 repeat offenders received tickets. The highest speeding ticket on Morning Star Drive was 67km/hr. More than double the posted speed limit of 30 km/h.

Throughout November and January, the 20 additional cameras will continue to be deployed and begin enforcing 30 km/h speed limits around the City, with two cameras being utilized per Ward.

Cameras will be active for at least one month at each location before rotating to a new location. The cameras will be in place 24-hours a day, seven days a week, including holidays.

For more information an interactive map showing active and future locations has been created and can be found at [www.mississauga.ca/ase](http://www.mississauga.ca/ase).

*Shop Local!*

The Malton BIA is proud to be taking part in the new [ShopLocalMississauga.ca](http://ShopLocalMississauga.ca) campaign.

Free for our local business to join, this cross-city promotion of the importance of keeping the Mississauga Small Business community strong is an example of how important it is to support each other.

*Keep Mississauga Strong!*

**SHOP HERE - DINE HERE - ENJOY HERE**

Never has community mattered more. Local businesses have struggled to stay open. The same is true for restaurants and entertainment hot spots.

**Support your local community shops.**



## BUILDING AN EXCITING COMMUNITY



### CAVALIA INTRODUCES ILLUMI

Fall and Winter, for the next five years, will be brighter. Cavalia is constructing their latest multi-media extravaganza on 13 acres west of Hurontario and south of the 407 Hwy. Billed as the largest light, sound and multi-media show in the world, it was designed and launched in Laval Quebec where it is an amazing success. Ward 5 Mississauga has been chosen for the second, more expansive installation.

From Hallowe'en to late Spring, when it gets dark earlier, this sparkling attraction will draw families from far and wide. Patrons can walk, drive or ride an electric train through 30,000 magical structures illuminated with 20 million LED bulbs - all for the price of a family evening at the movies.

Travelling through festive villages, a field of 100 life size horses, exotic jungles and other amazing locations will draw repeat visits for sure.

Special fund raising evenings for a wide variety of charities will be part of Cavalia's effort to give support to the City that has welcomed them. They are also offering special arrangements for corporations wanting to offer larger group family events. Always important, as our economy recovers from the pandemic, ILLUMI is currently hiring local labour to prepare the site and install the scenes and will then require 400 local employees per season.

**WARD 5 TRULY BECOMING AN EXCITING COMMUNITY.**

### HURONTARIO LRT CONSTRUCTION IS WELL UNDERWAY

The Hurontario LRT is expected to be completed in fall 2024. The 18km, 19-stop light rail project will bring rapid transit from Port Credit GO Station to the Brampton Gateway Terminal.

You may notice new utility infrastructure and systems are being installed or relocated along the corridor. Once this work is completed, portions of Hurontario will be widened to accommodate the new LRT and its track system mainly in the middle of the roadway. Transit service continues during construction on Hurontario with temporary bus platforms in place. For your safety as well as the safety of work crews, please watch for and follow signage around the work zones.

Learn more: [www.metrolinx.com/HurontarioLRT](http://www.metrolinx.com/HurontarioLRT)



### SENIOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

#### Financial Assistant Programs for Older Adults

As Mississauga's older adult population grows, there will be those in need of financial assistance. The City of Mississauga offers many assistance programs for older adults, including programs for low-income seniors.

These programs include:

- Property Tax Rebate
- Stormwater Subsidy
- Active Assist Program
- MiWay Senior One Dollar Bus Fares in Off-Peak Hours
- MiWay Affordable Transit
- Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing
- Yard Maintenance Subsidy

Applications and detailed information can be found on-line at [Mississauga.ca](http://Mississauga.ca). If you require further assistance please contact my office.

### SENIORS' DENTAL CARE

You are eligible for free seniors' dental care if you are...

- 65 years or older
- a resident of Ontario
- have an annual net income of \$22,200/ single or \$37,100/couple
- have no private insurance or qualify for any other government plan

Apply online at [www.ontario.ca/seniors](http://www.ontario.ca/seniors) dental and select "apply online" OR call our office for assistance at 905-896-5500



### 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.



# CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY

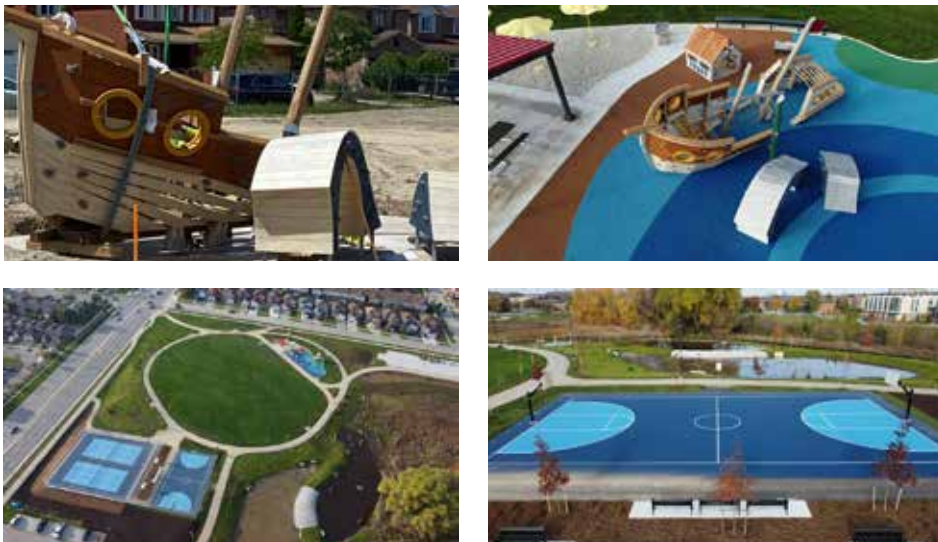
## FAIRWINDS AND SAIGON PARKS OFFICIAL OPENINGS: SPRING '22

### FAIRWINDS PARK

Our new park is here! It will be accessed from Fairwind which runs North off Eglinton, slightly west of Hurontario. It will feature a nautical-themed creative playground, including The HMCS PINNACLE ship, sponsored by Pinnacle International that donated land for the park as well as \$250,000 toward the ship. Other features of the playground include a whale, a lighthouse which will illuminate at night, a small lifeboat on springs for bouncing on the waves, a puffin sea bird, a "beach" section with huge sun shelter and picnic tables and much more.

Many of the elements in this 4.8 hectare (11.86 acres) all season community park are a result of consultations with the local community: the creative playground, walking trails, tennis and basketball courts, informal playing fields and outdoor fitness stations for climbing and chin ups. Wetlands and plenty of green space were preserved for quiet enjoyment.

Fairwind Park just west of Hurontario and north of Eglinton Avenue, has been a very long time coming. The finished product was well worth waiting for.



### SAIGON PARK

This park west of Hurontario, on the north side of Matheson Boulevard, has been created around a massive storm water pond created to contain and control the release of rainwater after heavy storms, avoiding flood damage south of the park.

The park is named in honour of the thousands of refugees who fled Vietnam by boat following the end of the war. Between 1979-80 Canada welcomed 60,000 Vietnamese, mostly sponsored by groups of individuals, temples and churches. Mississauga enjoys a sizeable community, many of whom live in Ward 5.

The park has a one kilometre trail, outside exercise equipment, massive public art at its entrance, a pier with lookout points and beautiful landscaping in picnic areas.

The official opening was delayed because of an oil spill that made its way into the storm water pond. A cleanup was completed before the pandemic moved the date even further ahead to the Spring of 2022. But the celebration is sure to be spectacular, with traditional fireworks reflected in the waters of the pond.



PLEASE ENJOY THE GORGEOUS DRONE PHOTOS TAKEN BY RESIDENT CHRISTIAN LANCTOT.



### MILK FUND PARTNERS WITH JO'S FRESH PRODUCE TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL FOOD BANKS.

Over the last 2 years it has become even more critical to support our local food banks as they play an important role in responding to the growing food insecurity in our community. I want to thank all our sponsors and supporters who generously donate to the Milk Fund which is entering its 9th year, providing funds for milk and fresh vegetables to community food banks all over the City. Each year the Milk Fund event raises over \$150,000.

Jo's Fresh Produce provides hundreds of pounds of vegetables every week from May to October from the Celebration Square Farmers' Market. Watching the market from my office, I realized all the unsold produce was replaced in boxes, loaded and returned to Jo's home base and refrigerated for another market. We quickly remedied this. The Milk Fund purchased the leftovers at 50% and SEVA Food Bank picked it up to share with 3 community food banks. Jo also outright donates hundreds of pounds free every season. THANK YOU JO!



*Wishing you and your family a safe, healthy and happy holiday season.*