

*"Have patience.  
All things are difficult  
before they become easy."*  
— Saadi



# Sue's e-NEWS

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2018 is sure to be an exciting year. I hope you're looking forward to all the adventures that await and that you'll make the most of every moment - whether joyful or challenging.

We have a lot on our plates for the year ahead to keep moving our community forward and continuing to make ours the best place to live, work, learn and play in the City. Let's see what we can do again together this year!

From my family to yours, my best wishes for a safe, healthy and prosperous New Year! —Sue





## The Year Ahead Lots to Look Forward To in 2018

With the dawn of a new calendar year, I'm so pleased with what our Ward 10 office and City and Region were able to accomplish in 2017 – and it's full speed ahead into the new year! Following are just a few of the events and projects closer to home that are coming up in 2018.

### Planning and Development \_

- Major construction begins on Churchill Meadows Community Centre and Sports Park
- Public meeting on Ninth Line lands
- Environmental Assessment on 407 Transitway gets underway

### Recreation \_

- Re-surfacing projects on seven trails in Ward 10 is completed
- New proposals to do with the tennis courts in Churchill Meadows Community Common
- Public engagement into the Future Directions, the Community Services master plan
- New soccer goals installed at Lisgar Green Park

The foundation for the new community centre in Ward 10 will be laid this spring and summer - an exciting and much anticipated amenity coming to our community.

### Works \_

- Design and installation of permanent pump and trench dewatering system to address flooding
- Roll out of enhanced sump pump subsidy
- Changes implemented to improve safety on Tenth Line, south of Britannia Rd
- Intersection improvements at Ninth Line and Eglington Avenue
- MiWay introduces two new east-west Express Routes – 100 (Airport) and 142 (Derry)

### Events \_

- Canada Day Together Festival 2018 in Churchill Meadows
- Elections: provincial in June, municipal in October

### Other \_

- Launch of Ward 10 Youth Council
- Opening of new church building for St. Josephine Bakhita Catholic Parish

## Our Christmas Snowfall

With all the snow and frigid temperatures, winter has definitely arrived in Mississauga. I'd like to take a moment to address the winter snow-clearing operations following the large amount of snow that fell around the Christmas holiday.

The city has established a certain level of service for the clearing of snow on primary and secondary roads, sidewalks and bus stops that has served residents well for the vast majority of snow storms over many years.

Road snow clearing is dependent on three key factors:

- the type of road (major, arterial, residential)
- the amount of snow accumulation
- the time the snow storm stops

### Roads

Priority roads, are cleared first to ensure that residents and emergency service vehicles can safely travel immediately after a snowfall. These routes are plowed and salted when snowfall is more than 8 cm (3") and are salted if snowfall is less than 8 cm. The goal of plowing and/or salting on Priority Roads is to achieve bare pavement.

All other city roads, such as Residential roads, are addressed after Priority Roads. **Bare pavement is not guaranteed**, however the City's objective is to make these roads passable and safe.

### Amount of Snow

Salt is used on roads when accumulation is less than 8 cm (3 inches). Plowing and salting is used when accumulation is higher. **Salt tends to be much less effective** in melting the snow when temperatures drop below -15 degrees Celsius.

### Timing

Primary roads are cleared within 12 hours for accumulation between 8 and 15 cm (3 – 6") and 24 hours for accumulation between 15 and 30 cm (6 – 12"). For residential (secondary) roads, add 12 hours to each

category. The "service level" **clock begins after the snow stops falling**. And with back-to-back storms, the clock resets at the end of the last storm.

Our Christmas 2017 snowfall was not a typical storm. First, we received an excessive amount of snow in back-to-back snowfalls. Second, the temperature plummeted following the snowfall, making the salt much less effective in melting the snow. Third, plowing operations were significantly hampered in some areas of the city because the storm came on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day when many guests were visiting and parking on the street.

I have heard from a half dozen residents or so about this storm with claims that the plow never came down their street. While drivers are human and can miss a street from time to time, I can assure you that this rarely happens. There is GPS in each plow so the city managers can track every plow and every street. For each complaint in our ward, I have confirmed that salting and plowing took place at least once on those streets following this storm. I am thankful for the tireless efforts of the crews who were working overnight on Christmas Eve, all day on Christmas and into Boxing Day and beyond to make our streets passable so we could get where we needed to go.

Even though this was an unusual snow storm, the City met its service level targets except for bare pavement on some streets. Enhancing the level of service (by, for example, guaranteeing bare pavement on secondary roads, or reducing the time to clear all roads by four or six hours) would mean an increase in snow clearing costs. Taxes would rise to cover that increase. As Councillors, we continually weigh the level of service (not just in snow clearing but across all programs and services) against the cost of delivering that service to provide a **superior quality of life that is still affordable**. While there are those who don't mind paying a little more for enhanced snow clearing service, the vast majority are satisfied with the current level overall and don't want to see their property taxes rise to address snow storms like this one, because they really don't happen all that often.



# GETTING IN THE WAY

## On-Street Parking

Please remove your vehicles from the street during and following a snowstorm. The City restricts overnight parking (from 2 am to 6 pm / Nov. 1 to Mar. 31, unless otherwise signed) throughout the winter to allow for easier snow clearing operations. On street parking will slow down plowing and, in some cases, make it impossible for the plow to safely travel down the road.

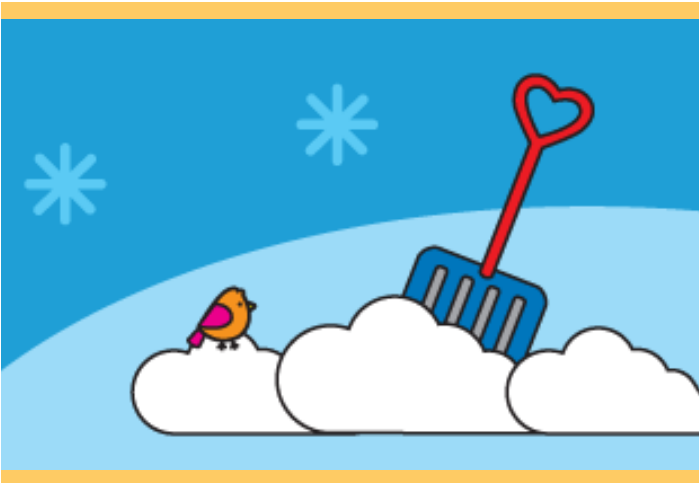
Temporary parking permits can be suspended at any time during a snow event to allow staff and machinery to safely clear our roads. New temporary parking permits will not be issued and current ones will not be recognized for the duration of snow clearing operations. Vehicles that are found on City streets will be enforced according to the Traffic By-law and will be issued a penalty notice and be subject to towing and storage fees at the expense of the owner. To find out if temporary parking requests have been cancelled, contact the snow information line at 905-615-SNOW (7669) or follow us on Twitter @MississaugaSnow.

Countless vehicles were parked on the street as part of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day family celebrations, making snow plowing operations that much more difficult. Please remember to remove your car from the street during and following a snowstorm.

## Be Prepared for Snow

It is always good to be prepared and plan ahead when a winter storm is forecasted. Here are a few things to consider:

- Reschedule any appointments that you have made for the anticipated snow day
- Take public transit instead of driving
- Keep your vehicle in top working condition and consider winter/snow tires
- Change your wiper blades; fill up your windshield washer fluid with anti-freeze solution
- Scrape your entire windshield of snow and ice before driving anywhere
- Make sure you have a winter survival kit inside your vehicle.



## Be a Good Neighbour: Clear Your Ice

Play your role in keeping your community safe by keeping your sidewalk clear of snow and ice after a snowfall ends.

Offer a helping hand to older adults and persons with physical disabilities in your neighbourhood by clearing their sidewalks. Treat slippery surfaces in front of your home to ensure that older adults, students walking to schools and bus stops, and other pedestrians have a safe path to travel in front of your home. You can make this a fun winter activity by involving kids and young family members.

Always remember when you dig out your car or shovel your driveway, place the snow on your lawn and not on the street. Placing snow from your driveway or parking lot on the road is illegal under the Obstructing Highways By-law.

The City of Mississauga clears sidewalks along major roads and other priority areas where there is access to hospitals, schools and transit. To see a map of these sidewalks visit [mississauga.ca/snow](http://mississauga.ca/snow).

For snow information and updates:

- Follow us on Twitter @MississaugaSnow for current conditions and progress.
- Visit [mississauga.ca/snow](http://mississauga.ca/snow) for live updates, details, routes and maps.
- To track plows/salters travelling routes visit our snow plow tracker webpage.
- Call 3-1-1 or (905-615-4311 outside city limits) for general inquiries and information.

## Free Tax Receipts Offered Online

The City of Mississauga will offer property owners the convenience of viewing and printing a Simplified Tax Receipt online at no cost. Beginning December 15, 2017 property owners can now submit a request for a Simplified Tax Receipt through the City's Tax Self-Service Centre website for the current year and one year prior. The Simplified Tax Receipt will only be available online and staff at the service counters will not be able to provide a copy. However, detailed tax receipts will continue to be available for purchase online or through mail-in and in-person requests for \$25 each. For a list of other online tax services, visit the Tax Self-Service Centre at [mississauga.ca/portal/services/taxselfservice](http://mississauga.ca/portal/services/taxselfservice).

## Working To Keep Our Properties Tidy

Council has approved some by-law changes designed to enhance the City's property standards. The proposed amendments to the City's Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law will:

- decrease the maximum permitted height of tall grass from 30 centimetres to 20 centimetres;
- reduce the time required to resolve tall grass and nuisance weed complaints from 10 to seven days;
- update the list of 12 noxious weeds to 25.

The proposed amendments will ensure Mississauga remains consistent with other municipalities. According to the staff report, nuisance weeds and long grass may contribute to allergic reactions or health problems, disrupt ecological systems and pose a risk to fire and community safety by impairing visual sightlines.

## Longer On-Street Parking for Guests

Council has approved a change to the City's Traffic By-law to increase standard on-street parking from three hours to five hours, effectively January 1. Parking needs are changing in Mississauga. As the city continues to grow and evolve, residents want more flexible parking options such as increased parking accommodations on holy days, holidays and family celebrations. Learn more about the City's Traffic By-law or parking in Mississauga.



# SHORT-TERM

## RESIDENTIAL RENTALS

### Short-Term Accommodations Introducing Regulations

Council approved a series of recommendations to regulate short-term accommodations (STAs) in the City. They include allowing STAs in all dwelling types that are primary residences, subject to conditions.

The staff report includes an update on responses from an online survey and public consultation process as well as an updated municipal scan and recommendations to amend the Zoning By-law to regulate STAs.

The City's Zoning By-law previously did not prohibit STAs. Council directed Enforcement staff to further examine STAs in Mississauga, consult with stakeholders and recommend options for regulatory control.

According to the report, the proposed amendments:

- define short-term accommodation as the use of all or part of a dwelling unit, used by the owner or leaseholder as their principal residence, for temporary overnight accommodation for 28 days or less;

- define a principal residence according to the Income Tax Act;
- permit STAs in all principal residences in the City of Mississauga, in all types of residential units for 28 days or less; and
- require a minor variance or rezoning application to permit an STA in a dwelling that is not a principal residence. This will allow condominium boards, neighbours and property managers to comment on the application and City departments to evaluate the request. If a minor variance application is submitted, the Committee of Adjustment can impose conditions of approval including time limits.

The report also cites that similar regulations are proposed in Toronto and Vancouver and are already in place in New York City, Philadelphia, Portland and San Francisco.

There are existing by-laws to address nuisance concerns that may be related to STAs. Under these by-laws, City staff respond to any complaints in the community as they arise.

# Johnny Bower

## 1924 - 2017

We remember with fondness the life and legacy of Johnny Bower, a Ward 10 resident who passed away on December 26, 2017. Famous for his success as a prolific goaltender with the Toronto Maple Leafs, Johnny is celebrated for his on ice achievements: as the National Hockey League's best goalie (1961 and 1965), a Hockey Hall of Fame inductee (1976), named one of the 100 Greatest NHL Players in history (2017) and his team success having won four Stanley Cups (1962, 1963, 1964, 1967), among many other awards. He was inducted into Mississauga's Legends Row in its first year of existence in 2013. Johnny was equally feted for his off-ice contributions as a community builder, ambassador, and friend to many.

In 2003, he was appointed as Honourary Chief of Peel Police, the only civilian to hold this title in the force's 40-year history. Current Police Chief Jennifer Evans said Johnny's involvement in the community long after he retired from hockey made him the perfect choice as honorary chief. "At a time in life when most people would be content with past successes, Mr. Bower decided to use his professional and personal achievements to embark on a long journey of charitable work and public appearances to benefit others,"



said Chief Evans. "Mr. Bower has, for many years, advocated the belief that those who have achieved their goals in life must help others to do the same. His name has become synonymous with community leadership and involvement. His passion for his community and his true desire to give back to those who are less fortunate is what kept him busy. He was a true inspiration."

Early on in my time as Councillor for Ward 10, Johnny graciously invited me to his home for a visit and to see his extensive collection of memorabilia from his days as an elite athlete. I marvelled at just how many awards he won over his career. I had the opportunity to meet him at many community events over the years and he was always generous with his time for the many good causes he supported.

A park located along Parkgate Drive in Lisgar near his home is named in his honour and will be part of his lasting legacy as a man of wonderful skill, inspirational charity and deep integrity. My sincere condolences are extended to his wife Nancy and his family and close friends. Thank you, Johnny; may you rest in peace.



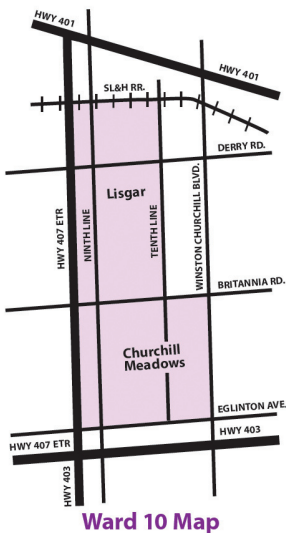
# ACHIEVEMENTS

*If you or someone you know in Ward 10 has been honoured, recognized or reached a significant milestone, we'd love to share your good news with the community! Simply send me an e-mail with the details. I'm so proud of the residents that make up our wonderful neighbourhood!*

Congratulations to Ward 10 resident **Helen Madigan** who celebrates her 100th birthday on January 15, 2018! What a milestone!! Her daughter writes, "Mom has been very independent her entire life and given countless volunteer hours to her church and community over the years." I wish you a very Happy Birthday and best wishes for many more years of good health and happiness with family and friends.

Congratulations to **Chief Jennifer Evans** and the entire Peel Regional Police force on achieving Platinum Certification in the Canada Awards for Excellence program in the Excellence, Innovation and Wellness Standard.

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