

MWRRA

The Meadow Wood Rattray Ratepayers Association

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President's Message

Greetings to everyone in the neighbourhood and welcome if you have recently moved in.

A recent article in The Globe and Mail said,

"The city itself stands on the doorstep of a fundamental change: developers' fees have dried up, meaning Mississauga will have to borrow money for the first time in over 30 years, leading city politicians to talk about transforming the suburbs west of Toronto into a metropolis in its own right."

Meadow Wood Rattray Ratepayer Association directors have been active over the past years working with the city in a consultative process on issues facing Mississauga as the city matures. While we continue to work on improvements to the environment, particularly the airshed, we have also been

asked to comment on issues that include redevelopment, intensification, business development and more recently the city's strategic plan. City staff and council have come to appreciate the input of residents associations, especially through Mississauga's ratepayer association umbrella group, MIRANET (Mississauga Residents' Associations Network).

During the municipal election, MIRANET was asked by Rogers to organize a mayor's debate. Each candidate was asked to present a platform (a first for Mayor McCallion) and answer specific questions regarding the future of the city. Our vice president, Sue Shanly worked on developing the debate format.

Pressure from community groups has also prompted city council to adopt resolutions asking for the establishment of higher regulatory standards for emissions in the Clarkson airshed. The Region of Peel sent forth a resolution calling on the Minister of Energy and Infrastructure to terminate the process of establishing an electricity generating plant within the airshed.

Now that the building of a generating plant within our airshed has been cancelled, the focus is on fulfilling the recommendations of the Air Quality Task Force. We will continue to work with our elected and appointed officials to make sure that emissions in the airshed are reduced.

Jane Moore





MWRRA's Recent Activities

Image from My Favourite Mississauga Space at www.mississauga.ca.

- Liaising with the City of Mississauga
- Making submissions to city council and committees
- Liaising with local federal and provincial Members of Parliament
- Sponsoring town hall meetings
- Holding an Annual General Meeting
- Member of MIRANET (Mississauga Residents' Associations Network)
- Member of Petro-Canada Public Liaison Committee
- Member of Holcim Community Advisory Panel
- Member of Clarkson Visioning Panel
- Member of Bexhill Pumping Station/ Forcemain Focus Group
- Active involvement in having Petro-Canada establish a telephone hotline
- Liaising with Credit Valley Conservation
- Holding an Annual Neighbourhood Picnic
- Publishing our twice yearly newsletter
- Maintaining our website
- Monitoring the Clarkson Airshed Study material
- Coordinating changes to Meadow Park ice-rink
- Creating student awards

Lewis Bradley Pool to be Rejuvenated

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Ward 2 is experiencing an exciting rejuvenation! Through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF) and Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) funding, a number of redevelopment projects are currently underway.

The \$4 million makeover of Lewis Bradley Pool at Orr Road and Inverhouse Drive is one of the City's primary RInC projects. Redevelopment includes replacement of the pool tank and pool building with a new barrier-free family change room, male and female change rooms and on-deck showers. Energy efficient design and building systems will reduce energy consumption and improve water usage. New landscaping will provide a shaded area for patrons and add a sheltered outdoor learning space.

The pool tank and building have now been excavated, underground plumbing and electrical work are in progress, and masonry construction has started. The project is currently on schedule and residents will enjoy a vastly improved outdoor pool in time for the 2011 season. The community will be invited to an official opening celebration in July 2011.

Through the RInC program, the federal and provincial governments are contributing up to one-third of a project's eligible cost up to a maximum of \$1 million each, per project, with recipients providing the balance. Mississauga has received RInC funding for six of its outdoor pools. These projects must be materially completed by March 31, 2011 to remain eligible.

Development Updates from Councillor Pat Mullin

Image from www.mississauga.ca/ward2 newsletter.

You can learn more about each item here - the status, project file number and contact – by visiting Councillor Mullin's website and reading her Spring Newsletter at www.mississauga.ca/ward2.

Project 1

General location: 1969 and 1971 Lakeshore Road West, northeast corner of Walden Circle and Lakeshore Road West (Satellite Restaurant).

Project: OPA/Rezoning applications to permit a 15 storey, 124 unit condominium tenure apartment building with 580 m² (6,243 sq. ft.) of ground level commercial, including a restaurant. (607074 Ontario Ltd.)

Project 2

General location: 1829 & 1865 Lakeshore Road West, north side of Lakeshore Road West, east of CNR tracks (Rio Can Plaza).

Project: OPA/Rezoning and Site Plan applications to permit an 8 storey, 144 unit retirement residence with at grade retail commercial and free standing drive-through restaurant. (Rio Can (Clarkson) Inc.)

Project 3

General location: 1907 Lakeshore Road West, northeast corner of Lakeshore Road West and Walden Circle.

Project: Site Plan application to permit an 8 storey, 144 unit retirement residence. (Reichmann Seniors Development Corp.)

Project 4

General location: 1601 Lakeshore Road West, north side of Lakeshore Road West east of Clarkson Road North.

Project: Site Plan application to permit a temporary sales office. (Moldenhauer Developments)



Power Plant: Gone!

By Sue Shanly, MWRRRA VP. In the photo from left to right are: Mike Douglas, Brad Duguid, Charles Sousa, Dorothy Tomiuk, Sue Shanly.

On October 7, 2010, Ontario Energy Minister Brad Duguid announced that the Oakville power plant project would not continue. There would be no new natural gas power plant anywhere in the GTA. Instead, there would be a power transmission solution.

Our community can be congratulated for our hard work over the past decade because it has contributed to a clean air solution. The struggle started with Sithe, one of the recent four proponents for the power plant. They bought land near Holcim (previously St. Lawrence Cement) with the intent of building a power plant in our area. Our community, including MWRRRA members, were able to get costly restrictions imposed on Sithe and convince the government to conduct what became known as the Clarkson Airshed Study.

This year, with the help of Charles Sousa, MPP, the results of the Clarkson Airshed Study were key to the creation of a Southwest Greater Toronto Area Air Quality Task Force. The community wanted to know how the provincial government could put a power plant in an already taxed airshed. The task force, headed by Dr. David Balsillie, was formed in the winter of 2009.

The Mississauga Residents' Associations Network (MIRANET) and the MWRRRA opposed the construction of a power plant in our community because of the impacts on an already burdened airshed. And there was another solution: while our community was fighting the impending power plant, the Nanticoke Generating Station was facing closure and risking job losses. This presented an alternate solution. Why not build the plant near Nanticoke and transmit power to the southwest GTA? The Mayor of Haldimand County, Marie Trainer, supported this idea and campaigned with us against the power plant in our community.

To generate interest and provide the facts about the Nanticoke option, Dorothy Tomiuk and I, both members of the MIRANET Clean Air Subcommittee, created a video with the help of two UTM students. The video was posted on YouTube on May 30, 2010. Search YouTube for "Why not Nanticoke?" to watch.

The task force draft report was released in June 2010 and shared with the MIRANET Clean Air Subcommittee. The subcommittee was concerned about the order of the recommendations and felt some needed to be added. We met for three days in a row and rewrote the draft; prioritizing and adding recommendations and organizing them into short, mid and long-term goals.

The subcommittee's reworked draft was presented to the task force. If the report did not contain mention of the power plant, we said that MIRANET would not endorse the task force report. The final version of the task force report was issued with the subcommittee's changes and included mention of the power plant.

After the report was released, in my role as a MIRANET Clean Air Subcommittee member, I made two deputations to Mississauga City Council to urge Council to integrate the report recommendations into the city's official plan.

On the morning of October 7, an MP telephoned Dorothy to let her know about a news conference that day concerning the power plant. Dorothy and I dropped everything and rushed to Otello's Restaurant at 1 p.m. to hear the amazing news that there would be no power plant in our community.

The next step in the fight for clean air is the implementation of the Air Quality Task Force recommendations. The recommendations include: no new pollution to be added to our air shed until current pollution levels are reduced; the government should monitor our air permanently; cumulative air pollution must be considered for any new project that could add emissions to our air; and finally, that provincial government standards for individual pollutants be toughened and brought into line with current air quality science.

In an article in The Mississauga News the former Chair of the Clear The Air Coalition Mississauga, Dr. Boyd Upper said, "Stopping the gas plant demonstrates that grassroots democracy can work."



Photo Credit: Angela Chen

In the Neighbourhood

News from Clarkson Public School

Everyone's excited for another school year at Clarkson Public School (CPS). Welcome to new students and families! It's only November but we've already taken part in some exciting programs this school year.

Students marked the 30th anniversary of "The Marathon of Hope" by participating the Terry Fox National School Run Day on September 30, 2010. Since 2004, the CPS community has raised over \$13,000 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Thank you!

At our school Open House on Tuesday, October 5, 2010 we were able to show our students' classrooms to their families.

Students also recently participated in the Peel Board's "Send hope to Pakistan" to raise money to help the victims of the flooding.

New Faces & New Facades

Our association includes about 780 homes and like every community, over time, neighbours come and go. What's more unique about our community is that the homes themselves often change as well. The age and style of the original area homes, combined with the size of the typical lot, have made our neighbourhood a prime location for redevelopment. As a result, we have a broad range of homes of size, style and value. Our changing street-scape is a popular topic of discussion throughout the neighborhood, so we decided to check it out:

Number of homes sold in the past six months (April 1 – Sept 30, 2010): 21

Compared to the same period last year (April 1 – Sept 30, 2009): 26

Information is only approximate as properties are bought and sold in a variety of ways.

Join the MWRRA!

Show your support and lend strength to our association. Membership fees are the only source of revenue and are used to offset the costs of the annual meeting, newsletters, annual picnic & welcoming material. A cash reserve is maintained to cover legal costs if required to protect our residential interests.

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One or two year memberships are available, one year for \$10, two years for \$20. Please deliver or mail your fee, with your name, address, phone number and email address to our Treasurer, Don Harrington. We will never share your information with third parties.

MWRRA Photo Contest Call for Entries

2011 is MWRRA's 40th year!

To celebrate our community, we're having a photo contest.

There will be a prize for the best photo for each season.

More details available soon on our website.

Get snapping!



Annual MWRRA BBQ in June 2010

Once again the MWRRA hosted a BBQ for residents on the beautiful grounds of the Bradley Museum. Unfortunately the weather wasn't great and our attendance was down to just over 200 ~ record attendance of 345 was set in 2007. However, for the first time, kids outnumbered adults! We enjoyed a new band, Random Roads, who did a great job of replacing our old favorite, Red Hill Road. Although we missed the sunshine, there was plenty of good food, drinks and fun for all ages!

We had lots of help from the awesome Museum staff and the many residents who volunteered to help cook, serve and welcome. Our thanks to them and to the directors who helped organize this for us: Jane Moore on food, Sue Shanly on the Bar, Danielle Simpson on the Welcome Table and Mary Ann Stokke as Coordinator.

Hope to see you again next year!

What's On

Charles Sousa, MPP is hosting a **Senior Services Expo on Tuesday, November 9** at the Clarkson Community Centre. This event will highlight the various services available to Seniors in Peel Region. From 2 pm to 4 pm in the Sheridan Room at Clarkson Community Centre at 2475 Truscott Drive. For further information please contact the Constituency office at (905) 274-8228.

Christmas Tree Lighting on Thursday, November 25, 2010 at 7pm. This year's host is The Chartwell Baptist Church. Come for choral presentations, carols, hot chocolate - even Santa has been asked to drop in! Come see the fifty foot live tree lit and welcome the Christmas season to the Clarkson Village!

Home for the Holidays on December 12, 2010 from 1 pm to 4 pm at the Bradley Museum & Benares Historic. Admission is free. Donations of non-perishable food items will be collected for the local food bank.

Find out what's happening with **Credit Valley Conservation** by visiting their calendar at www.creditvalleyca.ca/bulletin/events.htm. Or listen to a podcast: www.creditvalleyca.ca/education/podcasts/index.html.