



RHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY
MAY 16, 7:00 PM**

The Rockwood Homeowners' Association will hold it's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at 7:00 p.m. on Monday May 16th, at Sts. Martha and Mary School on Bough Beeches Blvd. All Rockwood Village residents are encouraged to attend.



W. Scott Anderson
BRT Senior Project
Manager



Chris Fonseca
Ward 3
Councillor

Keynote speakers at the meeting will include Ward 3 Councillor Chris Fonseca, Dorothy Tomiuk, MIRANET and Scott Anderson.

The AGM is your opportunity to come out to personally hear and lend your voice to what is happening in your community. SEE YOU THERE!!

RAPID TRANSIT UPDATE

Construction making progress

W. Scott Anderson, P.Eng.
BRT Senior Project Manager

Since the Spring of 2010, there have been considerable developments on this project. Construction of the Mississauga East BRT (which will run between Hurontario Street and Renforth Drive) is now underway. The construction has been divided into three phases; the first of which is now actively under construction. This first phase consists of construction of the BRT guideway from Hurontario Street to south of Fieldgate Drive, running along Highway #403 and the Eastgate Parkway corridor. The construction of stations at Central Parkway, Cawthra Road, Tomken Road, and Dixie Road, are included within this first phase of construction.

The first phase was tendered in the summer of 2010, with construction commencing in the fall of 2010. The contract for this first phase was awarded to B. Gottardo Construction Limited with contract administration being provided by McCormick Rankin Corporation (MRC). Although construction over the winter months has been relatively slow due to weather conditions, a great deal of construction activity can be expected to be undertaken as soon as weather permits.



The second phase of construction shall include the extension of the BRT guideway from south of Fieldgate Drive to the Etobicoke Creek along Eglinton Avenue and includes construction of the Tahoe Boulevard station on the south side of Tahoe Boulevard, north of Fieldgate Drive in front of the RIM building. Tendering and construction of this phase is anticipated to commence in the summer of 2011.

As well as the general contract for construction of the guideway and stations, there are also numerous utility relocations (Enersource Hydro, Bell Communications, etc.), along with various other communications suppliers, currently being undertaken in advance of construction where possible.

The opening of the BRT system is scheduled for Spring 2013. For updates visit www.mississauga.ca



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Simi Kapur

The RHA will be hosting our Annual General Meeting on Monday, May 16. This is your opportunity to have a voice in your community! Learn about the BRT in construction right in our backyards and how it affects you. Find out what's happening with the vacant lands at Audubon Blvd. and Fieldgate Dr. We will also provide an open forum for you to speak with newly elected Ward 3 Councillor, Chris Fonseca. Bring your questions and comments!

RHA is an active member of MIRANET (Mississauga Residents' Association Network). Dorothy Tomiuk, spokesperson for MIRANET, will be on hand to speak about the various subcommittees ratepayer associations are involved in and how you can contribute to city-wide initiatives. Visit the MIRANET website at www.miranet.ca.

In February, City of Mississauga held their first ever Budget Open House,

which was represented by Directors from the RHA. We also attended the Region of Peel Budget Open House. RHA supported MIRANET's Municipal Finance Subcommittee deputation to City of Mississauga's Finance Staff to support a target 3.7% increase in 2011 city taxes instead of the proposed 8% by the City of Mississauga.

In response to concerned residents, RHA's Boris Swedak put forth a request to Traffic Safety Council, of which he is also a citizen member, to inspect the pedestrian crossing on Rathburn Rd., close to Capilano Court. Although the request for a Crossing Guard was denied the City's Transportation and Works department have been requested to review the location for an Intersection Pedestrian Signal close to the townhouse complex at 1755 Rathburn Rd.

We've revamped our website and are open to pictures and articles from all of you! Let's view Rockwood from your eyes on www.rockwoodvillage.ca. We welcome your input and want to hear your ideas! Send your submissions to rha.executive@gmail.com

See you at the AGM! 🍁

New Municipal Bylaw • Visible Street Numbers

Mississauga City council has enacted a new bylaw to ensure households can be easily identified by first responders. The new bylaw requires street addresses for all residential and commercial properties in Mississauga be clearly displayed and easily identified from the street. Property owners are asked to affix and maintain durable street numbers that are not less than 4" high and are in contrast with the background on which they are mounted. Commercial,



industrial, institutional and apartment buildings must display 6" numbers. All street numbers must be clearly visible from the nearest municipal roadway regardless of

time of day. The number should also be located near the entrance to the building.

The changes to the bylaw reflects the need to ensure that police, fire and ambulance crews are able to locate property address as quickly as possible to ensure that valuable time is not lost trying to identify the street address. 🍁

Tax Hike coming soon to our City of Mississauga

Frank Medoro

When you get your next property tax bill, expect it to increase. On a home assessed at \$400,000 this increase will represent about \$111.00. But that does not mean that this money is going to fund the City of Mississauga.

In fact, only \$25 of that increase will go into our City Budget. The rest will go to The Region of Peel and the Province.

Unlike the residents of the City of Toronto who pay their property tax only to the City of Toronto, we in Mississauga pay taxes to the City of Mississauga and to the Region of Peel. Everyone also pays a portion of their assessed property taxes to the Province for Education. The City of Mississauga gets only 28 cents of each property tax dollar you

pay. The Region of Peel receives the majority of the tax pie, receiving 47%. The remaining 25% goes to the Ontario Government for education.

The top recipients are Fire Protection, Roads, Storm drains and Watercourses, Parks and Recreation and Transit. 🍁

WHERE DO OUR TAX DOLLARS GO?

28% to the City of Mississauga for:

- Fire and Emergency Services
- Transit
- Park Maintenance
- Provincial Offences Court
- Arts and Culture
- Local and arterial roads
- Bridges and watercourses
- Storm Sewers
- Winter Maintenance
- Municipal Planning and Zoning
- Building Control and Inspections
- Tax Collection

47% to the Region of Peel for:

- Police Services
- Public Health Services
- Water and Sewers
- Social Services and Welfare
- Children's Aid
- Long Term Care
- Waste Collection and Disposal
- Regional Roads and Planning
- Social Housing
- Emergency and Ambulance
- Trans Help

Congratulations Frank Marinaccio!

You are the undisputed winner of the Christmas Light display! According to neighbours of the Garnetwood

Chase homeowner, work on this exceptional display began in August. With families from within the subdivision spreading the word about the holiday magic on Garnetwood, the Marinaccio home is quickly becoming a Rockwood Holiday Tradition!

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If you are considering some changes to your landscaping this year, you may want to look into this free program for Peel residents. The goal is to assist residents in creating water efficient gardens and outdoor spaces that are affordable and easy to maintain.

The program brings trained advisors to your home for a free consultation to assist in creating a modern "water efficient and eco-chic fusion garden" through the use of low maintenance and drought tolerant plants and flowers.

Fusion landscaping is the newest trend in landscape and garden design that combines "the lush splendour of traditional gardens with modern, eco-friendly plants, flowers, colours



Fusion landscaping is an innovative trend that is much easier on your water bill.

and textures."

Consultants will also provide homeowners with environmentally friendly information on lawn care, pest and weed control.

This FREE Landscape Consultation program runs from May through August, 2011. For more information or to book your consultation go to www.watersmartpeel.ca

In celebration of Earth Week, several tree planting and community clean up events have been scheduled in Ward 3; Rathwood Park, Cherry Hill Park and Fleetwood Park will all receive mini makeovers.

If you and/or your group would like to register for an upcoming event, please contact 905-615-3200 ext. 5229 or living.green@mississauga.ca.

COMING SOON my e-news blasts. Look for periodic blasts advising of upcoming events in your community. If you have a City or Regional issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office for assistance.



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Home Values SOAR in Rockwood!



Early sales in Rockwood Village indicate that the value of a 4 bedroom detached home in the Rockwood community has risen approximately 6% over last year. Although the selling season in this area rarely begins before April and is generally over by September, recent sales would indicate that Rockwood is going to be HOT this summer!

While the total freehold market has risen by only 2%, semi-detached/link homes are selling for 7% more than in 2010. The average cost of a freehold home in Rockwood

Village is now \$580,000.

But the news is not all good. The condo market is not as strong as freehold, with market increases only 1% over 2010 prices. The majority of the increases came from 2 storey towns which rose 2% over the previous year.

With lots of industry in our immediate vicinity, and commuters now facing the high cost of gas, Rockwood is quickly becoming an even more desirable location. Totally updated 4 bedroom detached homes are now commanding up to \$875,000. WOW!!



Average Selling Price (Freehold)

	2010	2011	% Increase
Total Market	566,675	579,800	2%
Detached	601,755	625,400	4%
Semi/Link	414,000	441,000	7%
4 Bd Detached	606,000	642,110	6%

Average Selling Price (Condo)

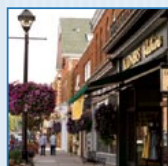
	2010	2011	% Increase
Total Market	320,968	323,682	1%
2 Storey	312,189	317,000	2%
3 Storey	331,305	331,700	0%



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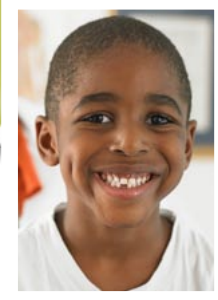
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