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Mayor Crombie's Message to Rockwood Community

At the 2017 Rockwood Annual General meeting, the Mayor brought the message "Mississauga Matters" and her perspective regarding airport issues.

With a provincial election imminent, the mayor voiced concerns that a new government may eliminate many projects already confirmed and in progress. "Mississauga Matters" is geared to bring awareness to the province that it needs to continue to invest in the infrastructure commitments already made to Mississauga. These projects include expansion to the Trillium Hospital, development of 67 acres along the lakeshore, the Hurontario LRT that is to be funded and engineered by Metrolinx, and 22 projects planned for the City Centre.

Shortly before the election, Hazel McCallion endorsed the new Premier, Doug Ford. It is doubtful that the former mayor would endorse a candidate who would

not support the initiatives that she also worked hard to ensure over her lengthy tenure.

The mayor came prepared to talk about the airport. Mayor Crombie stated, "The GTAA have not been the best partners." The airport is looking towards significant growth including becoming a hub for all forms of transit: LRT, the Eglinton Crosstown: the UP; and bus terminals. While they are busy buying up land, and attracting major companies such as Bombardier, they are not listening to the City's concerns. As the airport is federal land, it is not subject to local tax assessments. As a result, the City is losing millions in revenue.

There is a glimmer of hope. Once again, it may be Hazel to the rescue. McCallion has been named to the Board of Directors of the GTAA. Crombie is hopeful that she will influence the GTAA towards being "better partners in making more positive changes". **RW**



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Your contribution is important

We are happy to report that our spring drive for membership was successful. Our membership rose from 45 members in 2017 to 75. Unfortunately, it is still pretty sad that of almost 3,000 households, only 3% are prepared to support their residents' association. We do thank those who paid their membership fee for their support, particularly those benefactors who gave donations far more than ten dollars.

When residents have issues, RHA is here to help. We have worked to resolve traffic and parking concerns. We took an active role with the garbage bin issue in the townhomes. We attend meetings and keep residents informed about a whole host of things that have an impact on our neighbourhood. We do this to benefit every resident of Rockwood.

Our email is accessible for all to let us know of any problem they are experiencing and to ask for our

assistance. In the past, we have been happy to do so without hesitation. Moving forward, we will only respond to our membership.

The Board believes that if you do not see the value of becoming a member of the Rockwood Homeowners' Association (RHA) by paying the small \$10 annual fee, the RHA has no obligation to assist you. While we will always continue to work on behalf of the whole community, non-members are included, but unfortunately not if they require personal assistance.

Your contributions help us to function in your best interest. If even HALF of the households, town homes included, paid the annual 10.00 fee, we could do so much more for the community. *RW*

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Letters

Parking Issues at Beeches and Rathburn

I have called (the City) numerous times to complain about the same issue since July 30, 2018.

I have been told that the employees of Revera Nursing home have permission to park on the surrounding streets since the construction on Burnhamthorpe.

The following is what has been happening:

- they are blocking the clear view of cars travelling on Ottewell Crescent and/or Maple Ridge from Ottewell.
- they park 5 cars deep on both sides of the street on Ottewell Crescent next to Maple Ridge
- they park too close to the corner
- they park right up to the stop sign
- they sometimes park too close to private driveways

There is plenty of parking on surrounding streets and they should make use of it. I hope that nobody has an accident and that this matter is resolved sooner rather than later.

M C

Response from Councillor Fonseca

I have been advised by Parking Enforcement that a permit was issued from April 1st until November 30, 2018 for renovations occurring at 1111 Bough Beeches Blvd. A parking exemption was issued for the duration of the project for approx. 70-80 vehicles displaced due to the renovation on the parking garage.

The following streets were given as an exemption due to the renovations:

- Bough Beeches • Havenwood to Rathburn Rd E.
- Maple Ridge Dr. • Ottewell Cres • Lewes Way

Due to residential concerns for safety when the permit was originally issued the Traffic department was contacted and conducted an assessment of the parking areas.

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RHA Elects a New Board of Directors for 2018 - 2019

Approximately 100 residents attended the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Rockwood Homeowners' Association (RHA), which was held on May 16, 2018. The keynote speakers were the Mayor, Bonnie Crombie, Councillor Chris Fonseca and Mark Kuess from Community Alliance for Air Safety (CAAS).

Elections were held for the 2018-2019 Board of Directors. Joe Silva was re-elected as President. Lisa Portolese stepped down as Vice-President and Dale Bason was elected to fill that role. Kimberly Lulham and Val Thomson will retain their positions of Secretary and Treasurer, respectively. Nicole Danesi, who has done an exemplary job of managing our social media accounts and website, has stepped down as Director, but has promised to continue to assist.

The Board thanks Nicole for bringing us up to date with the most modern tools for reaching our residents.

Frank Medoro, Jason Haraschuk and Leszek Pisarek will remain as Directors. Welcome to the three new faces on the Board this year: Richard Schwarz, Linda Collins and Catherine Mason. *RW*

This year the Board Meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. from October to June at the Burnhamthorpe Community Centre. All members are welcome to attend. The schedule is posted on our website: www.rockwoodvillage.ca.

letters continued

The results of their investigations has revealed that parked cars are obstructing the sightlines of the motorists existing and entering the driveway of 1155 Bough Beeches Boulevard. A work order has been issued to install temporary No Parking Anytime signs on both sides of Bough Beeches Boulevard between Burnhamthorpe Road East and Maple Ridge Drive. The signs will be installed under the general provisions of the Traffic By-law.

Parking Enforcement's records indicate that from April 1st, 2018 to September 20th, 2018, a total of 10 tickets combined (penalty notices) were issued for parking vehicles in a prohibited area, intersection, on Bough Beeches, Ottewell and Maple Ridge in contravention of the Traffic By-law 555-00, as amended.

By copy of this e-mail to Parking Enforcement I am requesting they continue to monitor the area until the end of the consideration on November 30th.

If you have any other concerns I would be happy to discuss this with you.

Respectfully,
Councillor Chris Fonseca,
Ward 3

RHA Membership

The *Rockwood Times Newsletter*, together with our Website, Twitter Feed and Facebook Page continues to provide information relevant to our community. Your support assists the RHA administration and the many volunteers in ensuring that Rockwood Village remains the most desirable residential community in East Mississauga.



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Fonseca Appreciative of R.H.A

Councillor Fonseca opened her remarks at the AGM by thanking the outgoing and

incoming board of directors for their participation in the community, and acknowledged RHA as an active homeowners' association. She expressed her gratitude to both the board and residents for helping represent the community by attending a variety of meetings, partaking in events, participating at GTAA and CENAC meetings, and for the feedback we provided.

Fonseca acknowledged that working with the City can be a slow process and thanked us for our patience, persistence and commitment, and especially for our efforts with the Planning and Development Committee. Similarly, re-imagining the Mall will be a long process.

In terms of traffic issues, Fonseca stated there are close to 600 streets in Mississauga for which traffic calming has been requested. A budget for traffic calming initiatives has been put in place, along with a set of criteria that these streets need to meet before programs will be approved by the City. To date, 57 streets in Ward 3 have been approved.

Many Rockwood residents attended meetings regarding traffic issues.

The feedback they provided has resulted in many of our community traffic issues being addressed. Traffic calming on Fieldgate Drive is to be implemented. Phasing traffic around Maple Ridge Drive and a roundabout on Fieldgate Drive would be part of Phase 1, which would include raised cushions (which could be moved) and crosswalks.

The City of Mississauga has never had mid-block crossings, only full 4-way intersections. Now, at the request of residents, and in consideration that the distance to a safe crossing on some blocks is too large in some neighbourhoods, they have approved a mid-block intersection pilot project where pedestrians could cross mid-block. One of them will be at the hydro corridor between Ponytrail and Fieldgate, which is heavily accessed by children en-route to the school and park.

Started this summer and going well into the fall, Fonseca will make sure that her website is kept up to date with developments for traffic calming, and she will include contact information for Colin Patterson.

Councillor Fonseca advised that the Hydro corridor running north and south would be formally turned into a pedestrian and multiuse trail. Unfortunately, the project will not be able to move forward until City staff

involved in traffic calming and hydro corridor consults with St. Martha and Mary School. Fonseca says that Hydro has agreed to clear the field and cut off any trees beyond the Audubon corridor.

Fonseca also spoke to the garbage bin issue in townhouse complexes. Petitions have been created by 7-8 complexes and were to be presented at the Waste Management Council meeting. Although the Councillor does not sit on the committee, she committed to sending a strong message in support of the residents to put this proposition on hold.

She also thanked the residents of the townhouse communities for proposing solutions to these changes. Fonseca indicated that throughout winter she received many emails about destruction of sod along Bough Beeches, Maple Ridge and Garnetwood boulevards.

The Councillor also informed the winter maintenance staff that they need a more efficient process and better sidewalk plows. They had a winter maintenance review in June 2018 to discuss the width of sidewalks and a sod replacement schedule that is not presently in place. There are currently 1,200 requests for boulevard repair. Several residents at the meeting indicated that they also had damages to their property. *RW*

TIPS to Keep our kids SAFE this Halloween!

- Wear reflective strips on costumes or carry flashlights or glow sticks to be seen in the dark.
- Wear non toxic make-up instead of masks which may hinder sight.

- Walk (don't run) at crosswalks only
- Do not eat candy or fruit until checked by an adult.
- Stay away for "homemade" treats or candy from another country - read ingredients for allergies.

- Do not go into dark houses
- Keep costume accessories such as swords, soft and flexible.

and for parents... keep an eye out and drive carefully!!



Frank and Joe Visit Rockwood's Beechwood Park

On January 23, RHA Board members Joe Silva and Frank Medoro visited Beechwood Park to familiarize themselves with what seems to be a green patch of the park that is not utilized. Beechwood Park is tucked away in Rockwood Village between Burnhamthorpe Road and Rathburn Road, a block away from Rockwood Mall. The park has a small playground area with a couple of benches nearby and another couple at the edge of the park facing Ottewell Crescent and backing onto the park.

This summer, our recommendation for additional benches proved somewhat successful when Parks staff informed they were installing two more benches.

However, only one new bench has been noticed at the far east of the park near Bryce Road.

On September 16, Frank went for another look at the park and, while there, he met a local resident who informed him that the present five benches are not enough. She revealed that seniors from the nearby Beechwood Retirement Home who stroll through the park have no place to sit. The two benches facing Ottewell Crescent and the two by the playground are not enough to accommodate them. The bench near Bryce Road is considered too far away for them.

The path that cuts the park in two, between Ottewell Crescent and Bryce Road, has no benches, and some would



certainly be welcomed. She also reiterated the fact that the park and the path lack sufficient lighting. Right now, the west side of the path has overgrown trees that hinder light from the four poles. She, like another resident whom Frank and Joe met in January 2018, commented on the unwelcomed behavior of some people who frequent the park after dark. The problem could be ameliorated if the path had four additional alternating poles on the east side, which would not be overcrowded by trees. Unfortunately, it is understood that an expenditure on lighting is not in the City's immediate plan. *RW*



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CAAS Update



According to Mark Kuess of the Community Alliance for Air Safety (CAAS), the newly formed airport watchdogs, more than 20 serious concerns at the airport have been identified. According to Kuess, the group has been effective in turning the focus at the airport from that of noise to safety. Mr Kuess believes that the noise issue only pits one neighborhood against another. Safety has more affect, particularly with the Federal Government who is responsible for air traffic.

The safety idea seems to be catching the attention of industry experts, airport unions, many pilots, air traffic controllers, and even the transportation safety board. All have been involved in CAAS meetings.

Fifteen years ago, the Federal Government started reducing costs at Transport Canada, by allowing the airports to police themselves. The GTAA leases the airport from the Queen (represented in Canada by Minister Marc Garneau). Kuess said CAAS discovered that nobody could find the paperwork for the operational changes going on at the airport.

CAAS is endeavoring to get answers from Transport Canada, who Kuess believes is not enforcing the rules. There have been many safety issues and near misses, such



as a young man who was killed on the tarmac in May.

Mark Kuess urged residents to go to the CAAS website and join CAAS to hold Nav Canada, Transport Canada and the GTAA accountable for their actions before something bad happens at the airport. The RHA is an active member of CAAS. Residents who want to join and keep up to date on events involving airport safety can access their website at caasafety.ca. Donations are also welcome. You will find a GoFundMe page also on their website. *RW*

Airport Alerts

Shortly before the annual Air Show at the C.N.E., the GTAA put out an alert to their subscribers, which includes many Rockwood residents. The alert was to inform that, in order to accommodate participants of the Air Show, there was going to be more traffic and more noise than normal.

Maybe the GTAA is trying to be a better neighbour!

These alerts can be helpful for those planning backyard events.

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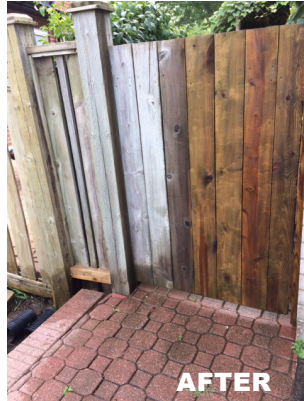
Hi, Joe,

Some years back I installed a pressure treated fence around my yard but now it looks very grey and I do not particularly like it. Is there a way to bring back, without harsh chemicals, the original color of the pressure treated wood. - Herbert

Hi, Herbert,

This is an excellent question and I too, do not particularly like the look of the grey wood. The quick answer is YES, but you need to use a pressure washer.

The way to accomplish this is by using a dove tail or fan type of tip on the pressure washer and spray with an up and down motion at about 2-3 inches away from the wood surface. Please refer to the above photos for a before and after look how the results may look. Note that the fence in the “before” picture is actually half done and is still wet. RW - Joe



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Completed applications can be submitted at any City of Mississauga community centre, the Mississauga Seniors' Centre and the Recreation Customer Service Centre now until 9 p.m. on Friday, November 9, 2018. Completed applications and supporting documentation must be submitted in person.

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Municipal Election Candidates 2018-2019



Municipal elections for offices of Mayor, Councillor and School Trustees will take place on October 22, 2018. There are seven candidates running for Mayor, including the incumbent, Bonnie Crombie.

In Ward 3, four candidates are competing for Councillor, a position currently held by Christine Fonseca.

Mario Pascucci, who has served our neighbourhood for more than 30 years, has been acclaimed as the Separate School Trustee. However, Sue Lawton, the incumbent English Public School Trustee (EP) will be facing a field of seven in that race. For those who may be voting for French School Trustee, there are three candidates for the French Public School Trustee (FP) and three for the French Separate School Trustee (FS).

Advance polls will be open on October 5 and 6 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at Mississauga City Hall and again on Oct. 13 and 14 at various locations including Burnhamthorpe Community Centre.

This year, voters have the option to vote at any polling location during the advance polls and at any voting location in their ward on election day. *RW*

VOTING LOCATIONS

include most schools in the ward:

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