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Deck *the* Halls

Delta Bingo is proposing to open a hall in Rockwood Mall, according to notices in the Mississauga News. According to the Councillor's office, the city is not aware of any such proposal. That being said, the notice



says to have any comments delivered to unnamed individuals, in unknown positions or departments at both City Hall and Queens Park not later than December 16.

Technically, Delta is asking to move from their current industrial location on Mattawa Ave. (off Dundas, across from The Brick). Their target location is in a mall in a residential area: our neighbourhood, our Rockwood Mall.

This is the perfect location for a Bingo Hall. Rockwood has a large senior population, many within walking distance, a relatively safe area with lots of parking and transit options. The Mattawa Avenue location needs a facelift, but otherwise, there are no problems, no liquor licence and no



slot machines--just Bingo. It is a place where local charities take an active part in the operation and in return earn money to fund their causes. Some of the charities include hockey clubs, the Knights of Columbus, women's shelters and the arts. Even the RHA, as a not-for-profit association, could be a charity partner.

Delta Bingo and Gaming currently operates many halls in the province. Many of their halls offer another form of gaming – slot machines. Along with the slot machines most serve alcohol. Over time, as the profits from the machines appears to be higher, the overall space allotted to Bingo shrinks to allow for more slot machines. As OLG runs the slot business, we can assume that this money is not shared with the local charities, or at least not in the same manner as with the Bingo profits. However, in the case of the Rockwood Mall location, the now vacant Rona property, is relatively small compared to other facilities.

Therefore, the option for slots may not be viable. Unfortunately, we have not

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Is Building Homes *Faster* the answer to our Housing Crisis?

When the Ontario government initiated the affordable housing initiative, who would have thought that it would lead in part to blowing up decades of municipal planning, environmental goals, and the belief that Joe citizen might have a say in what happens in his neighbourhood. With the passage of Bill 23, or "The

More Homes Built

Faster Act, 2022"

everything we once

knew about: zoning

and the right to

appeal; community

benefits; protection of

Heritage properties;

protection of conservation property;

and having a say in how many units

can be housed in a residential property,

will change. The only thing that might

not change is that there will still be

a shortage of low-income housing

and that seniors looking to downsize

without significantly altering their

property will have to remain in place.

Bill 23 promises to create 150,000

new homes per year for 10 years. It

does not identify what type of homes

they will be, what price or where they

will be built. Will they be built on

what we currently consider greenbelts

or conservation property? Will they

be compatible with the communities

we expect with sufficient parkland

and services or will the need to crank

out cookie cutter properties at the

rate required supersede the planning

objectives of towns and cities? How

will this effect our neighbourhood, our schools and our greenspaces?

Yes, we need more housing. More housing will offer far more choices for those prepared to move away from the major markets where jobs are more plentiful. While the land may cost less, the cost of materials and labour will not. So, what is the real saving

if you consider the cost to commute? Yes, encouraging secondary units will help many afford to either stay in their homes or allow those just entering the market afford to purchase. But there is a significant

cost to renovating a property to add a second or third unit, particularly if it is on top of the million-dollar plus investment to purchase. Lenders would also have to amend their terms to make this feasible.

Cutting red tape, making it easier to get projects started is a good thing. Encouraging young people to enter the trades is good thing. Blowing up the standards set over the years, based on best practices and the input of the citizens, is not.

We encourage you to review one of the many articles on Bill 23 that outlines the effect that "The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022" will have on housing, our environment and our communities. [RW](https://gowlingwlg.com/en/insights-resources/articles/2022/bill-23-a-re-build-of-foundation-for-housing/)

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Knocking then running is no joke to homowners

There has been a spate of ghost knocking which started on Garnetwood Chase and has spread to 1951 Rathburn Rd. A phantom group of teens have been ringing doorbells and running away by the time someone arrives at the door. Peel Police were made aware of this situation but have not to date, to our knowledge, apprehended any suspects, even though they have been provided a fairly clear photo of one of the rappers. We are unable to share the picture, as he is obviously under age, and would create a privacy issue.

If you have experienced similar issues, send us a message at rha.executive@gmail.com OR call Peel Police at 905-453-3311 ext 1200

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seen the proposal, and until we do, we can only make suppositions as to the intended use.

The potential for slot machines in our mall is a concern. A relatively ugly secret is that the Dixie/Bloor community has the highest social risk index in all of Peel Region. Most halls that offer slot gaming stay open well after midnight, which is much later than the Bingo games end. Allowing slot gaming would make our neighbourhood vulnerable to potentially undesirable exposure during the early morning hours. Allowing the hall on Mattawa Avenue to move to Rockwood with the existing restriction (just Bingo) would be a source of entertainment for the community.

This could even be considered the adult version of Chuck E. Cheese with benefits to some local charities. However, allowing anything more than this should be considered a potential risk. If the Council feels that Pot Shops should not be a part of our neighbourhood, certainly they will agree that we should not have slot gaming in them either.

We will be sending an eblast to our mailing list in early December with a survey. The results will be tabulated and sent to the two office locations provided. The question is, do we want a Bingo Hall in Rockwood and if so, should it be with or without restrictions? *RW*

If you are not on our mailing list, you can have your say by accessing the survey on our website: www.rockwoodvillage.ca.

The closing date for the survey will be December 11th, 2022.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays
and a Joyous New Year to you
and your family!



Thank you
to Ward 3
residents for
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I am looking forward to
working together as a
community in 2023!

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Ward 3 Councillor



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Speed in the vicinity of a school is now 30 km/hr. in Mississauga. As a designated residential area all other streets in the neighbourhood, except where posted otherwise, is 40 km/hr.

There RHA has been working to make the route from Fieldgate along Bough Beeches to Rathburn a safer one

for pedestrians and motorists. The arrival of the ASE is only one step. The sign indicating an upcoming stop at Garnetwood Chase is another. We still need to see more traffic calming along this stretch, and more posted speed signs. A raised crosswalk at the Trail and other measures are still pending. *RW*





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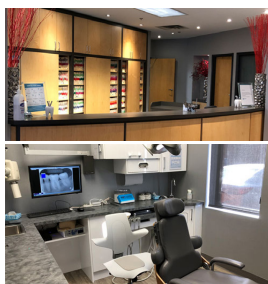
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To see how you can help visit www.peelpolice.ca

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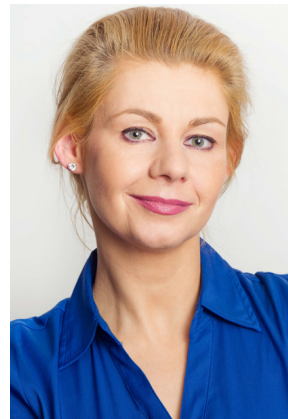
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A new perspective - The winds of change are sweeping City Hall and it has nothing to do with the recent election. In the past, citizens, or their community organizations, and businesses who wanted to address Council, were sometimes granted time during a council meeting. Instead of addressing council directly, members of the community are being asked to sit on permanent committees as advisors. These committees in turn will provide guidance to Council who in the end will make the final decision.

While sitting on a committee may not be new, actively advertising for members is new. If you are interested in sitting on a committee, please see what may be of interest to you and then apply on www.mississauga.ca/council/committees/citizen-appointments-on-committees/. If none of these are of interest to you, there will be more opportunities for additional committees in the upcoming months. **RW**

Tennis Courts

Thank you to the resident who brought to our attention the state of disrepair of the Garnetwood Park tennis courts. The City of Mississauga has been notified of our concern and the City has advised that the previously scheduled upgrade of the courts will be moved from 2024 up to 2023.



If you have a concern regarding parks in the Rockwood Village area, please send your concern to rha.parkscommittee@gmail.com.



Wishing you *Peace, Good Health & Happiness* this Christmas and into a Safe New Year!

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More or Affordable Housing?

Susan Clunie, Director RHA

On October 21, 2022, an information meeting regarding Affordable Housing Issues was held at the office of Sheref Sabawy, MPP for Mississauga.

The meeting was attended by **Michael Parsa, Associate Minister of Housing** and **David Uveges, Director of Policy, Ministry of Housing** and **Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Services** and **MPP for Mississauga East Cooksville**. Community members, including a representative from the RHA, had been invited to provide input based on their concerns

The following significant points were noted:

- There is a current shortage of housing in Ontario
- The Ontario Government has committed to build 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years.
- There is too much existing governmental red tape that slows the process of building houses/condos, etc.
- There is a dire shortage of skilled trades people
- Materials to build housing are in short supply.

The Ontario government hopes that by allowing garage conversions, garden suites, laneway suites, and plexes, including duplexes and triplexes in already established communities will aid in providing more affordable housing.

Resident groups represented at this meeting insisted

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that, before giving carte blanche to conversions, consideration must be given to the current infrastructure of roads, parking, schools, libraries, etc.

The Province has introduced **Bill 23 "More Homes Built Faster Act."** The City of Mississauga staff have reviewed the Bill and have prepared their corporate report outlining how the Bill would impact the City of Mississauga. City Council reviewed the City report on November 23, 2022. Details were not available at time of this printing. ^{RW} *The Province is accepting comments from members of the public on the proposed changes until December 9, 2022. If you are interested in learning more about Bill 23 please visit <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-6197>.*



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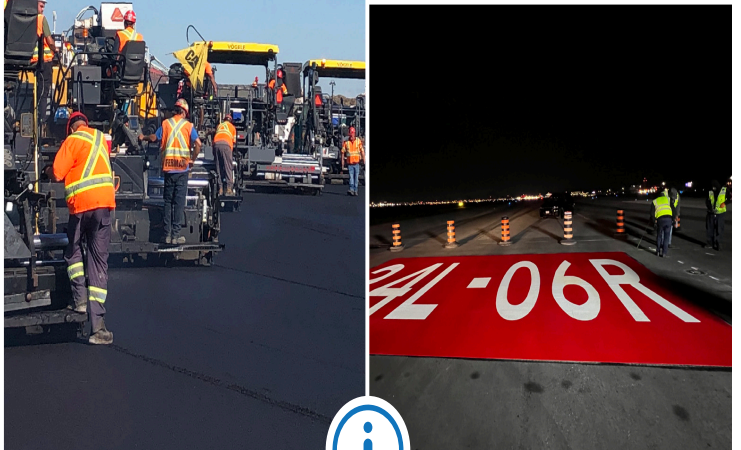
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