



From Our President

Dear Members and Friends of the Sir John's Homestead Ratepayer Association Inc.,

Yes, make no mistake about it. We are now an incorporated entity. The incorporation took place in November and we have been recognized by the City of Mississauga. This gives us reduced rates for facilities and also puts us in the loop for notices of meetings and special events or hearings that may be of interest to us as a Community. My heartfelt "Thanks" to all who helped to bring this about.

The OMB Hearing concerning the Lodging House Issue was held on December 16, 2009 and I am pleased to report that after the dismissal of two motions the Appellants withdrew their Appeal. **The end result is that the By-law stands in its entirety without change.** We now must wait for the Licensing Provisions to be passed. These rules of operation will set the standards etc. that all Lodging Houses must meet whether they are Legal Non-conforming or new ones that are subject to the rezoning Bylaw just upheld. This is the outcome we have been fighting for, for the past year. Santa has come early for the Sir John's Homestead Community and the City of Mississauga. Again I wish to thank all those who worked so hard to bring this about; the original Review Committee, the new executive of our new incorporated entity, the grassroots movement that shed light on the whole issue and Councillor Katie Mahoney and the City of Mississauga.

We have arranged for a Bylaw Officer come to an open meeting of the Association to address your questions with regard to noise and other By-law Enforcement Issues on Tuesday, January 12, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grange. All are welcome and we encourage you to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

On behalf of the Executive, I would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday Season and Health and Prosperity in the New Year.

Respectfully,
Alina Zogala
President SJHRA

From our MIRANET Representative on the Strategic Plan

Here is a short primer on the City of Mississauga Strategic Plan which was developed through extensive consultation over the past few years.

This Strategic Plan sets the road ahead for our City, and has established a Vision for what Mississauga should become. There is no established timeline for the completion of the Strategic Plan, as it is a 'living document', which evolves over time.

The Sir John's Homestead Ratepayer Association plans to contribute to this evolution and monitor its progress.

The following Vision Statement has been established to guide the actions taken to date and those in the future.

"Mississauga will inspire the world as a dynamic and beautiful global city for creativity and innovation, with vibrant, safe and connected communities; where we celebrate the rich diversity of our cultures, our historical villages, Lake Ontario and the Credit River valley. A place where people choose to be."

Progress:

The Strategic Action Plan has 87 items underway. The most impactful actions to date:

1. Sheridan College Campus at City Centre. Shovel in the ground in December. First classes in Business School in 2011.
2. Hurontario Main Street: Planning for new light rail rapid transit and new neighbourhood centres in Port Credit and Cooksville to start.
3. Stimulus funding for infrastructure programs: City has received \$138 million to date from the Federal and Provincial governments,. Must have all projects completed by March 2011. There are 132 projects in the plan.
4. Rehabilitation of the City Square. Part of the Stimulus Package. The plan to create an new larger, more useful City Square will cost \$40 million.

5. OPG Lands at Lakeview: The plan is to create a sustainable, multi-use area including residential, recreational and commercial components. Here are some ideas that were discussed at our last SJHRA meeting:

1. Invite a Strategic Plan Ambassador to address a neighbourhood meeting so we can further understand how we can influence the Strategic Plan impact on our neighbourhood.
2. Identify local initiatives and seek out corporate and neighbourhood sponsorship (and City \$) to develop and deliver the ideas.
 - a. New park development
 - b. Change in use for townhouse development
 - c. Improvements to entrance to our neighbourhood
3. Rally our support to one or more of the initiatives outlined above. Make the City what we want it to be.

We welcome your ideas as to how your association can impact the Strategic Plan and how our neighbourhood can benefit from its delivery.

From member-at-large Tom Zakrzewski on Noise Complaints

If you have a recurring noise complaint, you should know that the City of Mississauga has a noise bylaw that states that no person in Mississauga shall create, cause or permit any unusual noise that is likely to disturb the inhabitants. Violations of this

bylaw are subject to a fine of not more than \$5000. The following are steps for you to take if you have a noise complaint:

1. Keep a written record of the offending noise(s) that contains the following information; date, start time, end time, noise description, how you were disturbed. *The 2 forms are on our website*
2. Call the police at the time of the disturbance. They may or may not respond depending on their availability, but your complaint will be on record.
3. Contact the Mississauga By-law Enforcement office during business hours at 905-896-5655. Upon receipt of your complaint, the Bylaw Officer will notify the offending party that a complaint has been registered. After that, the Officer is obliged to take whatever action necessary to eliminate the complaint.
4. In the event this action does not solve the problem and the noise persists, it may be necessary to request that the Mississauga By-law Enforcement office commence a Court action against the offending parties. The role of the complainant (you) in this event is to act as a witness in Court. A coordinated action involving other affected members of our community is the best approach, and the end result will be that the problem is resolved.
5. For additional information, please visit the "Mississauga By-law Enforcement" site on the internet, and click on "Noise Complaints".

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