

SHORA NEWS



Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers' Association
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Presidents Message - 2008

Dear WEHA Neighbours,

Once again we have some exciting news!

We have changed our name from the West Erindale Homeowners' Association (WEHA) to the Sheridan Homelands' Ratepayers Association (SHORA). Our boundaries remain as Dundas St. W. (north), Erin Mills Pkwy. (east), QEW (south) and Winston Churchill (west).

In the last 3 years I have witnessed a handful of volunteers doing much of the work of the Association. The Association needs more help and support from you. It is not time to ask what the Association does but rather how you can help or support it. We have many great ideas but lack both the people and financial resources to see them through. If we were all to contribute our \$10.00 per year as well as a few hours, our goals will be easily achieved. We ask that you visit our website at www.shora.ca and register your membership as well as contact any of the Board of Directors by phone or email if you would like to volunteer some of your time. We need your support.

Together let's make this the best Ratepayers' Association in Mississauga!

peter di scola

President

SHORA

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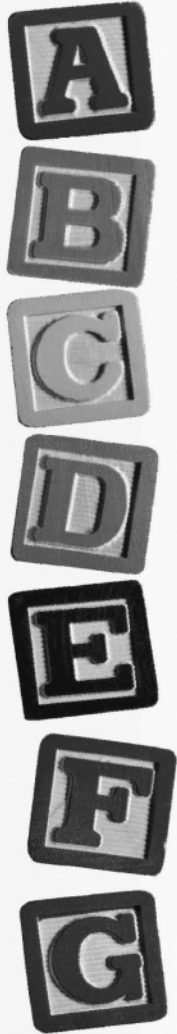
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Paul Szabo, MP



Dear Neighbours,

As a long-time resident of Sheridan Homelands, I really appreciate the active efforts of our ratepayers' association to keep us informed and to represent our best interests. That is very similar to my responsibilities as your Member of Parliament.

In general, my work involves matters falling under the Government of Canada. The House of Commons meets about 8 months per year and during that time, I am in Ottawa 4 or 5 days per week working on Committees and debating legislation. Even when I am in Ottawa, I do keep in close contact with my Mississauga office to address the needs of constituents.

I would estimate that about 60% of my work relates to helping constituents and that is why I have three very experienced assistants to provide prompt and personal attention. If you call our office during normal business hours (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm), one of us will answer the phone. The answering machine only goes on after business hours and anyone who wants to meet with me or a member of my staff is always accommodated as soon as possible.

The following is a list of some of the more frequent matters which we deal with: visas, passports, citizenship and immigration, seniors' pensions (CPP, OAS, GIS), federal income tax, seniors' benefits and assistance, student assistance, Employment Insurance and training programs, customs, veterans affairs and information on specific programs or initiatives.

Another excellent source of information and assistance is the Government of Canada toll free Help Line. Just call 1 (800) OCANADA - 1 (800) 622-6232. This call centre has basic information on virtually every area of responsibility of the Federal Government and can help you to get the contact information for every department or program area. You may also find it helpful to visit the Government of Canada website at www.canada.gc.ca.

I hope this information is helpful and, as always, I welcome your input on matters of interest or importance to you.

Sincerely,

Paul Szabo, MP

Mississauga South

Charles Sousa, M.P.P.



OUR ENVIRONMENT IS SENSITIVE

Dear residents of Sheridan Homelands,

We live in a community with a lot to be proud of. We're nestled among the oldest parts of the city, making Sheridan Homelands and our villages great places to live and work.

A vision shared by many businesses and resident groups is the improvement to our local air quality and the revitalization of our waterfront. This is an economic and environmental opportunity to further protect and enhance the area.

As many of you know the Clarkson Airshed study found high levels of pollution along the QEW corridor. It is essential that, as our community grows, we address our local environment in a more effective manner. That is why the province is committed to building a new light rail system along our major roads and expanding the Lakeshore GO line. This will serve to ease gridlock, reduce emissions and facilitate access to our homes.

But we must go further.

We must also strive to balance the need for more electricity by taking advantage of conservation and increasing renewables, as opposed to constructing any new gas plants on our lakefront and riverbeds.

I fully support the efforts of our local ratepayers and community associations in calling for full environmental assessments.

While more power will be needed in Mississauga in the years to come, I believe that the sensitivity of our environment needs to be respected.

This is an exciting time for our community. I look forward to working in partnership with residents and all levels of government to ensure Sheridan Homelands and our neighbouring villages are protected and continue to prosper.

I am certain that together we can leave a legacy of clean air, green spaces and a vibrant waterfront for our children and for future generations.

It is my pleasure to be able to serve the people of Mississauga South. Please feel free to visit our office. We have a great team and we're happy to help.

All the best,

Charles Sousa, MPP

Mississauga South



Habitat For Humanity Plans First Build in Mississauga

Habitat for Humanity Mississauga is set to build its first home in Streetsville this summer.

Habitat for Humanity is a community based non-profit housing organization that works in partnership with people in need to provide decent affordable housing. The houses are sold at no profit and no interest charged. Volunteers provide most of the labour and individual and corporate donors provide money and materials. Partner families are required to invest 500 hours of labour - "sweat equity" - into building their homes and homes of others. Their mortgage payments go into a revolving fund that Habitat uses to build more homes.

The Mississauga affiliate was founded in 2005 and is a member of Habitat for Humanity Canada, part of a worldwide network that spans 100 countries and has built over 200,000 homes worldwide.

Habitat Mississauga recently partnered with Enersource to build on land donated by the Region of Peel. Meanwhile The Ontario Trillium Foundation has awarded the new affiliate operational funding for three years.

Habitat builds more than homes; Habitat builds communities. By bringing together neighbours and families to help those living in sub-standard housing relationships and new friendships can blossom. Volunteers don't even need to know how to swing a hammer to get involved! On-site training is provided so everyone is encouraged to come forward and help build dreams for others.

For more information on how you can help on upcoming builds or future events or to make donations please visit the web site at www.habitatmississauga.ca

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

Where can I get a blue or grey box?

Answer: The blue and grey box program is operated by the Region of Peel. If you are a new resident call the WASTELINE at 905-791-9499 to receive your free blue and grey box. Replacement Blue and grey boxes can be picked up at the following locations for a fee of \$6:

- Mavis Road Works Yard, 3185 Mavis Rd.
- Meadowvale Parks and Public Works Yard, 6300 Mill Creek Dr.
- Clarkson Works Yard, 2167 Royal Windsor Dr.
- Malton Works Yard, 7100 Fir Tree Dr.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

Who should I contact if I have questions about parking in Mississauga?

Answer: Contact Parking Control at 905-896-5678 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. After 4 p.m. or on weekends contact the 24 hour dispatch at 905-615-3000.

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A Message from Councillor Pat Mullin

Spring/Summer is in the air and with it comes an increased level of outside activity. City staff and residents are reporting an increased level in graffiti activity in and around Thornlodge Park. Immediate removal is the best defence on curtailing this unacceptable activity and you are encouraged to contact the Parks Watch 24 Hour Hotline at 905-615-4060 to report litter, vandalism, graffiti, alcohol consumption, off leash dogs or suspicious behaviour.

Graffiti also appears on hydro boxes, light posts, mail boxes, concrete walls etc. and Peel Regional police also encourage residents who see graffiti, either being made or already posted, to call them at (905) 453-3311 or call the Clarkson Community Station at (905) 456-5820.

For more information on graffiti prevention and control, please visit Peel Regional Police's website at www.peelpolice.on.ca and click on Crime Prevention Fact Sheets.

The City continues to invest in your community and Thornlodge Park is scheduled to see upgrades that will include; repairs/replacement of the paved pathway, play structure repainted, and new replacement trees planted this year.

I Hope you enjoy the upcoming summer months with family and friends. Take Care and stay healthy and safe.

Sincerely,

Pat Mullin,

Councillor, Ward 2.

MISSION STATEMENT

Sheridan Homelands Ratepayers' Association is committed to promoting community awareness and community spirit, is proactive in keeping abreast of local developments and liaises with local government on behalf of its members in order to make our community a better and safer place in which to live.

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SOUTHDOWN DISTRICT POLICIES: Air Shed Study

A number of Ratepayer's Associations, including SHORA, have had a number of meetings with the Planning and Building Department of the City of Mississauga commencing in 2007. These meetings were facilitated by Councillor Pat Mullin as a result of the recent Air Shed Study. The Air Shed Study was prompted because of the poor air quality in the area.

The purpose of the meetings was to review the land use in the Southdown District. The area under discussion is bounded by Royal Windsor Drive (North), Lakeshore Road (South), Southdown Road (East), and Winston Churchill Blvd (West). Specifically the focus was on the vacant land in the area with a view to changing the zoning to Business Employment as opposed to Industrial. It was the feeling of the various Associations that they would like to see the zoning and any future planning be biased towards the Business Employment as this would have less impact on the air quality in the area.

In addition, suggestions were sought as to how to approach the owners of the occupied lands in order to get them to clean up their sites to reduce air pollution and encourage them to beautify their lots with landscaping, etc.

This will be a long process as both planning and zoning are involved and as further developments evolve, we will post the information on our web site (www.shora.ca).



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ'S)

My street light is burnt out, where do I call to have it replaced?

Answer: Call Hydro Mississauga at 905-566-2718 to report that the street light is not working.

Who do I call if I notice a burnt out light in a Mississauga park?

Please call Facilities and Property Management at 905-615-4999.

They are responsible for the maintenance of park lights.

