

CREDIT RESERVE ASSOCIATION

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Fall 2008 NEWSLETTER

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Doug Watson retires.

UP-COMING EVENTS

33rd Annual Caroling In the Park!

Monday, December 15

7:30 - 8:30 pm

Port Credit Memorial Park, Lakeshore and Stavebank. Choirs from Cawthra Park High School and the Mississauga Temple Salvation Army Brass Band will accompany the carolers. Refreshments of Christmas cookies and hot cranberry punch served around the bonfire.

**Bring a flashlight or candle
and your own mug!**

A donation to the food bank is most welcome.

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A Thank You to Doug Watson

Anyone who has had the pleasure of working with Doug Watson, or the honour of being his friend, know his brilliance, kindness and generosity that he shares with the world. For nearly two decades, Doug Watson has been actively involved with the Credit Reserve Association as a member on the Board of Directors. For fifteen years he has been President/Chairman and our main spokesperson in dealing with the City, developers and our members. Over the years, he has championed major issues starting with the Korgold Development (Cawthra Rd. Post Office Land), Saint Lawrence Development, Hurontario St. Development, Tree Preservation bylaw, Gypsy moth issues, City and District Plans, Traffic issues and dozens of OMB hearings. There is no doubt that our organization has maintained a very high level of respect with the City due to Doug's superb oratory skills and his professionalism demonstrated at public meetings, council briefings and sessions with the Mayor. He possesses an innate ability to view all issues from an unbiased perspective and to eloquently express his support and/or concerns. Communications are Doug's forte. The monthly meetings he chaired over the 15 years as chairman were always excellent, as he was able to maintain order, create and follow the agenda, reach conclusions and goals and still conclude the meeting by 9:30 pm. It was the CRA's policy and continually supported by Doug not to publically state a position unless it was agreed upon by a Board member majority. On major issues, surveys were mailed to all 3,000 + residences to ensure proper representation of our membership at large.

Doug has also been instrumental in editing and publishing the bi-annual newsletter and has been the designer and technical support staff for the Credit Reserve web site.

Doug had no political aspirations, but truly believes that individuals can make a significant difference in municipal politics. Many of our successes can be directly related to Doug's enthusiasm and commitment to see the issue settled. Over the years, many directors have served, but none have made this demonstrated time commitment. It is Doug's nature to work with people for a common goal; to do the utmost within his power to make things happen for the good of all and to build lasting friendships.

His dedication, direction and involvement will be sorely missed, but understandably, after his dedicated commitment to the neighbourhood, retirement is well deserved.

Doug, from the members of the CRA Board of Directors, and membership, we wish you all the best in all future life endeavours, and we thank you for your exemplary efforts on behalf of all of us.

Special recognition and thanks must also go to Doug's wife Margaret. She has always been supportive and encouraging of Doug's total involvement in the CRA.

Brian Holtham, Director CRA

Chairman's Corner

As we commence the new CRA year, we are doing so without the leadership of our long-time chairman – Doug Watson. Doug has been a very significant part of the Credit Reserve Association for many years and he will be seriously missed. Please see Brian Holtham's very fitting tribute to Doug on the front page.

On an interim basis, I am assuming the chairman role. We are appealing in this newsletter for members of the community to join us as directors. We need new directors to assist in the various activities as outlined in the attached article.

Many of the same challenges continue. Developers and builders are pushing the building height and size restrictions in the zoning bylaws through committee of adjustment applications. Trees are being sacrificed for landscapes that do not reasonably fit the forested nature of our community. Commercial uses for properties on Hurontario Street are being proposed which do not fit within the official plan and respective bylaws. We continue to need CRA members to be vigilante and help as they have in the past with notification and support to fight these battles.

There are currently new community organizations being formed to deal with issues outside the boundaries of the CRA. The Port Credit 'Viva' organization is an association of community groups in the Port Credit area formed to enhance the 'Village' area and community. The new 'Miranet' association is a network of ratepayers from all of Mississauga formed to deal with issues that affect residents on a broader scale. Although our executive is supportive of certain of the causes of these groups, we are assessing the level of involvement that we should assume in these organizations. We would welcome members comments in this regard, as well as welcoming any members who would like to step forward and assist in these efforts.

In closing, the executive ask for your continued support. Renewing your annual membership is critical, because we are significantly more effective in representing the community when we can demonstrate a high level of resident support through membership. Equally, we urge you to contribute your time on the various causes that affect us all.

John McKinnon



THE CRA NEEDS YOU!

Satisfaction derived from Home Ownership comes in many forms..... a beautifully landscaped garden, a fantastic renovation or most importantly, a warm and safe environment for our families. Satisfaction also comes from contributing to our neighbourhood.

Your Credit Reserve Association (CRA) is looking for enthusiastic individuals who would like to serve as Directors.

As a Director, you will meet once a month to discuss issues of importance to our community. In between meetings, we often discuss matters by e-Mail or telephone. Don't be concerned by the time commitment - it's not huge! As Directors, we share responsibilities and also help each other out so that no one is overwhelmed. We're not necessarily looking for lawyers or accountants...if you have a particular interest such as environment, planning, traffic control, community spirit, history etc. or simply enjoy recording and producing minutes for meetings, contact John McKinnon at 905-274-6673.

Hurontario Update

The redesign and upgrade of the Hurontario QEW Interchange is well advanced, as all residents are no doubt fully aware. Much of the work to date has been to create the new layout for the on ramps and off ramps. The configuration that is evident now is close to what the final result will be.

The new ramp from southbound Hurontario to eastbound QEW will soon be constructed while traffic continues to utilize the existing ramp. A new designated on ramp from southbound Hurontario St. to Westbound QEW, similar to the previous ramp, is currently being constructed and will replace the current on ramp configuration for southbound traffic.

The next major stage of work relates to the bridge deck, which along with the girders, will be replaced. This fall, there will be two stages of work on the bridge, weather permitting, with another two stages planned for next year. Demolition works for each stage will be done at night, with minimal interruption to the flow of traffic.

The bridge work will require adjustments to the sidewalks. Pedestrians will not be able use the sidewalks under the bridge while the bridge deck work is being done. Pedestrians can continue make use of the tunnel to the east of Hurontario.

The project is expected to be completed roughly one year from now, between November and December 2009.

Bruce Maule

GYPSY MOTH UPDATE

During the spring and early summer of 2008, no new spraying was conducted by the City of Mississauga to control new or projected infestations of Gypsy Moth.

While no spraying was initiated by the City, there still remains some localized areas of gypsy moth activity. As in previous years, some home owners may have undertaken spray activity with an approved insecticide via private contractors. Additionally, more manual methods of control including the use of tree banding and pheromone traps are an effective and low cost method to halt population increases.

In June, caterpillar populations in the Milton Avenue and Kenollie areas had already started to grow and develop, however, it was observed that these populations had a dramatic die off prior to pupation. The caterpillars appeared to still be affected by the

residual effects of spraying from prior years and become infected with the bacterial infection which is a natural prohibitor to their numbers. This was a welcome observation and further damage to vegetation and egg laying was reduced dramatically.

The CRA and City of Mississauga continue to encourage and urge residents to seek out, trap and destroy any Gypsy Moth activity to avoid future population spikes and impact to vegetation.

Approved methods of integrated pest management include: scraping off egg masses (spring), banding (after spring) caterpillars hatching, burlapping (from hatch out to moth stage spring to fall) pheromone traps to trap the male moths (mid to late summer till mid fall).

Alister Frisby

New VIVA and MIRANET Associations

Recently two new community group and resident association alliances have been organized. The Credit Reserve Association is a member of both alliances.

VIVA PORT CREDIT (Village Inspired Vision Alliance)

VIVA Port Credit was formed in June 2007 as an alliance of diverse community groups with a common interest and a shared vision for Port Credit. The Credit Reserve Association is one of the founding members of VIVA Port Credit.

The mandate of the alliance is to nurture collective ideals and initiatives that respect Port Credit's heritage and express a commitment to our future. It will participate with the City to achieve goals, and provide a combined community audience where developers can present ideas.

VIVA PC has been actively working to elicit ideas and involve the community in the City's public engagement process which includes a variety of studies and reviews:

- Waterfront Parks Strategy
- Port Credit District Policies Review
- My Future Mississauga (Strategic Plan)
- Hurontario Main Street Study (Port Credit and Mineola Communities)
- Arts and Culture Master Plan Review

Representatives from VIVA's member groups have also produced a detailed, living document which provides the City with valuable feedback and ideas pertaining to the policies and plans that will shape and sustain Port Credit's future. This 'White Paper' is entitled: Port Credit: An Urban Village for the 21st Century and was written in order to frame the ongoing conversation about our collective community vision.

VIVA Port Credit's 'White Paper' can be accessed at:
<http://www.credit-reserve.com/VIVA/viva.htm>

MIRANET (Mississauga Residents Association Network)

This new organization was recently formed to work in a positive and constructive manner with the City and other levels of government to promote the interests of all Mississauga citizens. Although the City was not part of the original organization process, the Mayor and City staff are now very supportive and appreciative of the potential of the co-ordinated group.

Membership is open to all city-registered residents' associations and will operate through a steering committee composed of a representative from each participating association. The Credit Reserve Association is a member.

The network model which has been developed will rely on subcommittees devoted to specific issues of City-wide concern and importance. When there is a consensus among the member groups on a significant issue, Miranet may decide to endorse and promote a specific position.

A website is under development. www.MIRANET.ca



THEN AND NOW

Photo of 1354 Then, courtesy of Don Skinner and the Skinner family archives.



Remember When....

In the 1930's, Milton and Victor Skinner were in the process of building 50 new homes in what is now call the West Mineola area. Unfortunately, many of these properties have been torn down today making way for larger homes. This unique 'Arts and Crafts' style home on Glenwood Drive was built in 1928 It was renovated in 2004 by the current owners. Much of the original exterior details were left intact.

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CRA MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 2008

The 2007 CRA Membership Drive was a huge success! The main reason for the success was the help we received from our Street Captains. As always, your enthusiasm and commitment is greatly appreciated by all of the CRA Directors.

Can we count on your support this year?

The CRA has dealt with numerous community issues over the last few years including the OMB hearings on Hurontario Street, the FRAM/SLOKKER development and the QEW/HURONTARIO Interchange, to name a few. Your membership fees have been put to good use dealing with these important issues.

Our **1st and 2nd** phase drops have been completed- please check and make sure you have joined for 2008. We have included a membership form below.

Your part: If you can spare a few hours to drop off Membership letters to your street, please check the box that says "Can you help?" These few hours multiplied by a handful of volunteers determines the overall success of the campaign.

Again, thank you for your continued supportwe couldn't do it without you!

Susan Douglas, Marlene Baur Larose - Membership Directors



CRA Membership Form 2008

Name _____ Telephone (905) _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

Fee Enclosed _____ (\$15 per household, \$10 for seniors: April 2008 – March 2009)

Please make cheques payable to: Credit Reserve Association

