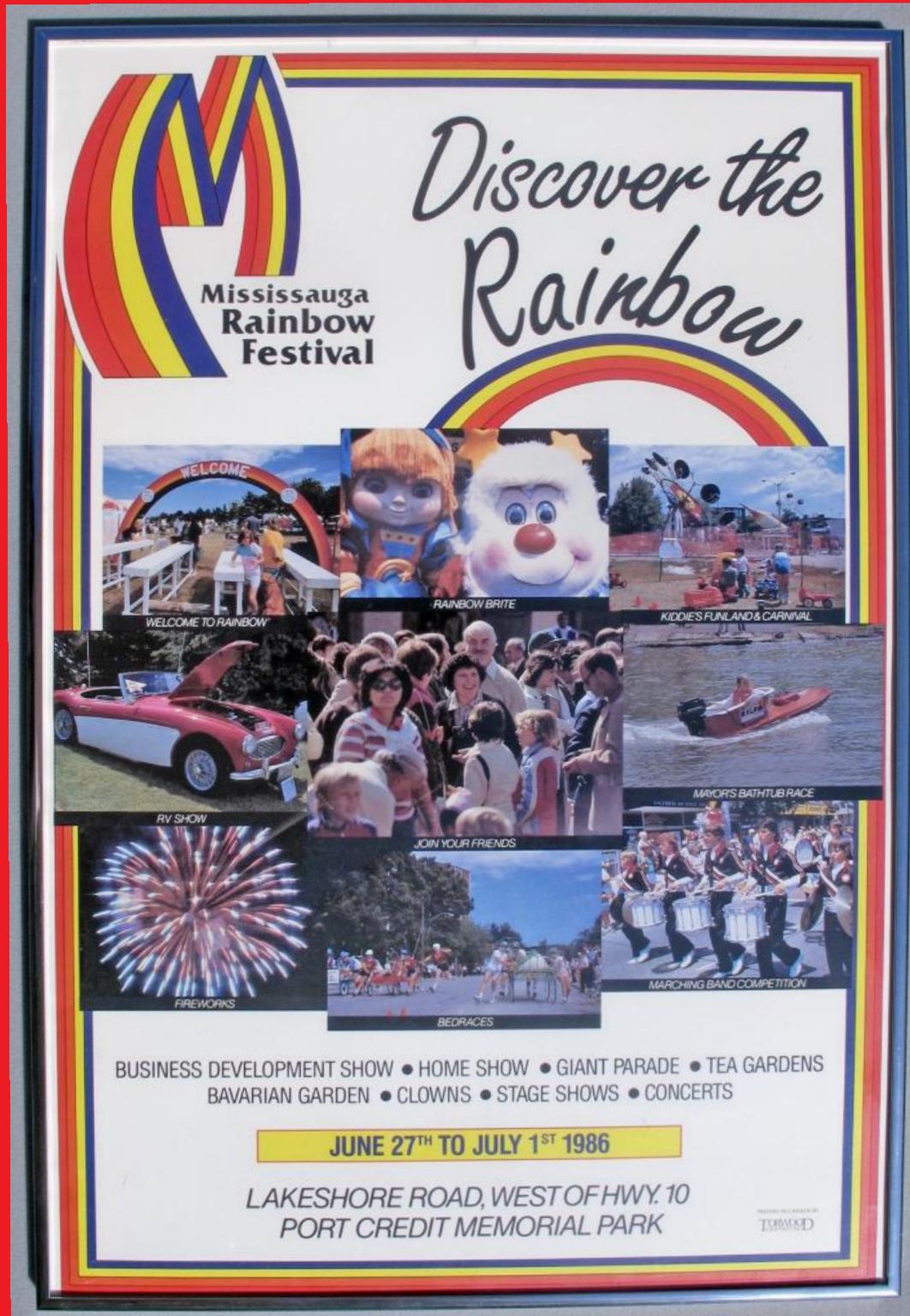


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Welcome to the Team!

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It's Back!

Last spring, when Heritage Mississauga (HM) staff were putting together the first double-feature Festivals newsletter, they knew there would be a wide audience for the issue. Initially, a number of the festival groups they contacted were a little surprised that we were promoting their events. But when the Festivals newsletter hit people's desks and doorsteps, feedback was overwhelmingly positive, including comments along the lines of, "You're going to be doing this again next year, right?"

So we are very happy to again support Mississauga's many diverse community organizations by communicating festival information to as wide an audience as possible in this popular edition. By raising the profile of all festivals, we can help raise attendance, raise funds for worthy cultural initiatives, and raise awareness *outside* Mississauga of our city as an appealing and entertaining place to visit.

Recently, **Mississauga received the Municipality of the Year Award from Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO)** in the category of (city) population over 150,000. In announcing FEO award winners, the organization spoke of the importance of festivals in creating a positive environment within their communities. FEO also placed 4 Mississauga festivals in their "Top 100": the Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival; MuslimFest; Mississauga ITALFEST; and SoundBites 2017: Mississauga Celebration Square.

2016 Festival Memories & 150th Festivals

One of the longest-running and largest festivals on our City's annual calendar is **Carassauga**. Last year, weekend temperatures were grilling-hot during the event. Many of my photos showed beet-red faces, and we had to keep our Thompson's Company reenactors well supplied with water, as they were photo-op'd outside in their winter-weight wool uniforms. My husband and I had great respect (not to mention sympathy) for the hardiness of the various dancing troupes, whose ultra-athletic leaps, lifts and squat-kicks were performed in 30+C temperatures.

This year, HM is anticipating a great few days at the Canada Pavilion, this year hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Streetsville Branch 139. There will be Canada specific food, entertainment and traditions in addition to historic Aboriginal and 1812 encampments and the Heritage Section will be located inside the Streetsville Legion on the second floor.

Besides Carassauga, Heritage Mississauga will be participating and supporting many local festivals, programs and events city-wide. We look forward to sharing these cultural celebrations with you this year.

Beyond The Exhibitors' Tables

Of course, Heritage Mississauga isn't all about festivals. On April 1st, our Board completed our **triennial strategic planning session**. We evaluated our performance over the previous three years, examined what changes, if any, were needed to our overall vision, values, pillars (areas of focus), programs, current strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats. This is the fourth session where our directors, Executive Director Jayme Gaspar, and facilitator Linda Thomas have invested a day to challenge and fine-tune our strategic direction, and I believe it has resulted in a remarkably consistent, efficient, and high performance organization.

Committee members are in the midst of promoting the **May 30th Heritage Luncheon** advertised elsewhere in this newsletter, with John Moore of Radio 1010 and Michael Spaziani of MSAi in a moderated conversation, "Mississauga Heritage, a Contradiction in Terms?" If you haven't already done so, here's your reminder to call and purchase your tickets *now* through HM's office at 905-828-8411 ext. "0"!

Our **Annual General Meeting** is yet another major event happening in May. In honour of Canada's 150th and the 100th Anniversary of Vimy Ridge, we will have an in-demand guest speaker, Honorary Colonel Gerald Haddon at the podium once the business portion of the AGM is completed. To accommodate a larger audience, we'll be at the Port Credit Royal Canadian Legion Branch #82, 35 Front Street North.

One more initiative that should be underway by the end of May is the launch of a pilot for our **Oral History product**. This is an extension of the "personal histories" work HM has done for decades. We expect two summer students will begin work under our Historian, Matthew Wilkinson, and if the pilot is a success, you will be hearing much more about this in the future.

This Festival double issue will be your quick guide to planning a fun family weekend or a night out with friends over the next few months. Perhaps you'll even want to keep it as a **sesquicentennial souvenir** - here's what our City looked like, here's what we were up to in 2017, isn't it incredible how quickly things change?



CANADA 150
1867-2017

From the Editor's Desk *by Jayme Gaspar, Executive Director, Heritage Mississauga*

Welcome spring (I think), with this crazy weather we have had over March and April 2017, you wonder if Old Man Winter is finished with us yet. We are so proud to be bringing you the 2nd issue of our festivals newsletter. A lot goes into the content collection and coordination for this issue, from so many groups across the city. Our thanks to Heritage Mississauga's Outreach Coordinator Meghan Mackintosh for her work with the community pulling all the materials together. The City of Mississauga is called the "City of Festivals" and with 48 highlighted in this issue, you can see why. From May 1st to November 26th, there is something to see, visit, experience and share in Mississauga and many of the festivals will be including a Canada 150 component. Thank you to all the volunteers, coordinators, entertainers and vendors, for sharing with us your celebrations, culture and traditions. The first festival that we are involved with is the Canada Pavilion at Carassauga May 26 - 28. Hosted this year by the Royal Canadian Legion Streetsville Branch 139, the pavilion will showcase a cross country celebration of all that is "Canada".

On April 9th, we paused to remember those who lost their lives in 1917, at the Battle of Vimy Ridge. Seven members of this community were lost at the battle and in their honour, the City of Mississauga unveiled "The Vimy Mural" at the Garry W. Morden Training Centre. The ceremony was presented by Mississauga Fire & Emergency Services and the Toronto Scottish Regiment with remarks by Mayor Crombie, Ward 9 Councillor Pat Saito, MP Gagan Sikand, and the Hon Dipika Damerla, MPP. In attendance was John Hare, a Second World War Veteran whose father fought at Vimy Ridge. Many thanks to Denise Mahoney, Manager, Cemeteries & Operational Services, City of Mississauga for developing and organizing this project and to Anna Ferguson, Parks Beautification Program Coordinator, City of Mississauga for her inspiring mural design. There will be a number of additional events in honour of those who fought at Vimy Ridge throughout the year. Visit our website for more details. We will remember them.



Dignitaries at the Vimy Mural unveiling on April 9, 2017, HM

Looking forward to sharing all that Mississauga has to offer with you this year. See you in the community!

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HERITAGE MISSISSAUGA AWARDS

Winners will be announced at the awards gala on **October 12, 2017** at the Mississauga Grand, Banquet & Convention Centre
35 Brunel Road, Mississauga, L4Z 3E8



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!

Give Credit where it's due and nominate your "Heritage Hero" today!

Deadline: June 30, 2017 5:00pm

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Festivals Marked Centennial Commemorations in 1967

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga

July 1, 2017 marks 150 years since Canadian Confederation. In the theme of festivals, we are going to take a look back to 1967, 50 years ago, and look at what took place here to mark the Centennial of Canadian Confederation. Looking back, 1967 offers an interesting peek into a moment in time in historic Mississauga (then Toronto Township), and how this place marked the centennial of Confederation.

At Confederation Square in front of the former Town Hall, a Centennial Torch Lighting Ceremony on December 31, 1966 kicked off the year-long commemoration of Confederation.

Township of Toronto Centennial WINTER CARNIVAL
at the HURON PARK RECREATION CENTRE

Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, FEB. 10th	SATURDAY, FEB. 11th
7:00 to 8:00 p.m. — Family Costume Skating Party (Prizes)	10:30 to 1:00 p.m. — Elementary School Ice Events
8:15 p.m. — Opening Ceremonies Crowning of Centennial Queen	2:00 to 4:00 p.m. — Log Sawing, Snow Events Sack Races in Snow, etc.
8:30 to 11:00 p.m. — Hootenany Snow Dance	7:00 to 8:45 p.m. — High School Events Free Admission
Admission: Children 25c Adults 50c	9:00 to 11:30 p.m. — Roam-A-Round Square Dancing "Mood" Music — Jim MacDonald & Combo Discotheque — Last Words
● ICE SCULPTURES ● HELICOPTERS ● SNOW MOBILES ● SLEIGH RIDES	Admission: Students - \$1.00 Over 15 - \$1.50

Winter Centennial Carnival Advertisement, Port Credit Weekly, February 8, 1967

(Heritage Mississauga) together with the Ontario Heritage Foundation (now Ontario Heritage Trust) unveiled a plaque commemorating Sir William Pearce Howland (1807-1911), a Father of Confederation, who had once lived in, operated a business in, and was elected to represent the historic community of Cooksville. The plaque was erected in front of the former Town Hall. (The plaque will be replaced in a new, nearby location in the coming months).

On August 12, 1967 the Confederation Caravan stopped at St. Lawrence Park in Port Credit, and stayed for 3 days. Reportedly thousands flocked to the area to see the caravan. According to the *Port Credit Weekly*, "the Centennial Caravans are much more than just a travelling museum exhibit, instead it can be thought of as a time machine that showcased the everyday lives of people in Canada before it became its own nation."

More to follow on these events of other 1967 Centennial happenings in the next issue of the *Heritage News*.

With a few initial challenges (the flame would not, at first, stay lit) the Centennial Torch was lit by Reeve Robert Speck, Councillor R.K. Harrison (Chairman of the Toronto Township Centennial Committee and Director of the Toronto Township Historical Foundation - now Heritage Mississauga), and Eleanor Blake (Centennial Committee Coordinator). The Centennial Torch was intended to burn throughout 1967, 24 hours a day, similar to the Centennial Flame at Parliament Hill in Ottawa. The lighting of the Centennial Torch was reportedly accompanied by a 100-gun salute and the ringing of local church bells.

Toronto Township was home to a number of Confederation Centennial events and festivals in 1967, including a Centennial Beauty Pageant in February of 1967. Jean Smalley, a high school student from Cooksville was chosen as the Centennial Queen, beating out 10 other contestants. The beauty pageant was a part of the larger Centennial Winter Carnival held on February 10-11, 1967 at the newly opened Huron Park Arena. Over 1000 people turned out for the confederation-themed costumed skating party alone! The summer of 1967 brought a special Canada Day - Confederation Centennial Parade, which ran from Cooksville to Port Credit along Hurontario Street.

But the largest event locally took place between August 11 and 15, 1967, with a number of ceremonies and the arrival of the Confederation Caravan. On August 11, 1967, the Toronto Township Historical Foundation



Confederation Caravan 1967, www

May Festivals

Rebel 17

May 1 - 7, 2017, Mississauga
www.mississauga.ca/rebel



180 years ago in 1837 former Toronto Mayor, William Lyon Mackenzie became a famed part of Canada's history when he escaped the failed rebellion to remove Upper Canada from British rule. Mackenzie took flight from authorities passing through historic Mississauga to get to the Buffalo, USA border. Rebel is now Mississauga's brand for National Youth Week. 'Sauga youth celebrate a weeklong youth-led celebration of creative expression and community involvement in the City of Mississauga.



This year marks Canada's 150th birthday - get a Neighbourhood Celebration Kit to help put the "150" into your event! Neighbourhood Celebration Kits are available for eligible groups hosting outdoor events. All City of Mississauga Libraries will offer a free Magnetic Poetry station. 11 community centres will celebrate Sauga At Play's 10 year anniversary with free drop-in during after-school hours. Use the hashtag #rebel17 to find us on social media!



Mississauga Halal Food Fest

May 20, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.mississaugahalalfoodfest.com

The Mississauga Halal Food Fest originated in 2014 as a festival to highlight the significance and benefits of Halal food products. It was very successful as there had never been such a festival celebrating Halal food in Mississauga. It has become an annual event that has been taking place at Mississauga Celebration Square for the last 3 years. Our main goal for this festival is to bring communities together to one platform to share, experience and enjoy the festivities and cultures of each other.



Halal food is a type of food that is primarily a part of several cultures such as South Asia, Middle East and South Africa and several more. This event gives a multicultural experience for people of all communities to enjoy the food, fashion and entertainment of these countries.

A new addition to the event this year will be a Mango Eating Competition. The mango commonly known as the King Of All Fruits, is a very popular fruit and a major export for several countries including India and Pakistan. These mangoes are impatiently awaited for every year for members of these communities to indulge and enjoy with friends and family.



On the 150th birthday of Canada we will recognize members of these communities that have been actively involved in the progress and prosperity of Mississauga and to all of Canada over the years. As the main attraction, we have an international artist performance and local talent who will be entertaining, along with entertainment for the whole family, a variety of foods and activities for children.



May Festivals



Artfest Port Credit is a 3-day outdoor art and craft festival that takes place May 26-28 in Port Credit Memorial Park. Artfest Ontario, is run by Lory MacDonald who has a reputation for hosting high quality events in beautiful historic settings. It features over 100 award winning artists from across Ontario and Quebec including many local artists. Visitors will see pottery, glass, jewellery, paintings, woodcrafts, photography, gourmet foods and more. This is the 3rd year for the art festival in Port Credit's Memorial Park. The waterfront location is an ideal setting for this outdoor juried Arts & Craft show. The artists love the venue and the Port Credit downtown area. Originally, the show was temporarily moved to Port Credit from the Distillery Historic District in Toronto, but the artists loved the area so much, that they wanted to make the show a permanent feature event in Port Credit.

Exhibiting Artists are designing and selling new products reflecting Canada's 150th Birthday. Additionally, special free children's Canada 150 art activities will take place in the Artfest Kids Art tent.

Artfest Port Credit

May 26 - 28, 2017, Port Credit Memorial Park
www.artfestontario.com/portcredit



Artfest Port Credit is free to the public and features free art workshops for children and live music. There is a food area with a variety of delicious cultural food choices. The hours are Friday 4pm-9pm, Saturday 10am-6pm, and Sunday 10am-5pm.



Carassauga, Mississauga's Festival of Cultures

May 26 - 28, 2017
www.carassauga.com

Carassauga Festival is an incorporated not-for-profit volunteer community organization that will be celebrating its 32nd Anniversary in 2017. It operated for the first time in 1986 with 10 Pavilions. Carassauga was created in response to a challenge put out by the former Mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion, to all ethno cultural groups at a meeting of her calling in the old City Hall in the fall of 1985. It has quickly evolved into a 3 - day, 22 hour event.

During the Festival weekend, guests will be able to visit multiple Pavilions for only the cost of a Carassauga Passport. Passports are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Visitors will experience the breathtaking entertainment, taste the exotic cuisine and enjoy the cultural diversity of the many cultures showcased in our 31 Pavilions.

Our opening Ceremony takes place on Friday, May 26th at 7:30pm on our Outdoor Stage located at the Hershey Centre featuring a Parade of Nations, special guests and premiering a NEW International Flag Dance. On Saturday, May 27th Carassauga celebrates Canada's 150th Anniversary by presenting three Canadian tribute acts; Bryan Adams, Shania Twain and the Guess Who. Some Pavilions have special performances at their own location. Visit our Kids Zone, a family fun area located in the Indoor Soccer Field at the Mississauga SportZone. Sign a large birthday card for Canada's 150th and have your photo taken with our mascots; Carra & Missi, also Elsa, Spiderman, Belle and Captain America. Ride FREE on Mi Way or the Carassauga Shuttle buses during Festival hours. Children 12 and under are FREE when accompanied by an adult passport holder. FREE parking is available at all Pavilion locations, with extra overflow parking at Hershey Centre.



May Festivals

Vesak: Buddha's Birthday Celebration 2017

May 28, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square

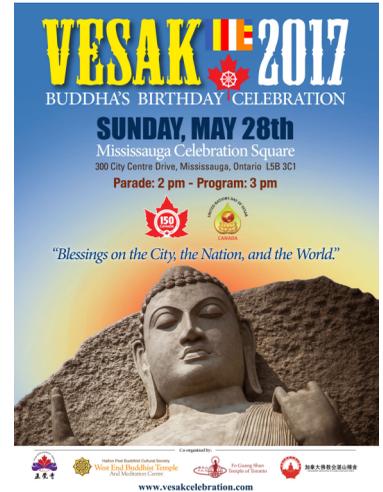
www.vesakcelebration.com

Vesak is the festival celebrating the birth, enlightenment and death of the Buddha, some 2600 years ago. Buddhists around the world mark the event with food, parades, costumes, cultural performances and charitable works.

This family-friendly day of art, food and entertainment from many parts of South East Asia and Canada is hosted by four Buddhist temples representing all three of the major schools of Buddhist thought. In addition, the event this year commemorates Canada's 150th birthday & United Nations day of Vesak.



From humble beginnings in 2013 our event has become the largest Vesak festival in Canada. Last year we had 30 participating temples, over 100 monks and nuns from all three major Buddhist traditions and 25 VIPs from all three levels of Canadian government and the diplomatic corps. This year to celebrate Canada's 150th there will be a special initiation speech by Bhante Saranapala and other dignitaries. The event could be described as a South East Asian cultural festival with more than a dozen languages from about 20 countries, native costumes, music, dance, food and fellowship - all served up with a Canadian perspective.



We invite you to eat ethnic delicacies, enjoy the devotional art, listen to monks and nuns chant, watch volunteer singers and dancers perform and participate in our Buddhism 101 tent to learn how Buddhism is a vibrant part of the Canadian mosaic.

Heritage Luncheon



Mississauga & Heritage: A Contradiction in Terms?

Be part of the conversation!

What is the role of built, natural and cultural heritage in the context of the City's brand.
How does a heritage building contribute to the urban landscape?
How important are historic villages?

**Questions such as these will be put to our panelists:
leading broadcaster John Moore and respected local architect Michael Spaziani.**

When: Tuesday May 30th, 2017
Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm
Venue: Mississauga Grand
35 Brunel Road

Tickets: \$75.00
Tables of 8: \$525.00

Reserve your seats today!
Contact: Heritage Mississauga 905-828-8411 ext. "0" or info@heritagemississauga.org
(Charitable Receipts will be issued)

 <p>John Moore Newstalk 1010 Radio</p>	 <p>Michael Spaziani MSAi Architects</p>	 <p>Moderator Jake Dheer Senior Manager Rogers Media Inc</p>
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June Festivals

Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival

June 2 - 4, 2017, Streetsville Memorial Park

www.breadandhoney.ca



The Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival is the largest and longest running festival in Mississauga and in all of Ontario only 2nd to the CNE. Although this TOP 100 Festival continues to grow year after year attracting visitors from all over, you will still get the

feel of a small friendly village, celebrating its history, traditions and community spirit. Founded in 1972 and incorporated in 1973, now celebrating its 45th year, the festival reflects the history of the Streetsville Founder Timothy Street and the flour mill he built in 1821 in the town of Streetsville, that still exists today. Each year at the festival everyone enjoys complimentary freshly baked bread, generously coated with honey, supplied by our bee keeper.



The Bread and Honey Festival is held at the Streetsville Memorial Park, a natural amphitheatre situated on 30 acres overlooking the picturesque Credit River. Many service groups, along with hundreds of volunteers give their time and energy to this annual event always held on the first weekend of June.



This year the Bread and Honey Festival has many exciting events planned in honour of celebrating Canada's 150th, including the launch of our new Mascot, and a commemorative anniversary booklet. Mississauga Arts Council will kick off their Sauga Teens Got Talent on our Upper Lot. Captain Canuck will be joining us, a new UFLY Simulator ride to try and a one-mile race where all participants will receive a Canadian Flag Medal. On Saturday morning our massively popular village wide parade comes through our town led by our Mayor, officially kicking off a weekend full of events and activities.



TD Legends Music Festival

June 3, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.mississaugaartscouncil.com

Saturday June 3rd promises unforgettable experiences for all who attend the first **Legends Day in Mississauga!**

Beginning in the upper portion of Celebration Square with the 1 pm unveiling ceremony, for the permanent commemorative walk, **Legends Row**. Artistic displays of Mississauga's founding villages and the stories of its 27 most outstanding city building legends will be revealed.

After 2pm on the stage at Celebration Square, the first **TD Legends Music Festival** begins a series of inspiring and memorable musical tributes to Mississauga's music legends. First up - the great **Tommy Hunter** is honoured by outstanding young country music stars joined by the country gentleman himself. **Blues Legend Chuck Jackson**, lead singer of **Downchild Blues Band**, will perform live with his All Star Band, giving the audience a taste of why he is Canada's premier Bluesman and a Mississauga Legend.

Then the 'Arena Rock Gods of the 80's', **Triumph**, will be celebrated by popular rock bands, legends of tomorrow perhaps? They will be greeted by the original members of Triumph.

After 5pm, we welcome members of indigenous music groups that rock today and share echoes of the legends from 10,000 years ago.

Young jazz stars pay homage to Mississauga's late jazz Legend, **Oscar Peterson**. Finally the rock landscape is painted blue by emerging rock bands drawing inspiration from Mississauga's rockstar legends of today **Billy Talent**.

Once in a lifetime musical experience, delicious food and drink and it's all free on June 3!

June Festivals

Mississauga Polish Day

June 10, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.MississaugaPolishDay.ca

The Canadian Polish Congress – Mississauga District is excited to host the third annual Mississauga Polish Day! It's the city's first and only Polish cultural festival.

Did you know that Polish-Canadians make up one of the largest ethnic groups in the city? Mississauga Polish Day was founded in 2015 in order to share Polish-Canadian culture with the public at large, in the spirit of multiculturalism. Last year's festival took place at Celebration Square and attracted 15,000 visitors, a jump from 5,000 visitors in the inaugural event!

This year we are celebrating the 150th anniversary of Canada's Confederation, as well as 150 years of Polish-Canadian contribution towards Canada's rich cultural mosaic. Mississauga Polish Day offers visitors an exciting day of live performances, hearty traditional food, a beer garden, visual art showcase and kids activities. The event also features exhibits like a vintage car show and pieces from the Orlinski War Museum. All attractions reflect Polish culture with a Canadian twist.



Come out and enjoy our hospitality, savour our cuisine and become steeped in the Polish-Canadian culture for at least a few hours on June 10, 2017!

Mississauga Dragon Boat Festival

June 11, 2017, Port Credit Memorial Park
www.mississaugacanoecub.ca/dragon-boat-festival



The Mississauga Dragon Boat Festival originated in 2003 after club representatives realized the potential for both the Canoe Club and City to be involved with the Mississauga Waterfront Festival (MWF). In the inaugural MDBF event, a team lead by Mac Hickox (past Head Coach at MCC) coordinated the 'maiden paddle' of the club's inclusion in the MWF with Mayor Hazel McCallion sitting up front in the ceremonial Drummers Seat of the first Dragon Boat down the race course. Organizers at

the Club at that time had the vision to intertwine the great fundraising opportunity that is the Dragon Boat Festival with the MWF celebrations. Back then, dragon boating was and still is, a booming recreational activity fit for any and all participants. It was a natural complimentary activity to the MWF and a fantastic opportunity to showcase the Credit River and surrounding local businesses. Recently, the Canoe Club has added its annual sprint racing Home Regatta, (a yearly tradition since 1959) and other racing events to the calendar leading into the Mississauga Waterfront Festival - further contributing to making the first two weeks of June here in Port Credit a bustling time for the community. This year as part of our Canada 150 celebrations, we are including a brief history discussion of our area, who the early inhabitants of it were and what contributed to putting Port Credit on the map as a component of our weekly youth summer camp.



June Festivals



Mississauga Waterfront Festival June 16 - 18, 2017, Port Credit Memorial Park www.themwf.com

The Mississauga Waterfront Festival was founded in 1997. The City of Mississauga approached Patricia Anderson, O.M.C. festival Chairperson, to create an event for the community to celebrate the refurbishing and grand re-opening of the Port Credit Marina.

The following year the event was registered as a not-for-profit organization servicing the needs of marginalized families. The MWF has a very holistic and inclusive philosophy.

We have partnered with Service Clubs such as, the Lions Club, Civitan's and St. John's Ambulance giving them an opportunity to earn money for their organizations by assisting us in operating various components of our event. We have given scholarships to young people who volunteer for the event through their schools or institutes: Sheridan Police Foundations and Metalworks Institute.

Each year the event has grown and is now a free event to ensure that families of all income levels are welcome to celebrate being a part of the community.

The MWF is now attracting 71,000 people to Mississauga annually. Through our Sponsor a Child Program, we have also invited 4,000 marginalized families annually to the Festival providing free food and carnival rides.

Now celebrating our 21st year, we are very pleased to have accomplished such great outreach work in Mississauga.



Mississauga Ukrainian Festival June 17, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square www.ukrainianfestival.com

Since the 1880s, when immigrants from Ukraine to Canada embraced the opportunity to work, prosper and raise families in peace and freedom, Ukrainian culture has enriched the Canadian landscape in every facet of life. Today, over four million people in Canada can trace their heritage to Ukraine, and Ukrainian Canadians, by virtue of 125 years of contribution, are well organized and respected members of their communities.



In 1995, Toronto was twinned with Kyiv, the capital of Ukraine, and to mark this occasion, the Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival was established under the umbrella of the Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Toronto Branch. Originally known as the Bloor West Village Ukrainian Festival, it was meant to be a showcase of the most widely identifiable aspects of Ukrainian culture in Canada – music, dance, food, visual arts and community. It was an instant hit, establishing itself as one of the premier Ukrainian festivals in North America and growing to attract audiences well in excess of 700,000 from across Canada, the US and abroad. In an effort to share the rich traditions of Ukrainian culture to a growing audience, the festival has expanded to include a day of toe tapping, high stepping dance and music to take place in the heart of Mississauga. The **Mississauga Ukrainian Festival**, happening at Celebration Square on June 17th, 2017, offers something for everyone. Sample the culture and cuisine of Ukraine. Enjoy the outdoor market and meet local artisans. Savour delights from Ukraine in the refreshment garden and above all else ENJOY!! All events start at noon on June 17th and ends at 11:00p.m. Don't miss it!

June Festivals

TD IRIE Music Festival

June 23 - 24, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.iriemusicfestival.com

The TD IRIE Music Festival is celebrating its 6th anniversary as one of the Greater Toronto Area's most highly anticipated summer events at Mississauga Celebration Square. This year's festivities take place over two days: Friday June 23rd and Saturday June 24th.

TD IRIE Music Festival is one of the most culturally diverse events and will feature international and Canadian artists in various artistic disciplines: music, dance, spoken word, and visual arts. Two-time winner of Trinidad's Soca Monarch Champion "Voice", will headline on Friday, June 23rd while reggae star, Da'Ville will headline Saturday June 24th. A diverse array of Caribbean and international tropical foods, drinks and unique gift ideas complete this event. It is free for the whole family. A beer and wine garden will be part of the event, as well as the special IRIE Craft Beer for the second year in a row. There is something for everyone. Come join us as we celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday!



Mississauga Celebration Square is wheel-chair accessible, and is well served by public transit and offers affordable parking. For more info, visit: www.iriemusicfestival.com or call: 905-799-1630. Like us on Facebook: IrieMusicFest/Follow us on twitter: @iriemusicfest/Follow us on Instagram: iriemusicfestival



Clarkson Village Live!

June 24, 2017, Clarkson Village
www.clarksonbia.com

The Clarkson BIA is proud to present a Canada 150 Celebration on Saturday June 24th from 12 to 7pm. "Clarkson Village Live!" is not only celebrating Canada, but the history of Clarkson Village. As the oldest village in Mississauga established in 1808 we have a lot to celebrate. Our "Clarkson Village Live!" event encourages visitors to spend the day in Clarkson Village to celebrate Canada 150.

There will be many activities to enjoy such as local musicians and dancers performing along the street, an Antique Car Show, Horse Drawn Wagon Rides, Historical Displays, Pony Rides, a Petting Zoo, the Clarkson Market featuring exciting products, services and displays and a Charity Street Hockey Tournament! We invite you to join us in celebrating Canada and Clarkson!

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Clarkson Village Live! will be an ongoing annual event.

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LOCAL BANDS & MUSICIANS / ANTIQUE CAR SHOW / HISTORICAL DISPLAYS
HORSE DRAWN CARRIAGE RIDES / PONY RIDES & PETTING ZOO
STREET HOCKEY TOURNAMENT / MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SPEND THE DAY IN CLARKSON VILLAGE TO CELEBRATE CANADA 150!

CLARKSONBIA.COM

July Festivals

Canada Day 150 at Celebration Square

July 1, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square from 2:00 pm - 10:30 pm
culture.mississauga.ca/event/celebration-square/canada-day-celebration-2017

Mississauga Celebration Square is Mississauga's premier outdoor event venue and home to a dynamic mix of festivals and events, including the City's Canada Day Celebration. Since the opening of Celebration Square, the Canada Day festivities have grown to attract over 100,000 visitors throughout the event. Past performers at Canada Day have included Carly Rae Jepsen, The Strumbella's, Down with Webster, Alyssa Reid, Kardinall Offishall, and Dragonette.



This year you can celebrate Canada 150 in the heart of the city. Visitors can take in a live concert featuring internationally-renowned Canadian recording artists and local musicians across two stages, make a big splash in the fountain, grab a bite from one of our 25 food trucks, and cap the night off with an unforgettable fireworks finale presented by Tim Hortons.



Canada Day Together Festival

July 1, 2017, Churchill Meadows Community Common - 3340 McDowell Drive
www.canadadaytogether.ca



The Canada Day Together Festival is back for its second year, bigger and better than ever! This culturally-diverse, entertainment-packed event takes place July 1st at Churchill Meadows Community Common from 2 pm to 10 pm and features fun for all ages and an opportunity to experience a taste – quite literally – of the many rich traditions that make up Mississauga's northwestern neighbourhoods. Performances include Aboriginal music, Irish dancing, martial arts demonstrations, a Chinese lion dance, and a re-enactment of the War of 1812, to name just a few. Artisans and food vendors will add to the cultural flavour. The evening features musical performances by local artists from a variety of styles including country, pop, and South Asian, all capped off by a



magnificent fireworks display. An "Escape Room" experience is being added this year for teens and families. Also included is a unique tile-painting project to mark Canada's 150th birthday. Attendees can paint a 4x4-inch ceramic tile with a Canadian theme that will become part of a 700-tile mosaic to be included in the design of the City's newest Community Centre coming soon to Churchill Meadows. The Together Festival builds on the Churchill Meadows Canada Day carnival that was hosted by the ICNA Sisters for the past three years. Four community-minded groups have partnered together to put on the 2017 festival: Churchill Meadows Residents Association, Lisgar Residents Association, Muslim Neighbour Nexus and Ward 10 City Councillor Sue McFadden.



July Festivals

Malton Celebrates Canada Day

July 1, 2017, Westwood Square

www.carolynparrish.ca/canadaday

This year, Malton will host its biggest Canada Day celebration to date as we commemorate Canada's 150th Anniversary of Confederation. The festival will run July 1st at Westwood Square on Goreway Road from 2 - 10pm. The 2017 festival will run longer than ever and include more entertainment, activities and family fun. New this year are a number of inflatable obstacle courses and bouncy castles, as well as a trackless train ride. A vendor marketplace and expanded food offerings are also planned additions.

As in previous years, a wide range of performances will take the stage beginning at 5pm and the night will end in a bang at 10pm as a spectacular fireworks display set to music is launched off the roof of the mall.



This year will mark the third year for Malton Celebrates Canada Day.

Created in 2015 by Councillor Parrish, the festival was an initiative designed to give Malton residents access to a free and inclusive community wide event to celebrate its national heritage.



Malton Community Festival

TBA, Malton

www.maltonfestival.ca

The Malton Community Festival began in 1976 as a one-day celebration of our community on a Saturday at Wildwood Park. Out of that first networking experience came the formation of a "Malton Community Council", which evolved in subsequent years as a settlement service organization, pivotal in our community, today known as Malton Neighbourhood Services. The Festival grew, largely sponsored by the Board of Directors of Malton Neighbourhood Services, working in close cooperation with the Malton Community Centre. The Malton Community Festival operated annually until 1995.

In 2004 former Mayor McCallion challenged the community to restore this important annual tradition. Members of the Board of Directors of MNS, local organizations and individuals responded to this call to action. MNS Chair Lucy Hutchinson and MNS Secretary Helene Burrowes joined with Russ Pooley of Mississauga Recreation and Parks to form a community-based Festival Steering Committee. The renewed Malton Community Festival re-appeared in the fall of 2005. By 2007 there were displays from 80 organizations and 2,500 people attending. Malton Community Festival has grown into an incorporated not-for-profit running a free two-day event featuring community booths and displays, outstanding entertainment, family activities, and barbeque show-casing our diverse community.



We are excited this year to move the Festival forward and do something different. Malton Community Festival plans to celebrate our historic community and Canada 150 and invite you to take part as Malton celebrates this great milestone in our country's history! At the time of publication we are finalizing key details, so please check out our website: www.maltonfestival.ca; phone us at (416) 222-9980; and of course we hope you all are following us on social media! We are looking forward to seeing YOU at our celebration of all things Malton – and Canada 150!

July Festivals



Paint the Town Red – Port Credit

July 1 - 2, 2017, Port Credit

www.paintthetownred.ca

For the first time in 14 years, Paint the Town Red, Port Credit's Canada Day Celebration will be a two-day event, from Saturday July 1st to Sunday July 2nd, to celebrate Canada's 150th birthday on Mississauga's vibrant waterfront community.



The Festivities begin on July 1st with the Hazel McCallion Canada Day Parade along Lakeshore Road, followed by an enormous cake cutting, served by our wonderful volunteers. Dignitaries, Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Sven Spengemann MP, The Honourable Charles Sousa MPP and Jim Tovey Ward 1 Councillor will help serve cake, mingle with the crowd, and maybe even pose for selfies!



At noon, join us at Port Credit Memorial Park where live music, tribute and local bands, and up-and-coming stars will entertain you throughout the afternoon and evening. There is a great selection of local and international food and craft vendors to enjoy. We also have several Canadian artists, youth groups, children's entertainers, and Kids Zone in the park.

On Saturday night, we end the first day of festivities with a BANG, a phenomenal 25-minute fireworks display lighting up the Port Credit skies.

Come back on Sunday, July 2 for more music, fun, and great food. Let's celebrate Canada's 150th in Port Credit. O CANADA!



Streetsville Canada Day

July 1, 2017, Streetsville

www.villageofstreetsville.com

For over 20 years, the Streetsville Canada Day celebrations have delighted crowds with festivities all designed to celebrate our shared heritage and pride in our nation. 2017, with Canada's sesquicentennial anniversary, will certainly be extra special! Each year, residents & visitors join together to enjoy entertainment from local performers, share a piece of our patriotically decorated cake, and enjoy a spectacular fireworks show to finish the evening. One of the most moving parts of the event has always been the flag-raising and singing of "O Canada", both led by our resident retired RCMP officer, and the Streetsville Legion's Colour Guard.



The Streetsville Canada Day event, like so many others, was started to bring the ever-changing community of Streetsville together for fun and fellowship in the name of our great country. Each year, the BIA endeavours to bring the spirit of patriotism to life and celebrate the diverse cultures all living in the great 'mosaic' that is Canada.

July Festivals

Philippine Festival of Mississauga (formerly "Fiesta ng Kalayaan") July 8 - 9, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square www.philippinefestivalmississauga.com

In 2011, Filipinos living in Mississauga and its environs took their celebration of the Philippine Independence Day to the mainstream by holding it at Mississauga Celebration Square and opening it to the public. Formerly called Fiesta ng Kalayaan, the Philippine Festival of Mississauga ("Philippine Festival") is the largest cultural Filipino event west of Toronto.

The Philippine Festival is a community based and family-oriented event led by the Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization in partnership with three Filipino organizations: Culture Philippines of Ontario, Fiesta Filipina Dance Troupe, Kalayaan Cultural Community Center (KCCC), as well as ABS-CBN The Filipino Channel. The event brings together artists, small businesses, entrepreneurs and the community. Now in its 7th year, the Philippine Festival has attracted thousands of people each year.



Some highlights this year will include: a Kids Village with train rides, bouncy castles, Filipino crafts and Filipino games, dozens of vendors serving sumptuous dishes that the Philippines is known for, attractive merchandise such as personal accessories and home décor, music from Canadian composers, musicians and bands, as well as cultural presentations by leading Filipino and other ethnic cultural organizations.



Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest July 13 - 16, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square www.mississaugaribfest.com

The Rotary Club of Mississauga and the Rotary Club of Mississauga-West present the 14th annual Ribfest at Celebration Square. Over 100,000 people will walk through the gates by the time the four-day event draws to a close. Talk about growth from our first year of 10,000. What's in store – Ribs! Awesome delicious racks of ribs, corn, blooming onions, craft beer, and live music.



2017 is the fourteenth year of this family-focused event. It's grown to an event with live music, and over 55 vendors! In fact it has grown with the Square as it developed and changed shape along with the space. From bringing in a stage to having access to a first class facility, we are proud of having grown along with the space to bring the City one of its largest festivals.



Join us this year as Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest celebrates Canada 150 with an interactive trivia-based app that will take you around our event, Canada's history, and feature many Mississauga events. There will be prizes, pictures, and puzzles to solve, all based around Celebration Square to celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday.

Mississauga and Mississauga West Rotary Clubs have donated over \$1M from Ribfest with proceeds supporting such diverse groups as **Trillium Health Partners Foundation, ErinoakKids Centre, Peel Regional Science Fair, Mississauga Food Bank, and Peel Children's Aid Society.**