



2018 Election Questionnaire

Question One:

Why is heritage important to you personally? Why do you believe that heritage is important to the city at large? In your role as Councillor, what steps would you take to ensure heritage remains a key part of the discussion at the City and community?

Question Two:

What do you think is the single most important thing that should be done to support our local heritage and why? How do you see your role impacting this initiative?

Question Three:

Do you think it's important to recognize we are on the ancestral territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation in some tangible way, such as flying their flag at City Hall? What other ways do you see us doing so?

Councillor

Ward 5

Councillor	Name	Response
Carolyn Parish	Carolyn Parish	I've spent two terms on the Heritage committee and loved it. I've brought in by-laws to protect the neighbourhoods in Old Malton, fought to save Erindale Hall from being sold and moved even though it's not in my ward, supported a multitude of Heritage projects and initiatives.

Trustee

Ward 5

Trustee - EPS	Name	Response	Response	Response
Bassam Johar	Bassam Johar	Heritage is important to me personally because it provides me with a sense of community, connecting me with a background that is larger than myself. Connecting with the past allows me to better understand the circumstances of the present, and to better prepare and plan for the future. For the city at large, embracing our shared heritage as Mississaugans helps us bridge the gap between the unique, diverse perspectives that we hold, and gives us the opportunity to connect and work together to continue the great legacies and lessons of those who came before us. As residents of this great city, we, indeed, share a local heritage that, once embraced, will help bring us together to work towards making our community better. As a school trustee, I will strive to ensure that heritage remains front and centre in the Peel District School Board. Heritage is to be a focus of the equity and inclusion goal in the PDSB's current "Plan for Student Success." I will work to enhance the reconciliation and Indigenous education initiative and expand on it to incorporate other ways to bring our heritage to life!	The single most important thing to be done in this regard is to pool our collective heritage resources and efforts to develop a comprehensive heritage management plan. Through such a plan, as suggested in the "City of Mississauga Heritage Management Survey, Final Report, May 2016," we will be able to effectively understand and conserve our heritage. Schools are a key resource of this collective heritage, and I will advocate for the PDSB's active participation in such a plan.	I absolutely believe that it is crucial to recognize our Indigenous heritage as Mississaugans in as many tangible ways as practicable. Such recognition will help us build a stronger sense of community. Furthermore, schools play an indispensable role in bringing awareness to this cherished heritage. The PDSB's commitment to equity and inclusion provides a proper channel through which to bring about this awareness. In addition to the stated commitment to raise the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation flag at all PDSB sites during the month of June, many other steps are needed to bring our collective Indigenous heritage to life. They include, but are not limited to, the following, which I will strongly advocate for as school trustee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizing during the daily morning announcements at all PDSB schools that we are on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. • Prominently and permanently displaying the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation flag on school property as well as relevant maps/posters that illustrate important aspects of Indigenous culture. • Enhancing the Indigenous education initiative by incorporating the commemoration of notable Indigenous people and events at the school-wide level. • Expanding the e-module initiative to include a Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation component.

Candidate - Trustee EP

Jal Panthaky

Personally, I believe that Heritage is important to pass on to the future generation. Preserving our Heritage, helps us preserve our identity. Preserving Heritage provides the information on how our City developed, and can help us predict its future progress. Heritage is a physical element of a city's identity, helps stimulate the local economy, it also attracts tourism that helps generate economy of the local businesses and the City. Maintaining heritage is a fundamental duty for educational establishments. As a trustee, I believe that to achieve this mission, innovative forms of education and advanced professional training are required to inform students about their heritage by endorsing it at the Board level and in all school's core curriculum. I will promote, support and ensure at the board level, both the safeguard of our cultural and natural heritage and make use of heritage to enhance learning processes of all students

Adaptive reuse of heritage buildings is an important factor in creating sustainable communities. Learning about the history of a place is a good way of bringing communities together through a shared understanding of the unique cultural identity heritage places give to an area. I will promote to the board that heritage education is included in the school syllabuses.

The traditional territory of the Mississauga's of New Credit First Nation, is home to diverse Indigenous peoples." Acknowledging territory shows recognition of and respect for Aboriginal Peoples. It is recognition of their presence both in the past and the present. Recognition and respect are essential elements of establishing healthy, reciprocal relations. These relationships are key to reconciliation, a process to which the Board should be committed. I would propose following ways:

After O Canada the school should read the statement such as:

1 "In keeping with Indigenous protocol, we would like to acknowledge that this (school name) is situated upon traditional territories," the Mississauga's New Credit First Nations.

2 We should also install maps of old land belonging to, New Credit First Nations, in all schools (attached) with their permission.

3. Organize Games to provide Indigenous people the opportunity to compete against their peers in a variety of contemporary and traditional sporting activities.

4 Provide opportunity to celebrate and promote the various cultures of Indigenous peoples