



## 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?*

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Candidate	Duc Thanh Tran	<p>It important to me personally because it keeps our identity as a people. The importance of intangible is not the cultural manifestation itself but rather the wealth of knowledge and skills that is transmitted through it from one general to the next.</p> <p>A sense of identity</p> <p>A keen sense of my heritage will help me to understand, in part, just who I am. Albeit true that heritage does not fully determined WHO I am, it essentially helps to determine my "starting position" in life. It can give me an idea of what I may have the potential to become. Therefore, in that way it can help define where I may want to go. In the same vein therefore, it can help me determine what I do with my life, what I may choose as a profession or hobby.</p> <p>Wealth of knowledge and skills</p> <p>As Mathew McCarthy put 'the value of a heritage come from its inheritors – from the Living! Heritage is an inheritance better than money or property. Unless money or other property, heritage cannot be stolen or taken from you as long as you alive. It can only be lost or forgotten by a choice that you make. This would be the choice of neglect and disuse.</p> <p>We have a world today that has destroyed much of its heritage through war or through neglect. Our mobile society and fast pace world, with the immense prosperity we enjoyed, has caused to forgot much of our heritage. We have used our time in meaningless pursuits. We have relegated our family history books, and our nation's history books, to the corner of our libraries. We have watered down, or forgotten altogether, our traditions. We have sequestered the older generation to retirement communities and nursing facilities, and as they grow old and die, so does our heritage. Because more often than not, that generation failed to pass it on, while the next fails to retrieve it from them.</p> <p>Our gift to future generations</p> <p>If we value our heritage, we will then be able to pass it on to our children with a little bit of ourselves</p> <p>In my role as Councillor, a number of steps I will take to ensure heritage remains a key part of discussion at the City and community may involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand the issues that needs attention;</li> <li>• Identify then settle on the facts and the objectives to be met;</li> <li>• Start research the issues thoroughly;</li> <li>• Identify available options and report to council for recommendations;</li> <li>• Review funding, time and other issues to complete the project;</li> <li>• Adopt the policy based on the best course of actions available then implement it;</li> <li>• Evaluate the policy and update or amend as required.</li> </ul> <p>Carrying out a project is not an easy task to anyone who has no experience or lack of; complete, implement and execute it is another matter. In a multitask environment as at Council, it could be challenging. With vast business experience, I will ensure that important issues or matters will be completed and executed as efficiently and effectively as possible according to the policies and protocols of Municipality without interrupting or interfering by any circumstances while helping constituents and keep integrity and credibility of Councillor.</p>	<p>I think that fund and administrative resources are the most important thing and that administrative policies, practices and procedures are in place in order to achieve its objectives as expected by residents.</p> <p>Councillor's role must ensure that through good policy and monitoring practices are in place to help ensure that the adopted policies are being implemented as intended; rules and regulations are being applied correctly and consistently; and funds are being only as authorized and resources are being utilized as efficiently as possible to maintain the integrity of the public.</p>	<p>In some tangible way, I do think it's important to recognize municipalities are aware we are on the ancestral territory of the Mississauga of the New Credit First Nation so that they can consider how it may impact and inform municipal decision-making.</p> <p>Other ways may be through collaboration between municipalities and Aboriginal communities on matters of mutual interest. Engaging with Aboriginal communities in areas such as planning and development, economic development.</p> <p>After all, stronger communities can result from join action and understanding that builds upon all communities' strengths.</p>

**Trustee**  
**Ward 4**

Trustee - EPS	Sue Lawton	<p>Our personal heritage is the core of who we are. Our parents, grandparents, ancestors worked for what they believed was important, and through the generations each of us has been the beneficiaries of the solid foundation of our heritage on which to draw upon when forming our actions and beliefs.</p> <p>As heritage is important personally, so it is to the City. In order to move forward we must know and honour what and who has come before. The preservation of our heritage is our duty to our children and beyond. I joined the he Britannia Farm Committee at the Peel District School Board when I was elected 8 years ago, and continue to serve on it. I have followed the Board’s efforts to generate income without impacting the rich resources and heritage of the Farm for many years, and I feel an obligation to contribute to this committee for the sake of all the children in Peel, for whom the Peel District School Board holds the Farm In Trust. I am proud to say we have been able to establish the following guiding principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• student focused environmental and agricultural program</li> <li>• the establishment of landscape zones</li> <li>• a development parcel (32 acres)</li> <li>• phased public access in partnership with the City of Mississauga</li> </ul>	<p>I believe the school boards are in a unique position to provide guidance and education, including heritage of our Region of Peel, to our students. The role of a trustee is to develop policy and support operations with a strong, clear foundation of governance. The way in which I believe a trustee can best support our local heritage is to incorporate our local history within our broader curriculum, physically through our Outdoor Education Centres, and by inviting people from our communities into our schools to share their stories and those of the area.</p>	<p>I absolutely do, and am proud to say the Peel District School Board Trustees unanimously voted to include an acknowledgement that we are on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation in our opening ceremonies at every Board meeting, all public meetings, and in every school every morning. We also raised the Indigenous flag this past school year for the month of June as it is the designated month, and we will do so at every school and Board site going forward. We celebrate in our schools as well with Orange Shirt Day in September, along with guest speakers to give our students insight of true life experiences. We have also included many new books in our libraries that speak authentically about the lives of our predecessors on our lands.</p>
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Trustee - EP	Naila Mahmood	<p>Heritage is an important part of our identity and who we are. Our heritage helps shape who we are and who we will become. As a trustee, I will take all necessary steps to maintain our city’s heritage. As a trustee, I believe that to education is the key to preserving our heritage. I will encourage and help promote our city’s heritage at the board level through learning initiatives, to help the safeguard our heritage.</p>	<p>There isn’t one single thing, there are so many! Learning about our city’s history is one of many important things that can be done to promote heritage. Education about our history is a good way of bringing our community together. I want to integrate learning about Mississauga’s heritage in the school curriculum since Mississauga has a deep and rich history. It’s important to know how our city became what it is today. I can see that the school trustee position can help support and promote heritage through different policies that can be implemented at the board level.</p>	<p>We MUST acknowledge and respect that we are on the territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit. This recognition and respect are very important in preserving our city’s heritage, it is essential in all aspects of life. We should not just stop at recognition, we must build a strong relationship with the first nations community. These relationships are key to reconciliation, a process to which the Board should be committed to. Here are some ways to help reconcile and create stronger relationships with the community:</p>
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- Before O Canada all schools should adopt a statement of recognition that we are on the land of the Mississauga’s New Credit First Nations. Some schools have started this, but it should be done in all schools around the board. “Before we start, we would like to acknowledge that (school name) is situated upon traditional territories," the Mississauga’s New Credit First Nations.
  - We should provide more opportunities to Indigenous students and community members to harness a stronger relationship.
  - We should create, celebrate and promote the Indigenous peoples/ the Mississaugas’ of the New Credit First Nation by implementing a heritage month.
- These were just some ways we can respect and create a stronger relationship with the Mississaugas’ of the New Credit First Nation, there is so much we can do if we work together.