



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 11	Name			
Councillor	Pardeep Khunger	<p>Life is change at much faster pace than ever before. Today is tomorrow's legacy and yesterday is today's.</p> <p>Heritage can be anything monuments, buildings, culture, traditions, items etc. Once it lost is lost forever. It's extremely difficult to restore, no matter how hard we try. Heritage defines who we are, where we come from, and where we belong. I think that covers everything.</p> <p>It is very important to me personally to pass on family values, culture and traditions, that I brought with me, to my future generations to help them not getting lost in the crowd. To help passing that heritage either my children stayed with my parental family or in-laws overseas or they stayed with us here in Mississauga. We (my parental family) are preserving our family heritage – my great grandfather's countryside house – from decades. All his (my great grandfather's) direct descends visit once a year on specific dates for a religious program. And I personally and my children every time during my visit to India.</p> <p>On the lighter side, my white hair comb will become unique piece one day, as I am holding on to that from last 30years.</p> <p>Cities are identified from its heritage its monuments, buildings, festivals etc.</p> <p>I will work hard with the help from community and large corporations toward making them self-sustaining as much as possible by prompting them via every possible channel. Once we will achieve that goal, I doubt it will ever go unnoticed.</p>	<p>We need to bring heritage learning into our education system. Our children lack the understanding of what the significance of our heritage is and how diverse we are as a people. This learning process needs to be implemented into our education system.</p> <p>Over the past few years I have had the privilege to participate in various inter faith and inter cultural forums and discussion groups. To better understand each other and our cultural heritage I felt this was important. We need to bring these sorts of forums and discussions into the education system. Having the experience in doing so, I feel I can impact and start the process in having heritage a more important part of our education system.</p>	<p>Yes it is important to recognize our heritage with Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nation. A flag flying at City Hall is definite first step.</p> <p>We must educate our children on the Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nation. I am confident that many of our citizens do not know who they are or how our city got its name. We must teach and learn about our First Nations people through our education system at an early age.</p> <p>We should learn more about all of First Nations people on a national level. We also need to recognize a national holiday for our First Nations people. On such a day Mississauga can take a lead in celebrating our First Nations heritage.</p> <p>We need to incorporate more First Nations artefacts, artwork, architecture into our public spaces and our public buildings.</p>
Councillor	Imran Hasan	<p>I joined the Mississauga Heritage Awards Gala Committee to help recognize past leaders who contributed to the continued success of our great City and communities. When I am elected Councillor for Mississauga Ward 11, I will continue to be visible, accessible and responsive. This is my commitment to bringing the local level of government to the residents, businesses and community stakeholders. I have lived, worked and raised my own family in the Misissauga-Streetsville area since 1993. My campaign team and I have continued to knock on doors and connect with people to understand the issues and concerns in every community.</p> <p>I have connected with people who have resided in the area for decades and many of these individuals are our modern day Heritage Heroes. They need and deserve to have their stories retold. I will continue collecting data and establishing contacts in preparation for my post-election action plan.</p> <p>Knocking on doors and meeting with people has enriched my life. I have had the opportunity to learn about the many pioneers who are now retired seniors living in our communities. I am honoured to recognize that Mississauga was built on the backs of many of these giants and I will be standing on their shoulders to champion the stories of yesterday and together, celebrating tomorrow and beyond.</p>	<p>Dialogue.</p> <p>Growing up in Canada all my life and living in both large cities and small communities, we tend to sometimes overlook how we got to where we are. It just takes a little bit of effort to learn about individuals and businesses who go quietly about, enriching the society in which we live. It is important to connect with these fascinating individuals, carefully listen and retell their stories often with our next generation.</p> <p>I have been connecting with people over several months while knocking on doors, and I have been engaged in numerous conversations. Recently, I heard similar stories from two very different people – one of first generation Portuguese descent, and the other third-generation Irish, one abled, and the other with special needs - both describing how they were raised in the (Mississauga-Streetsville) community and how they would love to share their tales of growing up and contributing to their neighbourhood and expand on how things have continued to change. Two different perspectives, both celebrating one united community, and proudly identifying Ward 11 (Mississauga-Streetsville) home.</p>	<p>We are all connected, as we all arrived eventually to Mississauga from somewhere outside of Canada. We chose these ancestral lands as our new home, and in the heart of Ward 11 (Mississauga-Streetsville), we have the Credit River - the river of life. We can make our connection with our New Credit First Nations with a dedication to our shared river of life, bringing an opportunity for all the communities to join us in Ward 11 (Mississauga-Streetsville) for the celebration of life.</p> <p>I remember years ago, my children enjoyed participating in the Rubber Duck race held on the Credit River during the Streetsville Bread & Honey Festival. This tradition has since been discontinued. We seem to have less and less celebrations along the shores of this lifeline. As the people's Councillor in Mississauga Ward 11, I will continue to reach out to all communities including the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation to foster long term relationships and support the celebration of home, along our shared river of life.</p>

Trustee - EP

Robert Crocker

Heritage is important to me personally because it has been a lifelong passion. Interested in history at an early age, I did an honours BA and an MA in history at the University of Waterloo, and became a secondary school history teacher starting in 1977. Although I taught at four different schools, most of my career was spent at Streetsville Secondary School in Mississauga, where I was Head of History and later Head of Canadian and World Studies.

In my role as a teacher, it was always vital that I share a passion for my subject, and many of my students went on to study history in university. It was a joy and a privilege to teach Canadian History.

As trustee, I have seen first hand that the sense of community which many people assume is lacking in suburbia is indeed thriving. Heritage does matter in our community.

In Wards 6&11, which I represent, I would point to the Culham Trail, which leads to historic mill remains in Streetsville, and, further south, to the Riverwood Conservancy.

Coincidentally, this survey landed in my electronic mailbox the same day the most recent issue of the magazine Canada's History was delivered to my door.

As we all know, there is much more which is new than old in Mississauga.

Community partners such as Heritage Mississauga, the City of Mississauga and the Peel District School Board must work together to preserve and maintain that which reminds us of our roots.

The most important thing I can do as a PDSB trustee is to continue with my work on the Britannia Farm Committee. After two centuries, there is finally a realistic plan to preserve two farmhouses, the sugar bush and the old Britannia School as part of bigger project which will attract people from all over Mississauga. I have been a member of this committee since my first day as trustee, and hope to continue it in my second term.

I am the Board's representative to the Indigenous Education Advisory Circle, and have been for my entire term. My first motion as trustee was a resolution that we start all regular board meetings with an acknowledgement that we are on the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. Now, all major board events, school events, and the school day all across Peel Region begin with the acknowledgement, along with the National Anthem.

It was at my instigation that we started flying the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation flag at the Central Board Office in recognition of National Indigenous History Month and of the Mississaugas' treaty rights in the area. One thing which came out of this was the establishment of a Flag Committee, upon which I sit. Schools have been given stickers to display in their entranceways to acknowledge treaty rights. It may take a long time to get my way on this, but I look forward to the day when all our schools and other board sites will fly the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation flag along with our national flag.