



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
Bassam Johar	Bassam Johar	<p>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.</p> <p>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!</p>

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