



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 6

Councillor	Name	Question One	Question Two	Question Three
Councillor	Ron Starr	Heritage is very important to me as it is the recognition and preservation of our traditions, cultures, religions, history and physical reminders of our past; including historic events and artifacts. As these are generational values, we actually have to choose to preserve our past for the benefit of future generations.	As Councillor, I feel it our obligation to preserve our past as it belongs to all of us. This includes supporting education, programs, regulations and guidelines and of course significant funding to assure continuity. The singular activity to support our local heritage is to have a true commitment by all levels of government. Recognition and a buy-in by political decision-makers is paramount. On a personal note, I am totally committed to preserving our past and will continue to champion Mississauga Heritage efforts to assure that heritage does matter.	Finally, it is very important to recognize the ancestral territory of the Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nations. This can be accomplished by designating a flag day or annual week of celebrating our past. By collaborating with the First Nation representatives, a general dialogue and education program can be initiated to recognize and preserve our past while supporting each others distinct roles.

Trustee

Ward 6

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.
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