



Heritage Mississauga Board of Directors 2023 - 2024



Michael Buchert

Michael is a Manager of Finance and Deputy Treasurer, Peel Housing Corporation, at the Region of Peel. As a CPA/CGA with 30+ years experience he provides support in other areas of business and has spent a great deal of time supporting the Arts in Mississauga. He also volunteers his time in theatre and is currently the President of Theatre Unlimited Performing Arts and co-chair of the Encore Series which has provided quality community-based theatre for over 30 years.

In his spare time, you will find him walking many of the trails in Mississauga has to offer and spending time with his beloved wife Gloria and their dog.



Greg Carraro

Greg is a History and Contemporary Studies educator at St. Joseph Secondary School in Streetsville. He is the past coordinator of the Nicaragua Project, a school outreach program that provides students with the opportunity to live with local families and to learn about life in a Nicaraguan community. He is also the coach of the school debate team. Greg is an active member of OECTA - the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and sits on several committees, as well as on the local executive as a councillor.

His maternal grandfather, Angelo Fedrigo came to Mississauga in 1927 and worked at the Cooksville brickworks until his retirement in 1965. Greg's grandmother, Iolanda, joined his grandfather in Cooksville in 1937 living there until her passing at the fortunate age of 101 years old. Until her death Iolanda was Cooksville's longest living resident and is featured in Kathleen Hicks book *Cooksville, Country to City*.

Greg is currently both Vice President of the Board of Directors and Chair of the Education/Living History Committee, which endeavours to educate and network with the public on heritage matters in the city. He is also the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Regiment of York Militia, 'Thompsons Company', a living history group that re-enacts the lives of soldiers and their families in the War of 1812.

Greg now lives in Burlington with his wife Michelina Longo and their two sons, Giuseppe and Luca and their dog Sully.



Rob Clause

Mr. Clause is a Partner in the Assurance group with BDO Canada LLP, providing assurance and tax services to Canadian and International medium sized corporations. Mr. Clause graduated from McMaster University and has been with BDO since graduating. He has also marked the Uniform Final Examination (“UFE”) for prospective Chartered Professional Accountants (“CPA”) and assisted prospective CPA’s during their preparation and studying time for the UFE through Densmore Consulting for many years.

Rob He enjoys participating in various sports, which includes hockey, baseball, golf and dodgeball. Mr. Clause is a strong supporter of Mississauga and looks forward to promoting the rich and diverse heritage of the city.



Councillor Stephen Dasko

“A vibrant community is home to a better life.” so believes Stephen Dasko, a Ward 1 resident - from birth to today. Stephen Dasko was elected as a City of Mississauga Member of Council and a Regional Councillor for the Region of Peel for Ward 1 for the 2018-2022 term on December 3, 2018.

Through his earliest days when Port Credit Arena was hockey’s home ice - to his work as a young researcher on Parliament Hill – to being Chief of Staff for a Provincial MPP, Stephen has brought insight and energy to making better relationships and better communities.

Stephen Dasko feels the right kind of leadership can unite a community. His leadership style engages community participation by first listening – and then acting with a unified voice that pledges to have residents’ voices heard. They are the same principles that guided his work as a volunteer member of the Board of Directors for Community Living Mississauga and a Director for the Port Credit Village Project.

As a professional, Stephen worked in the hi-tech sector as Chief Operating Officer for a technology company, his focus had been transportation, providing associations with database management solutions.

Stephen and his wife Maria, with their two Shih-Tzu’s, Skipper and Ginger, enjoy being a part of the community.



Luz del Rosario

Ms. del Rosario graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Commerce, major in Management from the Philippines.

A few years upon arriving in Canada, she completed Human Resources Management at the University of Guelph and received her Certified Human Resources Professional designation in 1996. She is fortunate to have built a solid and successful professional resume with an extensive background in human resources management. She recently retired as Payroll & Benefits Manager for Verve Senior Living after 25 years of service.

Ms. del Rosario's family has lived in Mississauga for over 25 years and she has been actively involved in the community including: as an English Separate School Board Trustee (since 2006) and is currently Chair of Board of Trustees. She also sits as a Director of Ontario Catholic School Trustees' Association. She is a recipient of Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Award and the Mississauga's Citizen of the Year Award for 2006, appointed by the Ontario Government as a

Member, on the Grant Review Team - Ontario Trillium Foundation, **Past President** - Catholic Women's League. , St. Joseph's Parish, Streetsville (2007-2008), a Member of the Arts Review Taskforce created by Mayor Hazel McCallion, Vice-Chair, Marketing & Fundraising - Carassauga Festival Inc. (2 years), **Chair, Carassauga Festival Inc. (4 Years), (2002-2006)**, President - Culture Philippines of Ontario (2002-2003) and Past Chair, Peel Region Catholic Women's League of Canada and Past President, Safe City Mississauga. She has been married to husband, Resty, for 45 years. They have two grown children, Jonathan, Director of Marketing, with a Fortune 100 company, and Justine, a Pharmacist at a hospital in Toronto. With her professional and community experience, she hopes to bring new ideas to increase awareness of Heritage Mississauga.



Jake Dheer

Jake Dheer is Senior Manager with OMNI Television at Rogers Sports and Media Inc. and continues to contribute in a leadership capacity on boards of several organizations. He has been honoured with numerous awards and recognition in the broadcast industry and for his 35+ years of volunteer community engagement and humanitarian work. Jake is married to Geeta and they have two children, Sonia and Arjun.



Lavina Dixit

Lavina Dixit has lived and worked in three countries, thriving in the vastly different culture, heritage and traditions offered by each of these nations. She is a writer and an artist. Telling a good story has been a forte and she started her professional life as a journalist before transitioning to corporate communications. She is an intrepid traveller always in pursuit of history and culture.

She has made her home in Port Credit since 2007, the longest she has lived in any one place! She has one son, who makes her proud every day, and a fur baby called Stanley.



Ron Duquette

Ron Duquette is a retired corporate filmmaker and advertising agency executive. He has been actively involved in the Mississauga community for over 50 years. Mr. Duquette was a member of the Mayor's Gala organizing committee for twenty-two years and is a recipient of the Mississauga Citizen of the Year award and a Rotary, Paul Harris Fellow.

He has served on a number of boards and committees over the years including the Living Arts Centre, The Mississauga International Children's Festival, Interim Place, Community Living Mississauga, The Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues Festival, Starr's on the Credit, The Mississauga Arts Council and Tourism Mississauga. Most recently, he founded Legends Row, Mississauga's Walk of Fame.



Frank Giannone, ICD

Frank is the President of FRAM Building Group, a family company founded in 1981. A fourth-generation builder, he has spent his lifetime in the construction industry.

FRAM is involved in residential and mixed-use building projects in Toronto and Calgary in Canada, and Texas and Michigan in the U.S. FRAM is recognized as a developer of urban villages emphasizing pedestrian friendly walkable communities; Port Credit Village in Mississauga, The Shipyards in Collingwood, the redevelopment of the Don Mills Centre in Toronto, East Village in Calgary, and North Shore in Irving, Texas are examples of their work in this area. Family holdings include Verve Retirement Living which houses over 5000 seniors in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, where Frank serves as a founding director since 2004.

From an industry association perspective, Frank had served nine years as a Tarion Warranty Corporation member of its Board of Directors. Frank is also a Past President of the Ontario Home Builders' Association and a Past President of the Toronto Home Builders' Association (1989).

Frank is active in his community; he is a founding director of the Port Credit Community Foundation. He acts in an advisory capacity in selection user groups activating Mississauga's Celebration Square. He is proud to recently have joined the Board of Heritage Mississauga. Frank and his family live, work and play in Mississauga.



Douglas Hancock

Douglas H. Hancock is a business and real estate lawyer, DH Professional Corporation, located in the City Centre (mississaugalawyer.com). He is the former Chairman of the Canadian National Sportsmen's Shows and a Past President of the Mississauga Business Association.

A resident of Mississauga for over 35 years, he lives in Streetsville with his wife Zein, son Andrew and family dog, Rouge.

Douglas is a passionate Canadian, world traveler, who has seen most (but admittedly not all) of our great country. A Steelheads Season Tickets holder, an avid golfer and the occasional bike ride to work. He has championed heritage in Mississauga for over 13 years.

**Michael Parsons**

Mr. Parsons's love for Mississauga is embodied in his active philanthropy and ongoing community service. His support over the last 38 years includes, The Ian Anderson House, The Kaneff Charitable Foundation, The Willow Foundation, Community Living Mississauga, to name a few.

Born and raised in Mississauga he has over 39 years' experience in the Real Estate business and comes from a Family of Real Estate Professionals with a combined experience of over 150 years. Michael is regarded as one of Canada's leading Residential Realtors with Royal LePage Realty Plus and has been recognized as a member of the Who's Who of Luxury Real Estate. He is committed to supporting the Community and is always happy to assist in numerous events throughout both Mississauga and the GTA.

Michael is married to Karen and they have one son, Derrick, who's a Canadian Junior Golf Association winner. In the rare time Michael has off, he enjoys golf, flying and travelling.

**Councillor Martin Reid**

On October 24, 2022, first-time electoral candidate, Martin Reid, was voted as Ward 9 Councillor in the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel. A lifelong resident of Meadowvale, Martin has dedicated the last two decades and countless hours of volunteer service to Ward 9. His experience and first-hand knowledge of the Ward inspires him to make Ward 9 a better place for everyone.

An avid user of Mississauga's MiWay Transit, Martin presented a Motion at his first Mississauga Budget committee and gained the support of his Council colleagues to pass a one-year pilot project for \$1.00 all-day transit fare for seniors and zero fares for kids 12 years and under. This is an impressive feat for a first time Councillor. Martin is excited to hit the ground running and make his first term of Council both memorable and successful.



Faith Rivers

Faith is a member of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and is the Co-Chair of the New Credit Cultural Committee. Faith is truly dedicated to her First Nation and believes in promoting, preserving and creating awareness of her First Nation's Culture. Faith's volunteer job has been in Event Management within the First Nation for over 30 years for the New Credit Cultural Committee, which hosts the Three Fires Homecoming Powwow and Traditional Gathering and cultural events in and around the Treaty Territory of the Mississaugas. Faith also worked closely with Heritage Mississauga in 2005 and 2010 for the Maanjidowin (The Gathering) event. Faith has served on the Heritage Mississauga Board for 12 years and is also the Chair of the Indigenous Programs Committee.

Faith has grown to love learning about her Ancestral ceremonies, traditional protocols, traditional stories and way of life. Sharing a part of history where your Ancestors once lived strengthens the connection you have to the Traditional Territories, which gives you a better understanding of one's past.

Faith holds degrees in Social Work, Sociology, Indigenous Studies along with Women's Studies. Faith's paid job is A/Supervisor/Worker for the Mental Health Team at MCFH. She believes in helping people by combining both Traditional and Western Social Work. Faith is also a certified Trauma Counselor, along with Reiki Master Level 1. Faith is a daughter, sister, auntie, community member and a great friend, and resides on her First Nation.



Michael Spaziani, B.E.S. (Environmental Studies), B. Arch., OAA, FRAIC

For 37 years Michael Spaziani was the principal of Michael Spaziani Architect Inc., **MSAi**, an architectural firm specializing in urban design and architecture. On March 1, 2023, **MSAi** merged with **SRM Architects** creating a new firm **SRM Architects and Urban Designers**, carrying on the work of both firms with offices in Kitchener and Toronto.

Mr. Spaziani commenced his architectural career winning the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada Medal for academic excellence upon graduation from Carleton University in Ottawa in 1977. In 2010, Mr. Spaziani was inducted into the Royal Architectural Institute of Canada College of Fellows, an honour reserved for only a few Canadian architects each year, recognizing their contributions to the Canadian architectural community.

A Dean's Honour Roll member at the University of Waterloo, he has been the recipient of many urban design awards in Ontario for building projects in Oakville, Kitchener, Mississauga, Pickering, and Brampton. He has advised the municipal councils of Markham, Mississauga, Toronto, Guelph, Whitby, Ajax, Caledon, East York, Oakville, and Vaughan on architectural and urban design matters over the past three decades. He has on two occasions acted as a juror for the Vaughan Urban Design Awards program and was a professional juror for the 2004 Oakville Urban Design Awards.

In 2006 he was selected as a juror for the Absolute Condominium international competition in Mississauga. The winning selection, the "Marilyn Monroe" building has emerged as a remarkably powerful orientation symbol for Mississauga. In the same year he was honoured to be chosen as a juror for Mississauga's 25th anniversary Urban Design Awards program. He continues to support community interests as a volunteer member of the Mississauga Urban Design Panel, and a Director on the boards of the Port Credit Community Foundation and Heritage Mississauga.