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MSHS meeting:

Tuesday, February 6
7:00 pm
Lorne Park Branch Public
Library
(1474 Truscott Road)

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and
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MSHS Annual General Meeting *and* Show & Tell Evening

Join MSHS on Tuesday, February 6th, 2018 at 7:00 pm at the Lorne Park Public Library for our Annual General Meeting and our "Show & Tell" evening.

The AGM will feature an update on the activities of the Executive and the Society, a brief discussion on the year ahead, and the election of the new MSHS executive for 2018.

MSHS is actively seeking new members to serve on the Executive. If you are interested, please let us know. Would you like to simply share ideas, help plan for

the future, search for guest speakers, or a myriad of other things, please join us and have input into planning for 2018 and beyond!

For our traditional Show & Tell component of the evening, please bring along your stories, photographs, objects, items of interest and/or memorabilia to share with us! It is always a fun, informal, and informative evening!

Happy New Year, and we look forward to seeing you on February 6th!

2018 Milestones

2018 will mark a number of significant anniversaries: March 25 marks the 60th anniversary of the first flight of the AVRO Arrow; October 28 marks the 200th Anniversary of the signing of Treaty 19 (New Survey of Toronto Township); and November 11, Remembrance Day, will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Armistice of the First World War, just to name a few.

Heritage Day at The Grange

Join Heritage Mississauga on Tuesday, February 20th, between 10 am and 8 pm, for our annual "Heritage Day at The Grange" open house.

The day will feature special heritage presentations, videos, refreshments, and a new exhibit: "What Did You Bring? Cherished Immigrant Stories".

MSHS Website: <http://mshs.strikingly.com>

2018 MSHS Schedule

(Meetings take place at the
Lorne Park Branch Public Library,
1474 Truscott Road unless
otherwise noted)

Tuesday, February 6
7:00 pm

*Annual General Meeting &
Show & Tell Evening
(bring your objects, your pictures,
your stories and your memories to
share!)*

Tuesday, March 27
7:00 pm

*Featuring guest speaker Susan
Maltby with "Malton's CF-100 All-
weather jet: A Case Study"*

Tuesday, May 29
7:00 pm

*Featuring guest speaker and author
Peter Skeris with "Mississauga:
Building a Livable City"*

Tuesday, July 31
7:00 pm

*A special meeting at Riverwood
with the Riverwood Conservancy.
Program details to be announced*

Tuesday, September 25
7:00 pm

*Featuring guest speaker Timothy
Stewart with "Toronto's Fighting
75th in the Great War 1915-1919"*

Tuesday, November 27
7:00 pm
To be announced

President's Message

Words by John Wilson, MSHS President

Happy New Year everyone! I hope everyone had a great Christmas. So far it has been a really cold and snowy season. When I wrote this message it was very warm outside and the snow melted.

As we go into the New Year there are several projects to take place in Mississauga: the Hurontario LRT and the Lakeshore Waterfront area as well as several condo projects all over the city.

A very important thing is PHOTOGRAPHS. These days

what with cell phones there is no excuse not to take photos while you are out and about. I have taken a photo of a building one day and it is gone the next! Any local vintage photographs you can donate or let us see and copy would be very much appreciated.

The first meeting of 2018 is our annual Show & Tell on Tuesday, February 6th at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorne Park Public Library. If you have any artifacts please bring them to the meeting to share with others.

John Wilson: 416-655-5079

Passing of Jim Tovey

It was with great sadness and shock that we learned of the sudden passing of City of Mississauga Ward 1 Councillor Jim Tovey on January 15, 2018.

Jim was a passionate advocate for, and supporter of, heritage preservation and natural conservation, and a true visionary who looked to make Ward 1, Mississauga and the world a better place.

Jim was one of the driving forces behind many endeavors, notably the Small Arms Society, the adaptive reuse of the Small Arms Building, the Lakeview Legacy Project, Inspiration Lakeview, and the Lakeview Waterfront Connection, just to name a few.

After many years as an active resident and citizen

member of the City's Heritage Advisory Committee, he was elected to Mississauga City Council in 2010, representing Ward 1. A true Heritage Hero, Jim served on many Boards and advisory committees, including serving as a Board Member for Heritage Mississauga.

Jim was born and raised in Malton, and was a long-time resident of Lakeview.

Our thoughts are with his family at this most difficult time.



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Did You Know? 50 Years Ago ...



Town of Mississauga's Inaugural Council meeting
50 years ago, on January 12, 1968, the first Town of Mississauga's Council Meeting was held. The event marked the first official municipal meeting after the 1967 transition from a collection of distinct villages spread out across Toronto Township, into an amalgamated Town. The Town existed until it was incorporated as a city in 1974.

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MSHS Membership

Words by Jenny Dale

A very Happy New Year to you all. As we enter into 2018 it is time to remind everyone that we need to renew our memberships. If you plan to attend the Mississauga South Historical Society meeting at the end of the month, then please bring cash/cheque with you or mail in. We have some exciting speakers set up for this year. I don't think that I have ever attended one of our meetings without learning something new and interesting. Come and join us and bring a friend!

Goodbye Port Credit (1974)

Words by John Wilson

There was talk about amalgamation with Toronto Township as far back as 1965. Some people were for it and some were against the idea. It was more talked about especially in 1967 because Toronto Township received the OK to become a town on 1 January 1968 although no name was yet chosen.

In 1967 Toronto Township proposed an idea to Port Credit Council that if Port Credit joined them then the new town would be called Port Credit but Port Credit Council turned them down. The Council said that they would go it alone until forced to join.

There was still no name for the new town until the municipal elections in late 1967. On the Toronto Township ballot there were two names from which to choose: Mississauga and Sheridan. Mississauga won by a landslide. In Port Credit the two mayoral candidates thought the same about amalgamation (they were against it). The voter turnout was 22% and Tom McCollum won. Port Credit had gained town status on 1 January 1961.

As it turned out Port Credit, surrounded by the town of Mississauga and the lake, went for it alone only for six years. You can see visually to this day some of what this council did. They okayed most or all of the High Rise apartments you can see between Stavebank Road, Hurontario Street and the Port Credit GO station. Tax money had to come from somewhere. People were kind of split on the idea of joining Mississauga. They were looking at the pros and cons of it.

Things ran OK until 1973. Then the Provincial Government passed Bill 138 which was the Creation of Peel Region. The Region will now have three cities: Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga. This forced Port Credit and Streetsville to join the City of Mississauga which was created on 1 January 1974.

By this time Cy Saddington was once again mayor of Port Credit. The very last Town Council meeting was on 27 December 1973 at Clarke Hall. The Council had met there from 1941 onward. Actually business was pretty much as usual with a few resolutions to vote on. One that passed was the one

to give full-time town employees a \$100 bonus for their loyalty. Another resolution (#178/73) has affected us (being the Historical Society) to this day. That was a by-law which set aside a fund of \$200,000 to purchase and to fix up the old "Wilcox Hotel" on Front Street South by the new City of Mississauga to be a Port Credit Museum. This museum was to be administrated by the Historical Society. Needless to say this motion was defeated. At the end of this meeting was the last resolution (#181/73) which was moved by Terry Butt and seconded by S. E. Donner. "THAT Whereas Bill 138 of the Ontario Legislature has integrated the Municipality of the Town of Port Credit with the new City of Mississauga as of 1 January 1974. NOW be it resolved that the Council of the Municipality of Port Credit be dissolved effective as of 23:59 on 31 December, 1973. And that this meeting be adjourned. Carried."

There were quite a lot of people at the meeting. It had been argued whether or not to join with Toronto Township/Mississauga in the past and now it was done and yes there were lots of opinions for both sides. All of Mississauga would have been known as the City of Port Credit (seems strange typing that!) if council had gone along with the idea in 1967. But as you see today The City of Mississauga and the Historical Societies have done a lot of work to keep the name of Port Credit alive and well!



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