### City of Mississauga

### **Agenda**



### ADDITIONAL AGENDA

### **General Committee**

**Date:** April 14, 2021

**Time:** 9:30 AM

Location: Online Video Conference

Members

Mayor Bonnie Crombie

Councillor Stephen Dasko Ward 1
Councillor Karen Ras Ward 2

Councillor Chris Fonseca Ward 3 (CHAIR)

Councillor John Kovac Ward 4 Ward 5 Councillor Carolyn Parrish Ward 6 Councillor Ron Starr Ward 7 Councillor Dipika Damerla Councillor Matt Mahoney Ward 8 Ward 9 Councillor Pat Saito Councillor Sue McFadden Ward 10 Ward 11 Councillor George Carlson

### Participate Virtually and/or via Telephone

Advance registration is required to participate and/or make a comment in the virtual meeting. Questions for Public Question Period are required to be provided to Clerk's staff at least 24 hours in an advance of the meeting. Any materials you wish to show the Committee during your presentation must be provided as an attachment to the email. Links to cloud services will not be accepted. Comments submitted will be considered as public information and entered into public record.

To register, please email dayna.obaseki@mississauga.ca and for Residents without access to the internet via computer, smartphone or tablet, can register by calling Dayna Obaseki at 905-615-3200 ext. 5425 no later than Monday, April 12, 2021 before 4:00PM. You will be provided with directions on how to participate from Clerks' staff.

#### Contact

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http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/generalcommittee

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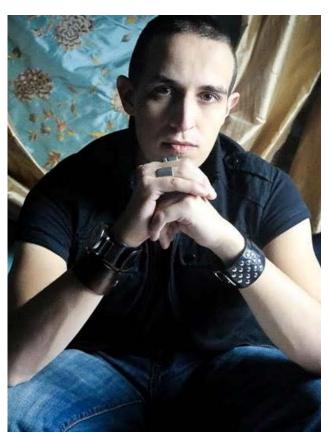
### 5. <u>DEPUTATIONS</u>

\*5.3. Kathryn Garland, Supervisor, Culture Programs regarding the Youth Poet Laureate Announcement

# Mississauga's Poets Laureate



Pujita Verma 2018 - 2020



Paul Edward Costa 2019 - 2021



# Mississauga's 2nd Youth Poet Laureate

Pujita Verma Highlights 2018 - 2020





# Mississauga's 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Poet Laureate



Pujita Verma, 2018 - 2020

# On quarantine

going to the eye doctor is just going to the eye doctor / but for the optometrist it is a stall on a ferris wheel's rest stop // gently rocking, another row / letters read in variation / after appointment, after appointment // I think of the repetitive tasks I am caught in / the autopilot of espresso / intuition of anthems / rainfall of keyboard clicks hushing to monotone // I think home is less home when you can't laugh whole-heartedly / when you

tiptoe around everyone's Zoom calls // work-from-home is / no home to leave work to go to // gathering strong wifi like hands pressed on the sunroof / or together / two bodies strung into fibre optics / shoes tangled from telephone wires / one foot in front of the other / souls caught sleeping on a tuesday afternoon // like order to govern every chaos / like when traffic lights stop, each

car waits its rotation / or the world wavers on a virus // // no rule wrong for the unwritten // if there is a word for almost lonely / let it be the staccato of my love song // now I go outside to go outside // shout along a windmill's breath // how gentle the deafening // how elegant the balance of Shiva and Brahma and Vishnu // destroying night after night // making way to compose tomorrow



# Mississauga's Youth Poet Laureate



Qurat Dar, 2021 - 2023



## In Defense of Just Being

In defense of the afternoon spent with the sun painting your eyelids.

In defense of the evening spent with your feet in the lake, with the rest of you a sand-dusted bridge to shore.

In defense of the book that didn't teach you a thing but passed the hours well enough.



In defense of the pastimes that will never make us a cent. In defense of the instrument awfully played, of the sketches we would never show the light of day, of every song we sing along to in what is definitely the wrong key.

In defense of the five back-to-back episodes, the newest seasons, that allowed us the mercy of forgetting ourselves even just for a moment. In defense of the cancelled meeting, the event unattended, the to-do list forgotten, the reins loosened just enough that the blood returns to our hands.

In defense of the silence, in defense of the quiet, in defense of the messages left on read and the gaps in conversation in which you can hear the world going on without you.

In defense of time "wasted," as though time is a fruit that will wither on its own vine if it isn't picked and pressed and swallowed, as though time is not a river, with sharply-cut banks and rapids that near submerge us, as though it is not enough to remain standing, to remain breathing, rather than fighting the current at every step, as though it is not enough to close our eyes every once in a while and think,

"Isn't the water lovely?"



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