

MOTION TO DEDICATE COMMEMORATIVE TREE AND PLAQUE IN HONOUR OF COUNCILLORS SAITO, CARLSON AND MULLIN

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Seconded by:

WHEREAS Trees be planted by the City in honour of Councillor Carlson, Councillor Saito and Councillor Mullin, three highly respected and long-serving Councillors,

WHEREAS Councillors Saito and Carlson combined have served City of Mississauga residents for over 50 years in the communities of Meadowvale and Streetsville and have recently announced their retirements effective the end of this term of Council.

WHEREAS Councillor Mullin served as Councillor for Ward 2 for 29 years before deciding not to run in the 2014 election, and recently stepped up to graciously represent Ward 2 residents when the position became vacant earlier this year.

WHEREAS Pat Saito has left a lasting impact in Ward 9, where she has served as their Councillor since 1991, sitting on countless boards and committees to better the quality of life for Mississauga residents, with a passion for crime prevention, road safety, accessibility, emergency management, and tourism, among other areas she's championed. As a result, Councillor Saito has received several accolades for her leadership with Peel Police in the areas of crime prevention as an advocate and ambassador, with a focus on Crime Prevention through Environmental Design.

WHEREAS Councillor Carlson has cemented himself as a cornerstone in the Streetsville community as Councillor for Ward 11 since 2000, through his advocacy as a champion for small business, city planning, the environment, heritage conservation and many local volunteer groups and events. Councillor Carlson's contributions to the community have been recognized over the years with several accolades, including the Queen's Jubilee Medal for Community Volunteerism and the Credit Valley Conservation's Award of Distinction, among many others.

WHEREAS Councillor Mullin is well known to the residents of Ward 2, having served as their Councillor for 29 years. During her time as Councillor, she earned a reputation as a consensus builder, championing large projects including the redevelopment of Jack Darling Park and the Clarkson Community Centre. She was also a member of a number of boards and committees in the City, including the Bradley House Museum, the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee and the Benares Museum. The City thanks her for stepping in to fill the vacancy of Ward 2 Councillor earlier this year to ensure the residents continued to be well represented until the 2022 municipal election.

WHEREAS Councillor Saito, Councillor Carlson and Councillor Mullin's presence will be missed by their residents, fellow Council members, City of Mississauga and Region of Peel staff, and the many boards and committees in which the City and Region have benefitted from their leadership.

WHEREAS the City of Mississauga wishes to thank these Councillors for their years of service by dedicating a tree and commemorative plaque to be planted in their honour at the City of Mississauga park of their choosing.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

Parks and Forestry staff work with each Councillor to select a species of tree, plaque design and location and keep Council up to date on the timeframe for the tree planting.

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