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Preface

Placemaking – City Centre Parks and Public Spaces

We are delighted to post our Final Report - **“Building Mississauga Around Places” – A Vision for City Centre Parks and Open Spaces in the 21st Century.**

In late 2004, the City of Mississauga engaged Project for Public Spaces (PPS), a New York based facilitation consultant with global expertise in creating better public spaces, a process they refer to as “Placemaking”, to engage our residents to create a vision for revitalizing the public spaces in the City Centre. The program was envisioned as an integrated campaign involving high-level training and targeted Placemaking workshops with the public.

Central to the concept of Placemaking is the desire to involve the community and local stakeholders early in the planning process as potential partners in the creation of better public spaces in Mississauga’s downtown core areas. Over the period of September 2005 – February 2006 approximately 700 people attended our workshops and public presentations to share their ideas and vision for our park spaces and a livelier downtown Mississauga. The successful ‘My Mississauga’ program of outdoor events, held in the Civic Square and Central Library Square during the summer of 2006, grew out of the Placemaking process. Activities such as the concert series, sports street and the relocated Lions Club farmer’s market, were based on programming ideas generated by participants in our extensive public process.

The Draft Final Report, was previously posted on this website during the period of September 11 to October 13, 2006 for public review and comment. The report received approximately 2,700 hits during this time and generated 17 comments. Appendix 3 of the report provides a summary of comments received on the draft report, including responses from staff.

Moving forward, this report and the Vision Concept will be used to guide the design process of individual parks and public spaces within the City Centre, in order to promote vibrant public spaces serving both the local and city-wide population. As the detail design process advances for each of the individual public spaces, efforts will be made to continually engage the public in a participatory process to ensure that we create vibrant and successful public spaces.

If you have any questions regarding the content of the report or the vision for the downtown parks, please contact me at the address below.

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