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proportion of young people from 0-19 years, and adults aged 30-49, compared to the City of Mississauga. Other age groups are under-represented in Central Erin Mills.

Immigrants make up 43% of the population in Central Erin Mills. The predominant countries of birth among these immigrants are Hong Kong (12.4%), India (11.3%) and United Kingdom (8%). Most recent immigrants have come from Hong Kong, China (People's Republic), Taiwan and India. Almost 60% of 1996 residents indicated English as their mother tongue. Among non-official languages, Chinese was the first language learned in 30% of cases.

Housing Characteristics

Sixty-nine percent of the dwellings in Central Erin Mills in 1996 were single-detached houses, and another 23% were townhouses. The detached housing and townhouse supply was 25 and 11 percentage points higher, respectively, in Central Erin Mills, than in Mississauga as a whole. Apartment buildings of five or more storeys represented 4.4% of the housing stock in Central Erin Mills, compared with almost 27% in Mississauga.

Schools

There are five elementary schools and one high school currently located in Central Erin Mills. One of these schools opened in January 1998. New elementary schools will open in September

1998 and in January 1999, and another high school is being planned.

Community Parks

There are over 143 hectares (354 acres) of parkland and greenbelt, including many large neighbourhood parks, and over 30 hectares (74 acres) of woodlands in four areas of Central Erin Mills. Recreation facilities include softball and baseball diamonds, soccer fields, tennis courts, play structures and off-leash dog park. A community centre/library/school joint project is proposed for the intersection of Glen Erin Drive and Erin Centre Boulevard.

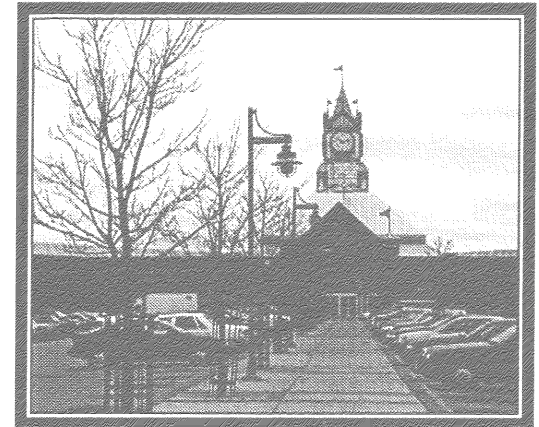
Conclusion

Central Erin Mills is a family community, which is characterized by pleasant neighbourhoods and green space. It is served by shopping facilities, and a growing number of schools and community services. Development will continue in some areas until the community is built out.

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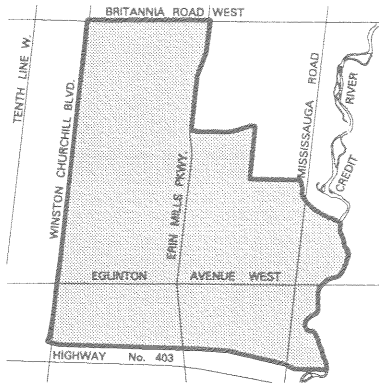


Central Erin Mills



Community Profile
March 1998

Location



The Central Erin Mills District is located in northwestern Mississauga, bounded by Britannia Rd. on the north, Winston Churchill Blvd. on the west and Hwy. 403 on the south. The east and northeast boundary follows the Credit River; the railway; the north/west boundaries of properties on Roanoke Ct., Manor Hill Dr. and Hillside Dr.; Thomas St. and Erin Mills Pkwy. Its boundaries and major streets are shown on the map above.

History

The Credit River valley was exclusively the domain of the Mississauga (native band, part of the powerful Ojibway tribe), from the late seventeenth century to the early nineteenth century. They were nomadic hunters and fishermen who travelled the entire length of the River from Lake Ontario to Georgian Bay.

Riendeau, [Mississauga, An Illustrated History](#)

By 1820 the area known as the Central Erin Mills Planning District was available for settlement, following the second purchase from the Mississauga band, including the area they had previously reserved, which extended for one mile on either side of the Credit River. The pioneers followed quickly, and an 1877 map shows the area dotted with farm houses.

Early in the 1830's William Comfort built a mill on the Credit River, which became a refuge for William Lyon Mackenzie during the 1837 Rebellion. The Barber Brothers established their woollen-mill on this site in 1853, and the village of Barbertown, now part of Central Erin Mills, was born. McCarthy Milling still operates a grist mill in these buildings.

Another local industry was brick making, which gives McFarren Boulevard its name. The first commercial brickyard was established in 1880, and operated for over a century. Prior to commercial brick making, itinerant brick makers would make bricks on the site of each new house from the "blue clay" which underlies much of the Central Erin Mills area, and would be found six to eight feet below the surface during excavation for the foundation of the house.

By 1983, when the present district plan was being prepared, Central Erin Mills was largely undeveloped. Today Central Erin Mills is a growing community, with family homes and green space, and a landmark Town Centre.

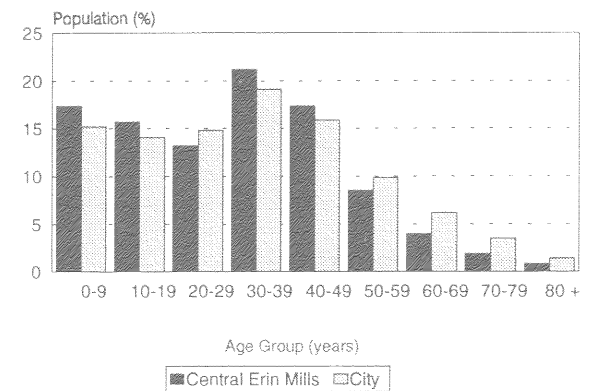
Source: The Mississauga Heritage Foundation Inc and others

Demographic Profile

The following information is based on 1996 and 1991 Census data. The Central Erin Mills population increased by 162% between the 1991 and 1996 Census, from 8,460 to 22,168 people.

Population

Percentage of Population by Age Group



By comparison, the City of Mississauga grew by 17.5% to 544,382 people, in the same period. Based on 1995 forecasts, the population could exceed 30,000 by 2001 and 40,000 by 2031.

Central Erin Mills is a community of families. In 1996, couples led over 90% of families and, 76% of these had sons/daughters living at home; almost 50% had two children. Lone parents represent 10% of families, and 90% of these are headed by mothers. Central Erin Mills has a high