

# Catherine Sople, Platform Statement



## **“Building up our Neighbourhoods” connect residents to literacy and health**

The result: Minister of Health announced August 19 at Malton Community Centre that funding will release for doors open in 2013. Helping Malton Community Health Centre raise awareness and land its capital funding brought strength to my work to advocate for literacy workshops in public education.

As candidate for Councillor, Ward 5-Mississauga I soon learned of other residents' issues in the Ward's neighbourhoods of Malton and Britannia Woods. I learned of the concerns of business which were expressed at Mississauga Board of Trade.

Of timely importance was the need to have residents show up at a September 6 rezoning application meeting – before the Ward election on September 19.

The distance to City Hall was a daunting drive at night to concerned seniors, so I asked CUPE Local 966 to provide its bus and driver to bring 13 residents to the meeting.

The seniors joined a full room to delay the application until legislation and regulations are in place.

My views on Ward 5 issues, and plans to address them have been recorded in the Mississauga News on my website. My logo is my platform at [www.voteSople.ca](http://www.voteSople.ca). So far, I have:

- connected with stakeholders at Malton Inter-Agency Committee on youth well-being and address youth violence.
- learned that the Goreway Drive overpass solution is in process.
- heard gridlock in Britannia Woods affects both quality of life and profitability of commerce. Transit plays a part to resolve gridlock.
- identified solutions which enhance food security in place at The Compass Food bank may transfer successfully to Ward 5 neighbourhoods.
- advocated that more Community Health Centres need to be brought to Ward 5 and Region of Peel to better serve 1.4million people in the Region. Region of Peel needs is Fair Share.

I decided on July 13 to become a candidate for the Ward 5-Mississauga by-election.

A priority undertaking of the next Ward 5 Councillor, said the Mississauga News editorial of July 13, 2011, was to get the funding for the Malton Community Health Centre.

I had been involved since a June public meeting. I wrote letters, submitted 100 postcard signatiures, and was recorded on YouTube at a Queen's Park rally. Details at [myMalton.ca](http://myMalton.ca).

I did not see any other declared candidates at the public meetings which I attended.



**Ridgewood seniors, City Hall, September 6'11**

- Heard seniors want to age in place, in safe neighbourhoods.
- learned the municipal tax base needs to expand with innovations to funding sources. A possible solution may involve affordable housing initiatives which raise taxes resulting from increased income to homeowners, not on market value.

Building up vibrant, thriving neighbourhoods will assure business can attract and retain international talent to live and grow in Mississauga.

On September 19, I ask thoughtful voters to consider the merits of a campaign run with bookmark literature and a website.

Vote Sople, for Councillor, Ward 5-Mississauga and the Region of Peel.