

MIRANET's Mississauga Mayoral Debate

Tuesday, October 5, 2010 @ 7-9 p.m.

CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES

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DAVE COOK Dave's involvement in the community has been intense. He has been honoured with several community awards. More recently he was awarded the Mississauga Heritage Award and this year was a nominee for the Mississauga Arts Council MARTY Award. He was elected to City and Regional Council in 1980 and served three terms before he retired. During his three terms on Council Dave proudly points to his involvement on a team that laid much of the groundwork for amenities we continue to enjoy today. He served on numerous committees with councillors who worked well together to achieve positive results for the taxpayer.

HAZEL MCCALLION Hazel McCallion was elected Mayor of Mississauga in 1978 and is currently serving her 11th term. She is on the AMO Board of Directors, a member of the Big City Mayors' Caucus and Chair of the Large Urban Mayors' Caucus of Ontario. She has been recognized numerous times for her contributions to public service and was inducted as a Member of the Order of Canada in 2005, honoured with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Mississauga Board of Trade in April 2010 and in June 2010, was conferred with the Honorary Doctor of Laws degree by the University of Toronto.

PETER ORPHANOS Personal Background: 40 year Mississauga resident; Married with two children; Education: Master of Administration Degree; Work Experience: Elementary School Teacher and Administrator Community Involvement: Founder and Chair - Streetsville Residents Association; Founder and Chair - Sierra Club of Canada, Peel Region Group; Vice President - Mississauga Garden Council; Mississauga Environmental Advisory Committee; CTC Source Water Protection Committee Awards: Leadership In Conservation Award – FON; Award of Recognition for Urban Forest rehabilitation; Teacher of the Year for Environmental Initiatives; Award of Distinction by CVC

ANDREW SEITZ I'm 32 years old and I was born and raised in Mississauga. I'm a private person and ask that you respect that. Neither mine nor anyone's past accomplishments are relevant. Judge us not on what we have done, judge us on what we intend to do. For the good of Mississauga, please judge us on our policies. I promise to work in the best interest of Mississauga - I will do what's right and necessary, even if it is unpopular. The time of influence peddling is over. It's time for us to take back our city.

RAM SELVARAJAH Ram Selvarajah has a proven history of leadership in Community Development. He led delegations to Federal Parliament and Provincial Legislature on equity rights, has served as President for Council of Agencies Serving South Asians (CASSA) and as Senator with York University. Ram campaigns for the Hope Project in Africa supporting children affected by HIV/AIDS. He worked with Amnesty International and was recognized by Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation. A past Deputy Area Commissioner with Scouts Canada, Ram continues his work them and the Trelawny Public and Lisgar Middle parent councils. Ram calls Mississauga home with wife, Kiruthiha, and their two children.

GEORGE WINTER George Winter has been active in the Mississauga community for 36 years: a Peel School Board trustee; a Provincial candidate; formed a residents' association; introduced Neighbourhood Watch; delegated Peel Board; petitioned for door-to-door mail delivery; School Council President and member; Coached several Mississauga Monarchs basketball teams; long-term president of a local tennis club. George Winter is a retired high school teacher and previous owner of a small publishing company. He and his wife Fern have two adult children who attended Peel public schools. For more, go to www.georgewinter.ca