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Welcome to summer, Mississippi Mills!

Got a comment about traffic?

The County of Lanark has initiated a Transportation Master Plan (TMP) to help guide the County's transportation programs and investments for the next twenty years. Consider providing your input on issues including:

- Traffic safety and operations;
- Truck traffic;
- New road links;
- Commuter traffic;
- Cycling and walking;
- Rural and urban transportation issues;
- Population and employment growth over the next 20 years and its affect on transportation.

Several **focus groups** comprised of members of the public will meet in the late summer/early fall to discuss transportation issues of interest, including cycling, truck traffic, and traffic calming. Should you wish to be a member of one of the focus groups or suggest a topic for discussion, please contact Project Team members via the County's website (www.lanark.county.on.ca).

Uranium Mining hasn't gone away

The kNOw Uranium (OCAMU) coalition are still asking the Ontario government for a moratorium on uranium mining. If you want know what's happening, email kNOw-Uranium [know.uranium@gmail.com] and stay informed.

Pesticides and what the City of Ottawa is doing

In late May 2008, Ottawa City Council endorsed a motion sponsored by Councillor Alex Cullen at Community and Protective Services Committee. The motion read:

That City Council endorse the Ontario Government's initiative to prohibit the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides in Ontario and urge speedy passage of Bill 64, that Ottawa City Council request that Bill 64 be amended to permit municipal bylaws governing the use and sale of cosmetic pesticides that are consistent with the intent and purpose of Bill 64, and that this motion be copied to the Premier, the leaders of the Opposition Parties, the Minister of the Environment, opposition party critics, Ottawa-area MPP's, and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Pesticide Free Ottawa are asking concerned citizens to call / email the premier:

Premier's phone: (613) 736-9573, Premier's e-mail: dmcguinty.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org

Let's go to Tim Horton's for coffee!

Good news for all those who idle their cars for 5 to 10 minutes waiting for their morning coffee, You'll likely soon be able to do that without blocking Sadler Drive. The Town is proposing Timmy's get a **double** lane drive-thru! The Town's not sure if a caffeine tax or a carbon tax would be more beneficial to the environment!

Some developers are having a busy summer:

Spring Street (sorry, Riverfront Estates!) gets service capacity go ahead for 15 units per year starting now. Metcalfe Farms – exempted from Part Lot Control to help them subdivide a semi-detached lot into two semi-detached...or is it three?. What a nice Town!

Ann St Subdivision – the soccer fields are gone, the brush is being cleared and the heavy machinery is starting work.

Sadler Estates: Not really sure what's happening there. Does anyone know?

WhiteTail Ridge: Not much action yet, apparently, but the unmanned drones are still flying overhead.

An invitation from your new team at MMRA-HQ

Please join us for an open meeting of the Mississippi Mills Residents Association
 July 10, 2008 at 7 pm at the market2world board room

(Thoburn Mill - on Little Bridge Street - enter main doors)

The theme of this meeting is the MMRA as a tool for **gathering and distributing information**.

As a result of our most recent AGM we have identified this as one of our most important functions. We want to hear from you.

You may attend the meeting and join the discussion, or just send us your ideas by email.

Agenda:

1. Short history of MMRA – What has been tried? What has worked and what hasn't worked well?

Communication discussion:

2. What information is most important to you?
 - Development/planning issues
 - Business issues
 - Environmental issues
 - Mississippi River protection
 - Local Health Care/Seniors/Disability issues
 - Affordable housing
 - Accessibility/equity
 - Local service delivery
 - Agricultural issues
 - Municipal Taxes
 - Arts & Culture
 - Elections issues
 - Drinking Water/Well issues
 - Traffic/transportation
 - Waste Management (recycling, dumps, incineration, sewage)
 - Other issues?

How do we set priorities?

3. How can the MMRA best gather this information?

e.g. sitting on MM Council committees, attending Council meetings, reading minutes, networking with other groups, meeting with key players (who?), etc.

Inventory and analysis of currently available resources - How can we best make use of our limited resources i.e. volunteers and time?

4. How can the MMRA best distribute this information? e.g. emails (Communique), website, other newsletters, newspaper column, flyers, public meetings/townhalls, lecture series/panel discussions, other?

Please take a look at our website before the meeting and be prepared to give us your feedback on it. Is it easy to use? Does it have the information you would like?

How well is the Communique newsletter working? What changes would you like to see?

To learn more about the MMRA or become a member, go to:

<http://www.mmra.ca>

Hope to see you there!

Mississippi Mills Residents' Association (MMRA)

"Striving to promote a shared vision for Mississippi Mills"

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