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Mississauga Gets Fired Up for Pan Am Games

MISSISSAUGA - On June 14, the TORONTO 2015 Torch Relay finally made its way to the City of Mississauga - providing area residents with an early glimpse at the excitement and athletic spirit of the upcoming Pan Am / Parapan Games.

A tradition since the earliest days of the Pan Am Games, the Torch Relay always begins with a ceremonial lighting of the Pan Am Flame - a symbol of the Games' history and spirit - at the Temple of the Sun in Teotihuacan, Mexico.

By the time this year's relay concludes on July 10, the torch will have been carried through 130 Canadian communities - hoisted not only by dignitaries and athletes, but also by nominated members of the community.

Sunday's relay route began with a quick stop at the Mississauga Sports Centre, where twin brothers (and Canadian National Black Belt Karate Championship medallists) Leivin and Leirick Chung were given a chance to hoist the Pan Am flame.



Canadian national karate medalists Leivin and Leirick Chung pose with the Pan Am torch, just outside of the Mississauga sports Complex, on June 14.
(Photo courtesy of TORONTO 2015's Torch Relay Media team; used with permission.)

From there, the torch traveled from Celebration Square all the way to Port Credit Memorial Park via Hurontario Street. Mississauga residents Shivhoun De Melo and Jack Ranieri had been selected to carry the torch on behalf of Mississauga.

The nomination process for torchbearers was based not only on athletic and personal excellence, but also on nominees' contributions to their local community.

"It's very exciting," said Ranieri, who has lived in the area for more than 21 years. "Being selected as a Pan Am torchbearer has inspired me to continue running. I'm honoured to represent Mississauga in this once in a lifetime opportunity."

The day's third torch bearer was none other than former mayor Hazel McCallion, who carried the torch along a special Credit River water route. McCallion, 94, was accompanied for the journey by members of the Don Rowing Club and the Mississauga Canoe Club.

The torch's appearance in Port Credit Memorial Park coincided neatly with the Mississauga Waterfront Festival, a multi-day event held annually in the park, and which fell this year on June 12, 13, and 14. The conclusion of the day's relay was celebrated with the lighting of a ceremonial cauldron, as well as musical performances from Ill Scarlett and Carlos Bastidos.



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Looking Ahead: The Games in Mississauga

The City of Mississauga will play two key roles during the upcoming games, which run from July 10-26 (Pan Am) and from August 7-15 (Parapan Am).

Before the athletic events even begin, **Celebration Square** - one of the city’s premier outdoor event spaces - will host what may turn out to be the GTA’s biggest viewing party for the Games’ official Opening Ceremonies. Taking place at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 10, the event will also include internationally-inspired food trucks, Samba drummers, and a spirit rally to help residents get into the spirit while supporting Team Canada.

After the games are officially opened, the spotlight will shift over to the **Mississauga Sports Centre** (usually known as the Hershey Centre), where the facility’s popular 5,500-seat stadium will host combat events - such as karate, judo, tae kwon do, and wrestling - during the initial Pan Am Games.

During the Parapan games, the Centre will host wheelchair rugby and “goalball” - a fast-paced sport designed for accessibility to the visually impaired.

To purchase tickets for Pan Am Games events in Mississauga, or any of the other host venues all over the GTA, we encourage you to visit their official web site at <http://www.toronto2015.org/>.

This article was written with the help of information made available via the City of Mississauga’s official Pan Am web site (<http://www.mississaugapanam.ca/>) as well as the Games’ Torch Relay page at <http://www.toronto2015.org/torch-relay>.

Streetville’s Revamped Square Officially Opens for the Summer

Initially unveiled in September of 2015, following a \$3.1 million redevelopment and name change, the newly-revitalized Streetsville Village Square - located at Main and Queen Streets - has finally begun fulfilling its intended role as a seasonal gathering place and event destination.

The City of Mississauga’s “Official Opening” for the new square took place on June 6, 2015, and was personally attended by Mayor Bonnie Crombie as well as Ward 11 Councillor George Carlson.

“This weekend will be the first of many opportunities for residents and visitors to enjoy this new outdoor entertainment space,” said Carlson prior to the event. “The square has been transformed into a vibrant destination that residents and visitors will enjoy for years to come.”

Indeed, the square’s transformation features a number of impressive upgrades, including a performance stage area, energy efficient light, sound systems and accessible features. For low-key gatherings, the space also now includes an abundance of public seating, complete with eye-catching yellow umbrellas atop many of the tables.

Renovations of the square also included upgrading the street surface with attractive brickwork, as well as a refurbishment and relocation of the Streetsville Cenotaph - a treasured local monument and a part of the community’s history since 1926.



If you are interested in checking out the new Streetsville Village Square for yourself, we recommend checking the square’s Calendar of Events updated regularly at <http://www.villageofstreetsville.com/>.

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