



## *Neighbourhood Update*

### News and notes of interest to McMaster's neighbours

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#### **Strike by CUPE 3906 ends**

On Monday, Nov. 9 members of CUPE local 3906 unit 1 voted to accept the University's best offer and end their eight-day strike. The union represents Teaching Assistants and some Research Assistants.

Any strike disrupts the normal day-to-day operations of the University. McMaster's primary objective during a labour disruption is to minimize these impacts for students and our neighbours.

We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. We also thank McMaster's Security and Parking team who worked in partnership with Hamilton Police Services in an effort to help minimize disruptions to neighbours.

#### **Rapid Transit**

The City of Hamilton is working with Metrolinx (the provincial agency responsible for expanding public transit in southern Ontario) on a new rapid transit initiative for Hamilton. The City's preference is for a new Light Rail Transit system and the corridor between McMaster and Eastgate Square has been identified as a top priority. The University has been working in collaboration with the City and both parties agree a station will be built on campus should Metrolinx approve the rapid transit initiative.

In the coming weeks, McMaster and the City will be conducting a survey of faculty, staff and students to learn more about transit usage patterns and preferences.

The City will also be seeking input from the community as the progress progresses.

#### **Keeping connected**

As activities on campus continue, we'd like to stay connected with residents living on Mayfair Circle, Mayfair Place, Forsyth Avenue North, Forsyth Avenue and Sterling. If you are interested in receiving regular updates via e-mail, please e-mail the following information to **Gord Arbeau, Associate Director Public Relations – [arbeaug@mcmaster.ca](mailto:arbeaug@mcmaster.ca)**

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