



**Mississauga's
Longest
Running Mayor**

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Hazel McCallion was
the Mayor of
Mississauga from 1978
until 2014. That was 36
years as Mayor. She is
the longest running
Mayor of Mississauga.

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Over Mayor Hazel
McCallion's 36 years in
office, she received the
nickname "Hurricane
Hazel."

Do you have any
nicknames?

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Why do you think Hazel McCallion was given the name, “Hurricane Hazel?”

She was given that name because people thought she was quite outspoken, politically.

Hazel McCallion was born February 14, 1921 in Port Daniel, Quebec. She held many roles before starting her career in politics. Hazel worked at Kellogg's and at her husband's printing company.

Hazel McCallion has a passion for hockey. In winter, the fountain in front of Mississauga's City Hall becomes an ice rink, where residents of Mississauga can skate with their families.

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During Hazel
McCallion's time in
office she coined the
term the "Mississauga
Miracle", which
represented, at that
time, the most peaceful
evacuation in the
world.

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Do you remember the
Mississauga Train
Derailment, also known
as the “Mississauga
Miracle?”

Do you know anyone
who had to evacuate
during that time?

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Hazel McCallion was a pioneer for women in politics. During her early years as Mayor there were more men than women in politics. Do you think a woman should be a mayor?

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In 2008, The Hazel
McCallion Foundation
for Arts, Culture and
Heritage was created.
The goal is to provide
grants to support arts,
culture and heritage in
Mississauga.

Though Hazel
McCallion saw some
controversy as Mayor,
she continued to be re-
elected.

At the age of 90, her
doctor said “She is a
poster child for
seniors”.

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Mayor McCallion
retired at the age of 93,
after 12 successful
terms as Mississauga's
Mayor. In 2014, she did
not run for re-election,
but her legacy did not
end there.

In 2015 she became a special advisor to the University of Toronto, Mississauga Campus. Her role was to provide strategic development advice for the university.

In 2016, Ontario named
February 14 Hazel
McCallion Day, in
honour of her birthday.
What a great birthday
gift. She had turned 95
on that day.

In 2018, Sheridan
College enlarged, and
named, its Mississauga
campus the Hazel
McCallion Campus.

Hazel McCallion
continues to be invited
to many community
events, as a guest of
honour. Hazel
McCallion continues to
advocate and support
her community.

Hazel McCallion
received many awards
and achieved many
accomplishments when
she was Mayor.

What skills or
characteristics do you
look for in a Mayor or
leader?

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Did you ever hear Hazel
McCallion speak at an
event?

Do you think it would
have been challenging
for a woman to be the
Mayor of a large city?

Thank you for reading
with me today. Would
you like to do this again
sometime?

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