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Councillor's Report



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Councillor's Message

Welcome to the Fall 2004 edition of the Ward 9 Report. As usual I have tried to provide brief updates on what is happening in our community and in individual neighbourhoods within Ward 9. This issue includes FAQs on the most commonly asked by-law questions that my office receives. I have also included brief updates from the residents' associations. I encourage you to support your residents' associations as they work hard on your behalf.

As your representative at both the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel, I am always available to assist you with issues related to the services we provide at both levels of government. My staff - Teresa Martin Grier and Angela Bentham are also ready to help you. Please feel free to contact my office at

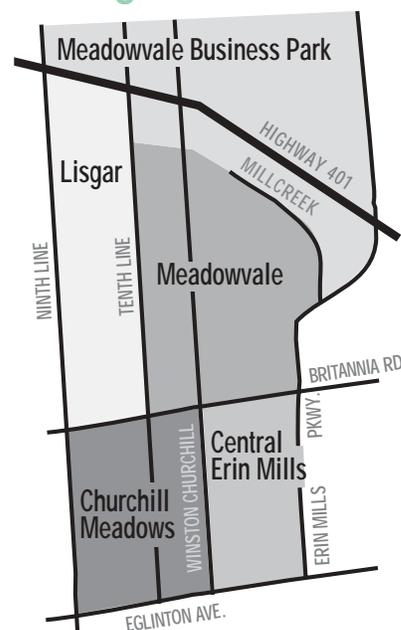
pat.saito@mississauga.ca or by phone to 905-896-5900.

As it is not possible to provide a lot of information in a newsletter, I encourage you to visit my Ward 9 web site at www.ward9.ca. Your suggestions for items on the web site are always welcome. On the web site, you can join the more than 275 residents who currently subscribe to my Ward 9 newsletter email list. I use this venue to send out notices of upcoming meetings and events and to advise residents of important issues.

As always it is a pleasure serving my community as your Councillor and I hope that this newsletter will be of interest to you.

Pat Saito, Councillor Ward 9

Ward 9 Neighbourhoods



Update

Separated City

I have received many emails and calls about the City's request to separate from the Region of Peel and I know that while many residents support this initiative but some have concerns and questions.

I hosted a town hall meeting in March at the Erin Meadows Community Centre to which about 79 residents attended. I wanted to ensure that your voice was heard on this issue and that you had an opportunity to ask questions and raise concerns. It was a very helpful meeting and provided staff and me with a chance to set the record straight on some misconceptions about the financial impacts on Brampton and Caledon and to hear what you had to say.

Council has a responsibility to you our taxpayers and we believe that Mississauga residents should only pay their share of the Region's costs; that our City should have a fair voice on Regional Council; and that municipal services could be delivered more efficiently. As Regional Councillors as well as City Councillors, we work hard to ensure that the Region is well run but we are grossly under-represented and grossly over charged for services.

The province has told us that restructuring of the region is not a priority - however this does not mean that they have ruled it out. Council has presented an alternative position to the Premier and to the Mayors of Caledon and Brampton which would retain the Region as a level of government but with drastic changes in representation, assessment allocation and services.

The Provincial Government has assigned a facilitator to deal with this issue against the opposition of the other mayors and the regional chair. Mississauga Council wants to move ahead with getting these issues resolved so that we can continue with the work that needs to be done at the Region and City. I will keep you informed as we progress on this issue.

For more information on this issue or to express your opinion, go on line to the City Web site at www.mississauga.ca and respond to the One City One Voice article and on line survey. I would also appreciate you sending me your comments directly to pat.saito@mississauga.ca, by fax to 905-896-5463.



The Dam Youth Drop-in is one of the most vital parts of the Ward 9 community. It is a community outreach program for all teens, but specifically targets youth who need a safe place to go to talk to someone. The goal is to be a friend and resource to youth in our community so they can stay at home and in school and be a positive part of the community.

In addition to drop-ins and life skills workshops, the program includes a housing project, support for pregnant teens and young moms, alternative education and job help. Called "The Dam", it is our hope that the drop-in stops the flow of youth from our community from running away and becoming homeless street kids.

Although the program is currently being run without a space of its own, staff and volunteers make a significant impact in the lives of youth through outreach and mentoring. When a permanent home is found for the drop-in in the Meadowvale community, youth will once again have a safe place to go and someone to talk to when they need it. Finding a suitable and affordable location has been a problem. If you have any suggestions please contact The Dam.

Come to The Dam's auction!

The Dam's Sixth Annual Live & Silent Auction will be held on Friday, November 19, 2004 at Erin Mills Town Centre. This auction, which is a major fund raiser for the drop-in, gets better every year and this year will be no different! Plan to attend and enjoy samples from the menus of many local restaurants while you decide on which of the over 200 auction items to bid on. The items available cover many interests and price ranges. Go to www.thedam.org for updated information. Tickets are \$15 per person and will be available at the door or, in advance by calling 905-826-6558. If you are a local business person, retailer or service provider, you can also support The Dam by offering to donate a new item or service to the auction.

Future DAM events include the Tenth Anniversary Dinner scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2005. For tickets call The DAM.

Meadowvale

Totoredaca Off-Leash Park



Photo above: Richard Kelly takes time out with his Border Collies in front of the agility playground at Totoredaca off-leash park located on Meadowvale Blvd. north of Meadowpine. Richard has been a driving force behind off-leash in our community and is the #1 landscaper at Toto.

Photo below: Puppy Club President Adam Mann talks to Ken Lewis while his dogs play at Toto off-leash.



Meadowvale Community Partnership

Working Together for Youth

Another vital part of our community is the Meadowvale Community Partnership (MCP). Started seven years ago, members include people who reside or have business interests in or near Meadowvale. As one of the founding members, I work with representatives from the school boards, Peel Regional Police, The Dam Youth Drop-in, Peel Health, City Community Services, various church organizations, social service agencies and the community.

The MCP believes that our young people are a vital part of our community and that we have a responsibility to ensure their safety, well being, and development. We are committed to encouraging and facilitating community

partnerships that foster sharing of information and resources; increasing awareness of issues related to youth; advocating on behalf of youth; supporting and empowering youth; and promoting a safe, healthy community.

MCP meetings are held every second Tuesday of the month at Edenwood Middle School starting at 5:30 p.m.

The MCP has held several workshops on Anti-Bullying; a Healthy Active Child Day; Youth violence awareness forum; and a youth resource fair.

For more information, please contact Sandy MacTavish at the Region of Peel Health Department at 905-791-7800 ext. 2026 or by e-mail to: sandy.mactavish@region.peel.on.ca.

Pedestrian Activated Signal Approved

I have had Traffic Operations staff do several studies over the past two years for a Pedestrian Activated Signal in front of the Meadowvale Community Centre on Glen Erin Drive. I am pleased to inform you

that the warrants have now been met for the controls and they will be installed this year. This should improve the safety of pedestrians at this busy location.

Lisgar

Lisgar Residents' Association



Lisgar Residents' Association (LRA) is now in its 14th year. Members are focussed on activities north of Derry Road, between Ninth and Tenth Lines to the railway tracks. Residents in this area who are interested in working for the betterment of the community should contact the LRA at www.lisgar.com.

This year's major project is improving the Osprey Marsh area east of Ninth Line, north of Britannia. They are working with the Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale and the City of Mississauga with funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation. Trees and shrubs have already been planted and we hope to see benches installed and pathway extensions completed by the end of the year

with the final wildflowers to be planted at the Annual Tree Planting next May.

Lisgar GO Station

I continue to work with GO Transit and our MPP Bob Delaney to ensure the Lisgar station is built near Tenth Line and the CP tracks. GO Transit is negotiating for land and we hope to see this built in 2005.

Churchill Meadows

Churchill Meadows Residents' Association

The Churchill Meadows Residents' Association (CMRA) represents the area bounded by Eglinton Avenue, Ninth line, Britannia Road and Winston Churchill Blvd.

The organization, founded in 2003, works for the betterment of the community. The members work with me and other agencies on community related issues including area development, maintenance and general residents' concerns.

The CMRA also works hard to provide events for the community. Past successful events include Community Skating Parties at the local outdoor rink (created and maintained by CMRA volunteers) and the Annual BBQ and Garden Party held on May 29, 2004. With lots of activities for kids, including games and prizes as well as a bouncy castle, many had a hard time breaking away for the

complimentary snow cones and my free cotton candy.



The Annual General Meeting was held September 30 at the St. Faustina School for the first election of the executive. Please check the Web site for the 2005 Community Skating Party. Come out for a day of family fun, hot chocolate and coffee.

Information is available on the CMRA Web site at www.churchillmeadows.ca, by e-mail to info@churchillmeadows.ca or by fax to 905-567-4029.

Churchill Meadows Library

I am working with City staff and the Dufferin Peel Catholic School Board on a joint project for our library/ community space with the new St. Joan of Arc High School on Thomas Street at Churchill Meadows Blvd. I have been successful in getting the library/community space opening date moved up to 2008 from 2011. I will be holding a public meeting mid November to show the site plan. Check www.ward9.ca for details.

Central Erin Mills

Village of Erin Meadows

The Village of Erin Meadows is a long-term care facility in Central Erin Mills. It is home to 180 residents with special needs ranging from 30 to 90 years of age and from many different backgrounds. The Village focuses not only on creating a home-like environment, but also, on helping residents rediscover life purpose. Residents have a variety of programs and activities to participate in and assist with, to keep their sense of independence alive.

Throughout the year, the Village holds fundraising events to help purchase items and equipment to benefit the residents and facility. Watch for their second annual Christmas bazaar sale in November. I encourage residents to attend to support the Village and learn more about their programs.

For information about events and programs at the Village of Erin Meadows, call Jeremy Zinder at 905-569-7155 ext. 807 or e-mail to jzinger@oakwoodretirement.com.

Erin Meadows Community Centre

Names are still needed for the meeting rooms. Please submit your suggestions to me at pat.saito@mississauga.ca

Saving Trees At Meadowvale GO Station

Photo at right:
Pat joins city staff Anne Farrell, Tony Fleischman and Mike Maloney (Scott Mcleod absent) in front of the 150 year old trees that they worked to save during parking lot expansion.



Crime Prevention Begins With You

If we want to keep our neighbourhoods safe, then we all have to play a role in crime prevention. In Mississauga, we have a wonderful police service as well as various crime prevention programs. But these work best if they have the full participation of the citizens.

When I hold crime prevention meetings in various neighbourhoods in the ward, I generally hear the same concerns and I always encourage the participants to start Neighbourhood Watch programs. The Mississauga Crime Prevention Association will work with you to set up a watch in your community. Call 905-803-8118 or visit www.mcpc.on.ca to find out more.

Watching out for each other is just plain common sense. But as we get busy in our daily lives we sometimes forget to check on our neighbours. Make a conscious effort to know who lives on your street, what cars should be

there and check on your neighbour's home if you know they are away.

It's simple to make changes at your own home so that your neighbours can spot any suspicious behaviour. Cut back bushes that block views of windows and doors and either leave lights on or use motion sensor lighting. Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design works. For more information on CPTED, visit the police web site at www.peelpolice.on.ca/crimeprevention/homesafety.html

Another thing you can do is to report suspicious behaviour to the police. Peel Regional Police only receive about 15 calls a day reporting "suspicious behaviour". While not all of these reports require further action, if the police are not informed then they cannot help. Next time you are out walking the dog, taking the kids to the playground, gardening

or driving be observant. If you see anything that you think looks suspicious, report it. It could be that there have been other similar reports and in some cases the police may already be working on the situation. Call 905-453-3311 or if it is an emergency call 911 but don't just ignore your gut feeling that something may be wrong.

Crime Prevention Academy

Peel Police offer a special program to teach residents how to prevent crime in their homes and neighbourhoods. I worked with the police to have this program offered in Ward 9 at Meadowvale Library. Sessions start January 4, 2005. There are 7 sessions of 3 hours each and registration is free. For information or to register visit www.peelpolice.on.ca or contact Constable Tom McKay at Thomas.McKay@peelpolice.on.ca or 905-453-3311, ext. 4025.

List of My Committees for 2004 - 2006

City of Mississauga

Appeal Committee
 Accessibility Advisory Committee
 Audit Committee
 Greater Toronto Airports Authority
 Noise Management Committee
 Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board
 Pedestrian Safety Strategy Cmte.
 Planning & Development
 Safe Driving Committee
 Skateboard Park Committee
 Traffic Safety Council- Vice Chair
 TSC Public Relations Committee

Region of Peel

Accessibility Advisory Committee
 GTAA Liaison Committee (Alternate)
 Peel CPTED Advisory Cmte. - Chair
 Peel Housing Corporation
 Board of Directors
 Peel Regional Police
 Internet Safety Committee
 Public Works Committee - Vice-Chair
 Waste Management Subcommittee

Other

Churchill Meadows Residents' Assoc.
 Lisgar Residents' Association
 Meadowvale Community Partnership
 Ontario Traffic Conference - Director and Chair of Elected Officials

Mississauga's Accessibility Advisory Committee

One of the newest committees in Mississauga is the Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC). I have sat on the AAC since it was formed in the fall of 2003 with a majority of the committee members reflecting the variety of disabilities in our community. The AAC also includes a staff working group representing all City departments.

The committee's goal is to remove all barriers and create a fully accessible community. Progress has already been made in a number of areas including a review of the City Policy for Priority Snow Clearing, a new Purchasing By-law that incorporates accessibility for persons with disabilities in the provision of City services, increased opportunities for persons with special needs to participate in Recreation and Parks general programs (if a participant requires support in order to participate, a volunteer will be permitted to the program at no charge), a communications strategy to raise and maintain better understanding of accessibility issues in the broader community. The AAC is also working

on new design guidelines for public buildings including parking standards.

Further information on the activities of the AAC, visit the City web site at www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/accessibility or contact me at 905-896-5900.



Roadside Litter Doesn't Disappear!

When you throw trash on the road, you are not only risking a fine but are leaving a long term legacy of litter.

How long does it take for litter to degrade?

Product	Time it takes
Plastic bottles	Never
Glass bottles	1 million years
Plastic 6-pack holder rings	450 years
Aluminium cans	80-100 years
Tin cans	50-100 years
Plastic bags	10-20 years
Plastic coated paper cartons	5 years
Cigarette butts	1-12 years
Paper	2-5 months
Orange peel	6 months

Information from EcoSource
 Mississauga 905-274-6222
www.ecosource.ca

Dealing with Aggressive Driving



Pat joins members of the Safe Driving Committee to accept a Community Safety award from the OPP.

In spite of the many police blitzes, the educational programs and the statistics that show aggressive driving and speeding is increasing, this remains a major problem in our communities.

Many of the calls to my office are about speeding on residential roads or drivers ignoring stop signs. I work closely with Peel Police and Traffic Operations staff to deal with each individual situation but unless motorists slow down and obey the traffic controls, the problem will persist.

As a member of the Mississauga Safe Driving Committee, I have been working on a Pedestrian Safety Strategy called CrossWatch launched this year. It is intended to remind pedestrians and motorists to obey

traffic laws and drive and walk safely. We also have a Neighbourhood Speed Watch program as well as Road Watch that are tools available to deal with aggressive driving. In spite of these, you can see drivers roll through stop signs at almost every intersection in the ward, run red lights and speed down residential streets where children are playing.

We need to remind our families and our neighbours to **slow down and obey traffic laws**. The penalty may not just be a ticket - it may be someone's life.

For information on the City's safe driving programs visit the city web site at www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/roads

Traffic Surveys

Requests for traffic control devices such as all-way stops and signals require a detailed review by Traffic Operations staff. This includes collection of turning movement data, a review of sightlines and reported motor vehicle collisions at the intersection. Due to the high number of such requests, studies can take six to eight weeks to be completed.

Should the criteria for an all-way stop be met, a report must be prepared and approved by City Council. Traffic signal installations can take considerably longer to be implemented due to greater complexity of the installation.

For more information on Traffic Operations, please call 905-896-5131 or visit www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/trafficoperations.

School Safety

I also sit on the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council (TSC). This group of citizens and staff work hard to ensure that children can travel safely to school. TSC celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2005 and is a role model for other committees in the province.

One of the most successful programs is the Kiss and Ride. This allows parents to drop their children off on school property without the need to park on the street. In spite of this program we still see parents parking illegally in school zones, blocking neighbouring driveways and endangering other children. In addition, in spite of using flashing lights to indicate speed reductions for schools on major roads, motorists still drive too fast!

Again we use enforcement and education to get the **message across to slow down**. If everyone drove the legal limit of 40 kph, think of how much safer it would be for the children.



By-law FAQs

Q. Does a dog have to be on leash?

A. Yes, ALL dogs must be on a leash on public property. Also, no dog shall be allowed to run at large or trespass on private property even when on a leash. The minimum fine is \$55 plus a \$15 service charge. Get information on leash-free parks or Animal Services from 905-896-5858 or www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/animallicensing.

Q. Do owners have to clean up after their pets?

A. Yes. The fine for not doing so is up to \$5,000. First Offences is \$55 with a \$15 service fee. Chronic offenders will be fined more severely.

Q. Does my dog or cat need a license?

A. Yes. Dogs and cats need to be licensed. Licences can be obtained in person or on line at www.mississauga.ca/portal/residents/animallicensing

Q. How many pets can a resident keep?

A. No person other than a licensed kennel operator, pet store or veterinarian may keep more than 4 animals in the City of Mississauga.

Q. My neighbour's dog barks all the time. What can I do?

A. Excessive noise caused by barking dogs is contrary to the Noise By-law 360-79. Call 905-896-5655 for more information.

Q. My neighbours make a lot of noise with stereos, etc. Is there anything I can do?

A. The City of Mississauga Noise Control By-law No. 360-79 prohibits the playing of loud music or amplified sound between 5:00 p.m. of one day and 7:00 a.m. of the following day (9:00 a.m. on Sundays). Call 905-896-5655 for more information.

Q. I am having a garage sale. Can I post a sign on the roadway?

A. Garage sale signs are permitted but must be removed immediately. No signs are permitted to be taped to any road sign or warning sign (stop signs, etc.) as these can create a hazard. For more information on where you can place a garage sale sign, call the Sign Bylaw Unit at 905-615-4046, or check the City's Web site at www.mississauga.ca

Q. How do I report graffiti?

A. Report the location to 905-896-5655 or on line at www.mississauga.ca/residents/forms/graffiti

Q. How high can I make my fence in a rear or side yard?

A. The maximum height for a fence cannot exceed 6 ft. 7 in. (2 metres) above effective ground level.

Q. Can I park a car on the part of the driveway between the sidewalk and the road?

A. No. This is City land and unless a specific by-law is in place permitting lower boulevard parking, you may not park a vehicle there. For more information contact Traffic Operations at 905-896-5131.

Q. Can I park my car or a visitor's car overnight on my street?

A. There is a 3-hour parking time limit on all City roads unless posted otherwise. You can request a Parking Consideration for visitors or for special circumstances. Call 905-896-5678 during the day and 905-615-3000 after hours.

Q. Can I park a boat or trailer on my driveway?

A. Under certain circumstances, yes. There are many restrictions governing the storage of boats and trailers. Check for bylaw restrictions and prohibitions with the City's zoning department at 905-896-5581.

Q. Can I do car repairs on my driveway?

A. Major automotive repairs are prohibited in Residential Zones. You may change the oil, tires, and batteries of your own vehicle but all other repairs and automotive servicing are prohibited.

Q. I want to widen my driveway? Do I need a permit?

A: The City of Mississauga zoning by-laws contain provisions restricting the width of driveways. These provisions can differ throughout the City. Prior to widening your driveway, contact the City's Zoning Plans Examination Section at 905-896-5581 to ensure compliance. If your subdivision is not yet assumed by the City, you must also obtain the developer's permission to widen your driveway.

Q. Are residents required to clear snow from their sidewalk?

A. The City does not have a by-law requiring residents to do so. However, most residents are good neighbours and do clear their sidewalks for the safety and convenience of their fellow neighbours.

Q. My neighbour built a deck that I think is too big. What can I do?

A. There are restrictions for accessory structures. To determine permitted uses, sizes or setbacks of accessory structures, including decks, contact the City's Zoning Plans Examination Section at 905-896-5581. To find out when a building permit is required with respect to deck construction, visit the City's Web site at www.mississauga.ca or, to determine whether a building permit has been issued or is required for any construction project, contact the City's Building Division at 905-896-5622

Q. My neighbour leaves junk all over his property. Is this allowed?

A. No. The storage of refuse or debris on private property is not allowed.

Important Numbers

City after hours dispatch.....	905-615-3000	Ambulance	905-844-4242
City Central Switchboard.....	905-896-5000	Fire department.....	905-275-3800
Animal Control	905-896-5858	Peel Regional Police	905-453-3311
By-law Enforcement	905-896-5655	Peel Reg. after hours dispatch	905-791-7800
Parking Control	905-896-5678	Water Billing	905-791-8711
Mississauga Transit.....	905-615-4636	Waste Management/recycling.....	905-791-9499
Recreation and Parks	905-896-5342	Health Line Peel	905-799-7700
Property Taxes	905-896-5575	Go Transit	416-869-3200
MPAC-property assessment	1-866-296-6722	Mississauga Crime Prevention	905-803-8118
Meadowvale Library	905-615-4715	Enersource	905-273-9050
Meadowvale Community Centre	905-615-4710	Aircraft Noise Complaints	416-247-7682
Meadowvale Four Rinks	905-615-4730	Dufferin Peel Catholic DSBrd	905-890-1221
Meadowvale Theatre	905-615-4720	Peel District School Board	905-890-1099
Erin Meadows CC & Library	905-615-4750		

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