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Councillor's Report

Ward 9



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Dear Neighbour:

I hope you enjoy my spring newsletter on Regional services. There is a lot going on in the Region and there is not enough room to cover all the services and programs we provide to our citizens. I encourage you to visit the Region website at www.peelregion.ca to find out more.

As your regional Councillor, I deal mainly with social, child care and health services, as well as Peel Regional Police budgets, Paramedic services, subsidized housing, water and waste management. Providing these essential services can be a challenge especially in the current economy and Council had to work hard to keep the 2009 tax increase at 2.4 per cent. Combined with the City's taxes, the total impact is 3.7 per cent of your total tax bill.

Could we have cut programs? Yes we could, but at the expense of those who need them most – our most vulnerable residents and those in financial need who cannot live without the services we provide. It is in tough economic times that the Region's budget is most impacted. Welfare costs escalate as do requests for child care subsidy and subsidized housing. Our tax dollars are stretched to the limit and we still do not get our fair share from the higher levels of government – increasing the burden on the property tax.

The Fair Share for Peel Task Force, which includes Ward 9 residents, has worked for over a decade to get the province to increase funding for social

services in Peel. Information on their work is at www.fairsharetaskforce.ca. Your support in this effort would be appreciated.

In the meantime, we will continue to work on your behalf to provide our citizens with the best services we can at the Region. We have great staff delivering our programs and we will always keep the needs of our communities at the forefront of all our decisions. Your input is always welcome. E-mail me at pat.saito@mississauga.ca or call me at 905-896-5900 to talk about any of these services. Visit the Ward 9 website at www.ward9.ca for more information and join the Ward 9 newsletter to get up-to-date news.

Pat Saito, Councillor Ward 9



Tap Into Good Health and Savings



It is as refreshing as bottled water and reduces the amount of plastic that ends up in garbage and recycling streams.

How safe is our drinking water in Peel? That's a question I have been asked by many people and I readily answer that Peel has been providing our residents with high quality drinking water for more than 30 years.

The water you get from your tap is safe to drink and best of all it costs just pennies a glass.

Here in Peel, our two water treatment facilities along Lake Ontario use state-of-the-art technologies. Our Lakeview Water Treatment Facility is now one of the largest membrane treatment facilities in the world and can filter particles as small as half a nanometre from water.

During the treatment process, we also test thousands of samples in accordance with strict regulatory requirements. By the time it reaches your tap, you can be sure your water is clean, safe and of the highest quality.

So rather than purchasing bottled water, I encourage you to fill a glass or a refillable bottle from your own water supply and enjoy some of the finest tap water around.

Update on Derry Road

Thank you to all the residents who attended the Open Houses in 2008 as part of the Environmental Assessment (EA) process for the proposed widening of Derry Road from Winston Churchill to Argentia.

The input was invaluable and I reviewed all comments carefully. Having looked at the pros and cons of this work, as well as the impact on the immediate community, I advised staff I could not support widening at this time.

The EA has been filed; however, as requested, the EA recommendation is to not proceed with a full widening at this time but to phase any improvements.

There are many reasons for this. Derry Road runs through the heart of the neighbourhood and is an access route for many children attending school. Expanding it to a six lane roadway

would create a greater barrier between the neighbourhoods on the north and south and would increase the amount of traffic flowing from Milton and beyond at the expense of the existing residents. While road widening may be appropriate in some locations when traffic congestion occurs, the final EA has looked at alternative measures wherever possible.

It is proposed to proceed with design for improvements at the intersections as well as other measures. These will include:

- Intersection improvement at Millcreek Drive;
- Install signals/signing and pavement markings at the fire station entrance; and
- Construct a multi-use pathway from the pedestrian overpass to Argentia Road;

- Pedestrian safety measures at all intersections including zebra striping and count down signals (where appropriate).

Had the road widening proceeded, noise walls would have been installed as per the regional policy. It was confirmed that the intersection work will still result in installation of noise walls at the following location only:

- South side of Derry Road between Copenhagen/Montevideo Road and Millcreek Drive.

The timing of the work has not been determined and will be dependent on budget, although it is planned to get the pedestrian striping installed as soon as possible.

I will provide further updates as the design work moves ahead.



Photo courtesy of Sarah Hall

Help Protect Lake Wabukayne

Open House

Sat., May 30, 2009
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Meadowvale Christian Reform Church
2630 Inlake Court

- Free BBQ (donations to Eden Food Bank appreciated)
- Tours of the lake
- Displays of lake and area as well as proposed improvements
- Sign up for stewardship team

Information: www.ward9.ca or call 905-896-5900

A partnership between the City of Mississauga, Meadowvale Rotary Club, Credit Valley Conservation Authority and citizens of Ward 9.

PYVPN Has a New Voice

Ensuring our youth and their families have a voice in our community and in the schools is one of my top priorities. That is why the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network (PYVPN) was formed and, as Co-Vice Chair, I am proud of the work that we have done.

With the support of our residents and businesses, we have linked together community groups to make youth violence prevention a priority issue in the community by raising awareness, engaging the community and strengthening networks.

Our working groups meet and work tirelessly throughout the year to further this goal and to initiate new programs. To help co-ordinate community efforts, we held another successful annual symposium for our Working Groups last summer. The 'Re-Connect, Celebrate & Looking Forward Symposium' hosted over 100 participants and resulted in a strong-shared vision and goals for these diverse groups.

In 2008, PYVPN and over 200 young people brainstormed the creation of a new network brand and image reflective of youth and their spirit. The participants' names were entered into a draw to win an Apple iPod Touch. On January 16, I had the pleasure of presenting the iPod to "Mac" of The DAM Drop in Centre here in Ward 9. This successful collaboration produced the new VOICE logo and upcoming VOICE website featuring a community charter, parenting tips, and links to over 40 network affiliates.

Our committee continues to meet with many prominent community leaders to ensure that the voice of our youth is heard. We participated in the Province's Roots of Youth Violence Report, and are working with our local MPPs to ensure the recommendations are acted on by the province. We also received funding for youth activities through Mayor McCallion's Annual Golf Tournament. From connecting with all levels of government to keeping our schools, community centres and places of worship open for our youth, we are taking action to end violence in our community. I encourage you to learn more by visiting www.endyouthviolence.ca.



Seniors Benefit from Dental Program

Council introduced a new program last fall that has helped hundreds of seniors improve their health and way of life by getting them dental treatment they couldn't otherwise afford. It assists seniors 65 and older who cannot afford to pay for basic dental care including visits for cleanings, fillings, root canals and – in some cases – even dentures.

It has been so popular we have a waiting list, but you can still apply. If you know someone who would benefit from the program or if you would like to be put on that list yourself, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.

Children's Free Dental Care Improved

Effective January 2009, the age eligibility limit for children to receive basic dental services under the Children In Need of Treatment (CINOT) Program increased from 13 to 17. CINOT pays for basic dental treatments for children and youth whose families or guardians cannot afford the cost of dental care.

Children and youth may be eligible for the CINOT Program if they:

- live in Peel
- have a valid Ontario Health Card
- are under 18 years of age
- do not have a private or government dental plan (i.e. Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program)
- cannot afford the cost of dental care

For more information or to book a free dental screening appointment, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.



Employment Resource Centre

Residents seeking employment can find help at our employment resource centre at the Region's Millcreek office at 6715 Millcreek Drive Unit 1.

The centre can provide you with a wealth of information and referral services to help you with your employment needs. Services include free employment seminars, job search tools, and guest speakers. An employment services worker is on site to assist with any career/employment related question.

As a client, you will have access to all the tools and resources needed to job search, such as business directories, the internet, fax machine and photocopier.

You can also participate in a variety of half-day and full day seminars to help you secure a job, obtain a better job or a second job and help with career planning and personal development. Visit the Region of Peel website at www.peelregion.ca to learn more.

New 211 and 311 Services

The introduction of our 211 service in May 2008 will make it easier for you to find information on community services and programs in Peel.

211 is an easy-to-remember phone number providing free, confidential, multi-lingual access to information on a full range of community, social, health and related government services. 211 calls are answered by trained Information and referral specialists who assess each caller's need and refer them to the best available services and programs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

At Mississauga Council, we have also approved implementation of 311 this fall. This number will provide residents with direct access to information on Municipal and Regional programs and services. Whether you're a resident or a business owner, all of Mississauga's programs and services will be just a phone call away.

New Website for Newcomers to Peel

Newcomers to Peel have a new place to get information with the launch of our new Immigration Web Portal.

The portal contains information to help newcomers make an informed decision about Peel Region as a site to settle in Canada; to prepare effectively before immigrating; and to access services and supports available after they arrive.

The Region worked closely with recent immigrants, organizations that provide services to newcomers, and settled newcomers to identify topics of greatest interest and importance to potential visitors to the site.

For more information about the Region of Peel Immigration Web Portal visit www.immigrationpeel.ca.

Improving Ambulance Response Times

I am very proud of the great service that our Peel Regional Paramedic Service (PRPS) provides to our community. Recently, the media raised questions about the increase in time taken to dispatch Peel's 911 calls. Some residents were concerned that this was a result of reduced ambulance and paramedic services in Peel and I want to assure you this is not so. An increase in dispatch times affects how quickly paramedics arrive at an emergency and this is a concern for us all. Council has worked hard to improve the paramedic and ambulance services we provide by adding staff and equipment and improving training.

Some of the factors affecting ambulance response times include offload delays at hospitals and in the health-care system; increase in emergency calls; large geographical coverage; traffic congestion and the misuse of 911. Some of these are not under the Region's control, such as any delays by the dispatch centre which is run by the province.

What we're doing to address increased response times

PRPS has partnered with area hospitals, the Province and other GTA paramedic services to:

- Run a dedicated offload nursing program to reduce the amount of time paramedics are waiting for the hospital to take over patient care.
- Deliver programs such as Community Referral by EMS to ensure residents receive services from appropriate health-care services.
- Educate the community on proper use of 911.
- Undertake a study to identify changes that will improve the dispatch system and lower dispatch response times.

You can help by understanding what to do in an emergency, calling 911 for emergencies only and visiting your family doctor or local walk-in clinic for non-emergencies.

To learn more about when to call 911 and about additional health-care options for non-emergencies, visit www.peelems.ca and click on safety and emergency tips.

Report Immunization

Children attending school must meet mandatory immunization requirements. Report your child's immunizations to Peel Public Health.

Records can be submitted:

- Online at www.immunizepeel.ca or
- Fax record to 905-789-0597 or 905-458-9217
- Call 905-799-7700 or
- Mail a copy to 44 Peel Centre Dr., Suite 102, Brampton, ON L6T 4B5



eden community food bank

Please remember to help those who are in need. For more information, visit www.edenfoodbank.org, call 905-785-3651 or e-mail info@edenfoodbank.org.

Yard Waste Collection

Yard waste plays an important role in the Region's waste diversion programs. Yard waste and green bin material are collected by the Region of Peel, mixed together and converted into compost that can be purchased at Peel's Community Recycling Centres.

This year's yard waste collection program began the week of March 30 and ends the week of Nov. 30 on your regularly scheduled collection day.

Summer yard waste collection will occur every other week on your scheduled collection day during the months of July, August and September. You may view your summer yard waste collection schedule on page 6 of your *2009/2010 Waste Management Guide* or online at www.peelregion.ca/waste.

The reason for every other week yard waste collection is because the amount of yard waste generated declines during the dry summer months. Collecting yard waste every other week during these months is an attempt to find the right balance between service levels and operating costs. Less collection trucks on the road means lower costs and reduced diesel emissions during the peak smog season.

You can reduce the amount of yard waste you generate by following these easy tips:

- Don't over-water your lawn. A healthy lawn only requires half an inch of water (including rainfall), twice per week, to stay healthy.
- Leave your grass clippings on the lawn to return water and nutrients to the soil. Grass clippings are a nitrogen fertilizer, and when they decompose, they release nutrients back to the lawn.
- If your lawnmower collects grass clippings, you may place them in your backyard composter.

Tip - Shredded paper should be placed in your yard waste container or green bin.

A Picture of Health

We recently released **A Picture of Health**, the most extensive report that Peel Public Health has ever produced on the health of the residents of Peel. The report draws from a variety of national, provincial and local databases to describe the health status of the population and the determinants and risk factors which influence it.

Overall, our health compares well with the rest of Ontario. Life expectancy continues to increase, and death rates for several important diseases such as heart disease, stroke and cancer are falling.

It is interesting to note that many immigrants to Peel generally have better health than Canadian-born residents. After five or 10 years, however, this advantage disappears. This seems to be linked to the environment that has an important influence on health. Air quality and climate change are important, as is the influence of the built environment.

The report also highlights the problem of a growing prevalence of obesity and diabetes. 35 per cent of Peel adults are overweight, and an additional 12 per cent are obese. Cases of diabetes have risen by about 75 per cent over 10 years.

These statistics support the efforts that we are making at the City and Region to encourage healthier lifestyles and increase activity. New programs promote this among our residents and we will continue to introduce more opportunities for our citizens of all ages to improve their well being and overall health.

More information on the report is available at www.peelregion.ca/health.

Recycling in Our Parks

Last spring I informed you that the Region of Peel and the City of Mississauga were introducing recycling services to our parks.

During the summer, 763 recycling containers were placed in many of our neighbourhood parks to help divert recyclable material from the waste stream and to control litter associated with overflowing garbage cans. More than 75 new containers will be introduced this year.

I encourage you to dispose your recyclable material in the containers whenever possible. Recycling helps

keep valuable items from being sent to landfill and will help keep our parks clean.

If you're unsure about what materials can be recycled, please use our waste disposal search engine at www.peelregion.ca/waste. Just type in an item and click "Search" to find out whether you should place it in your recycling container, green bin or garbage, or take it to a Community Recycling Centre for disposal.



The Peel Labour Market Survey

The Region has partnered with the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities and the Diversity Institute at Ryerson University to conduct a major research project on Peel's labour market. The survey asked eligible participants questions about their experience searching for and obtaining work, their education, foreign credentials, language skills, and overall experiences in the labour market and Canadian society.

It will identify job search strategies, obstacles to career success and factors that are unique to specific groups of job seekers, including women, immigrants and persons with a disability, compared to other new entrants to the same labour market. Results are expected to be published later this year.

For more information, please visit www.peelregion.ca/labourmarketsurvey.

Help for Homeless

While Mississauga is a fairly stable community economically, some residents face homelessness and need our help. Council has looked carefully at how we can provide services and help to them and for many years, we have operated a family shelter on Cawthra Road and two co-ed single shelters (Mavis and Wilkinson) to meet community needs. When the Mavis Shelter closed, we took the opportunity to reshape the Region's shelter housing options to better reflect community needs.

In September 2008, the Region purchased the former Travelodge Hotel, at 1767 Dundas Street East, for use as a family shelter and to meet emergency and transitional needs of couples, seniors and women. When renovations to the site are completed, this spring, clients and staff will move to the new shelter. The Cawthra Shelter will also be renovated to serve as a single and transitional shelter for men.

For more information contact Meredith Burpee, Community Programs Supervisor at 905-793-9200 ext. 8679.

Please Support



The Dam relies on the community for its funding. Please consider giving a donation or volunteering with The Dam. For more information visit www.thedam.org or call 905-826-6558.



Pat celebrates Chinese New Year at Fo Guang Shan Temple.

Toilet Replacement in Peel is Eco-Friendly

Concerned about the environment and the cost of your utility bills?

Replace your toilet today and be on your way to a greener future – for you and your wallet!

1. Purchase a *Peel-Approved* toilet that flushes with six litres or less
2. Apply for a rebate of up to \$60 or \$100
3. Install your toilet and start saving money

Visit www.watersmartpeel.ca for details.



Fun fact:

111,000 tonnes of recyclable material is equivalent to 31,714 male African elephants!

Blue Box Tips

Recycling has become a natural action for most families in Ward 9 and Peel. We have come a long way from the original Blue Box program and today we have a 90 per cent participation rate, which is a great testament to the participation of our residents.



As we have added more items, we have also tried to make it easier by allowing them to be mixed in one bin or bag.

We also built a state-of-the-art recycling facility where items are separated by type (aluminum, glass, fibre etc.). The separated material is then sold to companies that recycle it into new products. In 2008, our facility processed 111,000 tonnes of recyclable material, which generated more than \$11 million in revenue.

For the program to work effectively, it's critical that you only place recyclable items in your blue box. I realize it is sometimes hard to tell the difference between plastics that can be recycled from those that cannot, but I encourage you to double check if you have any doubts as the contamination can cost us a lot. Currently, 13 per cent of the material at our facility is non-recyclable – that's almost 15,000 tonnes annually.

You can find a list of acceptable recyclable material on page 12 of your *2009/2010 Waste Management Guide* or at www.peelregion.ca/waste. The website contains a waste disposal search engine that I encourage you to use - just type in an item and click "Search" to find out how to properly dispose it.

The Blue Box Program is an integral component of our long-term waste diversion goals and I thank you for your participation.

Organics Recycling – Your Participation Counts

The Region of Peel's Organics Recycling Program has passed its two year mark and I'm pleased that many of you have embraced the program.

Through your participation, we collected approximately 37,000 tonnes of organic material in 2008. That equates to 1,072 truck loads of organic material that would have otherwise been sent to landfill.

We all know why Blue Box Program items such as pop cans and plastic tubs should be kept out of landfill, but it is just as important to recycle your food waste. Food waste that ends up in landfill produces methane gas as it decomposes and methane is one of the most potent greenhouse gases. For this reason alone it is important to dispose your food waste in your green bin so that it can be recycled into compost.

Our Organics Recycling Program continues to have close to 50 per cent participation. Although this is a great participation level for the early years of the program, I know we can do better. If you're not already participating in the program, I urge you to get started. Participating in the program is an easy way to do something good for the environment and our community.

For information on the Region's Organics Recycling Program, call 905-791-9499 or visit www.peelregion.ca/waste.



Organics Recycling Tip -

Consider using regular or shredded newspaper to line your kitchen container and green bin. Or, place several sheets of newspaper on the counter, scrape your food waste onto the newspaper and wrap it into a small package before tossing it in your green bin. Newspaper absorbs excess moisture, minimizes odours and best of all - it's free.

Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Disposal

Bring your HHW to a Community Recycling Centre for safe, free disposal. Accepted products include: paint, pesticides, motor oil, pharmaceuticals, cleaners, chlorine, pool chemicals and much more. For a full list of accepted items, refer to your *2009/2010 Waste Management Guide* or visit www.peelregion.ca/waste.



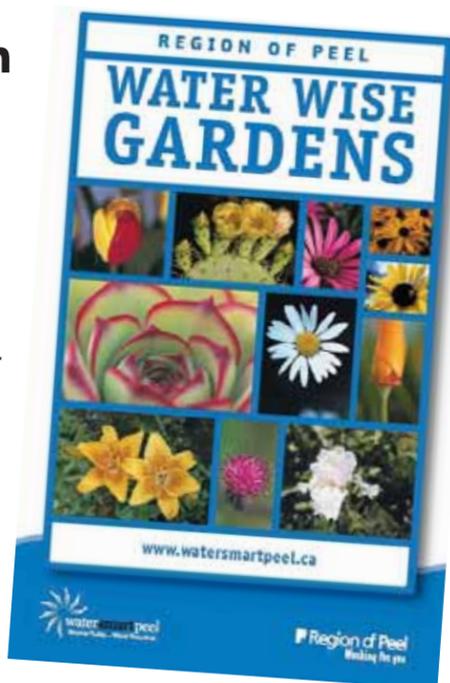
Getting your Garden in Shape for the Season

Spring is the best time of year to prepare your garden for the hot, dry days of summer. A little work now and you'll be able to enjoy a vibrant, beautiful garden throughout the season.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

1. Add two or three centimetres of compost and gently work it into the top part of your soil – this will provide a vital food source for plants throughout the summer.
2. Apply mulch, preferably an organic one like shredded bark or wood chips, around your plants to a depth of about six centimetres. Be careful not to cover your plants. Mulch protects your plants by keeping the soil moist and cool and preventing weeds from growing.
3. Consider revitalizing your gardens by grouping three to five plants of the same type together for a bold new look.

For more information visit www.watersmartpeel.ca



Jean Hill Wins Award

A Scene from the Past: Pat congratulates Jean Hill (centre) along with Ann Smith (left) and Rhonda Porter (right) when she received a long service award at The Dam Youth Drop In's 10th anniversary event. Jean was recently announced as the 2009 recipient of the Sam McCallion Award for Volunteer of the Year. Congratulations Jean for your timeless dedication to our community.



For information about West Nile Virus, call the Region of Peel – Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit www.peel-bugbite.ca

Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Saturdays and statutory holidays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(to report dead crows and blue jays only)

Working Together for Youth



Ten years ago a mother came to me with a concern over her son being bullied in school. She wanted to do something about it to ensure that other students did not suffer as he did. The result was the formation of The Meadowvale Community Partnership.

From a meeting of concerned residents, business people, city, region and school board staff, our committee was born and has been working since then on behalf of our youth. The MCP is, I believe, the first such network in Peel and was the forerunner of many more similar organizations.

Our members currently consist of representatives from both school boards, Peel Regional Police, The Dam Youth Drop-in, Peel Public Health, Mississauga Recreation and Parks and Library, the HEAL network, social service agencies and the community. As your Councillor, I have been a member since day one.

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. Some of the Partnership's accomplishments include the annual Parenting forums on Bullying, Cyber bullying, Parenting with a Difference and Youth Resource fair.

Monthly meetings are held every second Tuesday of each month in Meadowvale (various locations) with the exception of July and August. New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact the MCP Chair, Cynthia Rampal, at Peel Public Health at 905-791-7800, ext. 2002. Join us in making a difference for our youth.



Pat joined Ken Dryfhout, The Dam's Youth Culture Specialist and Constable Chris Christidis, Peel Regional Police Internet Safety Co-ordinator at the MCP's annual Parenting Forum on April 18.

Neighbourhood Watch

Safe cities are made up of safe communities and safe communities are made up of safe neighbourhoods. We all have a role to play in making sure our own neighbourhood is as safe as it can be.

There are many ways to do this and Neighbourhood Watch is one of the most successful. Safe City Mississauga provides the Neighbourhood Watch program to get citizens involved and active in crime prevention and public safety. We want you to take a role in protecting yourself, your property, your neighbourhood and ultimately your city by contributing to the creation of a safe living environment for all.

Through the Neighbourhood Watch program, you are taught how to make your home less inviting to thieves and how to recognize and report suspicious activity in your neighbourhood. As very few people are in a position to protect their homes and property all of the time, the Neighbourhood Watch program helps provide a sense of security for individuals or families who leave their homes for any length of time.

For more information on Neighbourhood Watch, or to start one in your neighbourhood contact Safe City Mississauga's Programs Manager, Ashley Lyons at 905-615-6272 or visit www.safecitymississauga.on.ca.



Neighbourhood Policing Unit

One of the many enhancements to policing that Council approved many years ago is the Neighbourhood Policing Unit. These dedicated officers work directly with teachers, parents and students in our high schools to ensure our youth are on the right path to a great future.

The key goals of the unit include enhancing the safety and security of the community; reducing the amount of violent crimes in schools; creating safe school environments that promote respect, responsibility and civility; providing proactive policing in parks, plazas, and other public places where youth are known to congregate; and increasing the involvement of youth in crime reduction strategies and in youth programs.

Neighbourhood Policing Units include the Bike Units, Community Liaison and the Community Stations such as Meadowvale. For more information, visit www.peelpolice.ca (Communities>11 Division>Neighbourhood Policing Unit).

Police Community Liaison Committee

The Police Community Liaison Committee (PCLC) is a dedicated group of officers and citizens who share the goal of strengthening ties between the police and community. By coming together, police and residents/business owners can work together, solving problems of mutual concern and building a network of open communication.

The PCLC meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at various locations throughout the community. The committee discusses crime concerns, police involvement and upcoming community events.

Constable Chad Wehby, our Community Liaison Officer, sits on the PCLC. He is available to talk to residents and groups on a variety of issues, including crime prevention topics. The Community Liaison Officer also works with local youth groups and organizations to increase the positive police presence in the community.

For more information about the PCLC, please contact Constable Wehby at 905-453-3311, ext. 1160.

YMCA Strong Kids Campaign Annual Walkathon



Pat and Tano Sala, Director of Middlebury & Castlebridge YMCA Child Care.



Pat joined students of Middlebury YMCA Child Care program for the YMCA Strong Kids Campaign walk on April 16.

Meadowvale Community Police Station Hours:

Located in Meadowvale Town Centre
905-858-5970:

Monday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Thursday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday: 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

(Mall opens at 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.)

Closed for Statutory Holidays

Active Watermain Construction

We will see more work on watermain replacements in the ward this year. As a result of multiple breaks, we have had to increase the replacement program. Some of this is a result of the fluctuations in water pressure in the area west of Winston Churchill, which will be remediated by the construction of the new pumping station this summer. In the meantime, the following will be replaced:

(Expected completion late summer 2009)

- Aquitaine Avenue – Edenwood Drive to Formentera Avenue
- Aquitaine Avenue – Montevideo Road to Millcreek Drive
- Edenwood Drive – Battleford Road to Martel Court
- Collista Court
- Europa Court
- Ganymede Road

Watermain Cul-de-Sac Looping on Harlow Road and Augusta Court. Expected completion: May 2009.

Battleford Watermain Repair at Battleford pedestrian underpass. Expected completion: fall 2009.

Cathodic Protection: to minimize effects of external corrosion to reduce breaks and extend lifespan: Edenwood Drive – Martel Court to Farmstead Lane. Expected completion: late 2009.

TransHelp Extends Service

As part of the work of the Accessibility Advisory Committees at the City and Region, we work to improve transportation services to those with disabilities.

For 2009, we have extended the hours of service for TransHelp, our regional transportation service. TransHelp is now available from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. every day including weekends and holidays.

TransHelp service hours now match those of our regular transit service so we can provide TransHelp customers equal access to transportation as conventional transit users. This move will be of great benefit to those who need the specialized service and we will continue to find ways to improve our service.

Pumping Station Construction This Summer

There is good news for Miller's Grove residents who will soon have better water pressure. This summer, we will be building a new Booster Pumping Station on the south side of Battleford Road, between Winston Churchill Boulevard and Glen Erin Drive. This will not only improve pressure but will reduce the fluctuations in water pressure that have caused the many water main breaks in our community this past year.

We are in the design phase and construction is scheduled to begin this summer. This construction will likely last for up to two months and will cause traffic delays. However, by doing it in the summer, we hope to reduce the impact on motorists.

The main work will involve installation of a new water main along Battleford Road. This will necessitate the closure of one lane in each direction but traffic east and west bound will be maintained as will access to driveways along Battleford.

Construction will also require the closure of Glen Erin Drive just south of Battleford for approximately six days. This will occur at the end of July and traffic will be re-routed around the intersection for this period of time.

Staff will monitor the work throughout the construction period and I encourage you to call if you have any concerns at that time.

For more information on this project, call Bill Turner at 905-791-7800, ext. 7837.

Ward 9 Part of New Water Meter Pilot

Another new project we are starting involves installation of water meters equipped with radio frequency technology that allows a meter reading to be taken from a distance. The radio frequency meters eliminate the need to access the inside of a home, reducing the time and cost of gathering a water meter reading.

The project will roll out over the next six months and be monitored for a year. At the end of the pilot, data will be reviewed and recommendations made for the future.

Radio frequency uses the same technology as a baby monitor or garage door opener. It does

not interfere with other equipment in the home and has no impact to public health.

Most homes in Peel have a remote reading device on the exterior of their home that connects to the water meter indoors and allows the meter to be read from the outside. However, approximately 3,000 homes in Peel (70 in Ward 9) cannot accommodate a remote reading device. These are the homeowners who will be approached to participate in the pilot.

There is a good potential for cost savings as part of this initiative and I look forward to the results.

Regional Road Work

Erin Mills Parkway and CP Rail

- Erin Mills Parkway and the CP Rail crossing - resurfacing of Erin Mills Parkway from Turner Valley Road to Battleford Road. Anticipated completion summer 2009.

Erin Mills and Millcreek Intersection

- Intersection improvement includes new eastbound and westbound right-turn lanes. Construction to start in summer.

Britannia Road Widening – east of Ward 9

- Phase One being tendered with construction anticipated to begin July 2009 from Queen Street to Bidwell Trail.
- Phase two from Bidwell Trail to Hurontario Street will tender and start construction in 2010.

Important Phone Numbers and Websites

Councillor Pat Saito	905-896-5900	www.ward9.ca
Region of Peel	905-791-7800	www.peelregion.ca
After hours dispatch	905-791-7800	
Peel Information & Referral Services	211	
Peel Public Health	905-799-7700	
Peel Regional Paramedic Services (non-emergency)	905-791-7800, ext. 3951	
Region of Peel Water Billing	905-791-8711	
TransHelp	905-791-1015	
Waste Management	905-791-9499	
City of Mississauga	905-896-5000	www.mississauga.ca
City after hours dispatch	905-615-3000	
Animal Control	905-896-5858	
Bylaw Enforcement	905-896-5655	
Erin Meadows Community Centre and Library	905-615-4750	
Meadowvale Library	905-615-4715	
Meadowvale Community Centre	905-615-4710	
Meadowvale Four Rinks	905-615-4730	
Mississauga Fire	905-615-3777	
Meadowvale Theatre	905-615-4720	www.meadowvaltheatre.ca
Mississauga Transit	905-615-INFO (4636)	
Parking Control	905-896-5678	
Property Taxes	905-896-5575	
Recreation & Parks	905-615-4100	
Other Important Community Contacts		
Aircraft Noise Complaints	416-247-7682	www.gtaa.com
Peel Regional Police	905-453-3311	www.peelregion.ca
GO Transit	416-869-3200	www.gotransit.com
Enersource	905-273-9050	www.enersource.com
Ministry of Environment	1-800-565-4923	www.ene.gov.on.ca
Ministry of Health	905-275-2730	www.health.gov.on.ca
Peel District School Board	905-890-1099	www.peel.edu.on.ca
Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board	905-890-1221	www.dpcdsb.org
Ontario Poison Centre	416-813-5900	www.sickkids.ca
Safe City Mississauga	905-615-6272	www.safecitymississauga.on.ca
Government Services "Who Does What"		www.ward9.ca



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Pat joins Mississauga-Streetsville MPP Bob Delaney, GO Transit Vice-President of Operations Greg Percy, GO Transit Managing Director & CEO Gary McNeil, Ontario Chief Energy Conservation Officer Peter Love, and Ontario Minister of Transportation Jim Bradley on April 21 at the official announcement of the Lisgar GO Wind Turbine.

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