



Pat Saito • Ward 9

# Councillor's Report



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## Councillor's Message

Welcome to another edition of the Ward 9 report for 2002. I have tried to include as much information as possible in this edition on issues of interest to Ward 9 residents and I always welcome suggestions for articles for future newsletters. Ongoing information is available on my Ward 9 web site at [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca). You can also find out about all upcoming ward meetings on the web site so check it frequently. To get up to date information by email, join the Ward 9 Newsletter on my web site.

Ward 9 continues to grow as the new Churchill Meadows community moves along and Lisgar builds out. At this time we are the second largest ward in the City with 92,000 people and the final population will be about 130,000. I expect that by that time we will have

realigned ward boundaries and perhaps added another ward.

As your City and Regional Councillor, I am available to assist you with any local issues. My office staff are there to take your calls at **905-896-5900** and direct inquiries and concerns immediately to the right staff person. I personally follow up on all issues and will get in touch with you if we need to discuss a matter further. You can also email me at [pat.saito@city.mississauga.on.ca](mailto:pat.saito@city.mississauga.on.ca) and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

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## West Nile Virus Update

Peel Health's initiatives for the 2002 West Nile Virus Program include surveillance of the virus' activity in crows, mosquitoes and humans, and educating the public about West Nile Virus.

Close monitoring of the West Nile Virus activity in Peel throughout 2002 will determine the need for additional actions. Currently, Peel Health has not used pesticides to control mosquitoes to reduce the risk of West Nile Virus.

### How do I protect my family and myself?

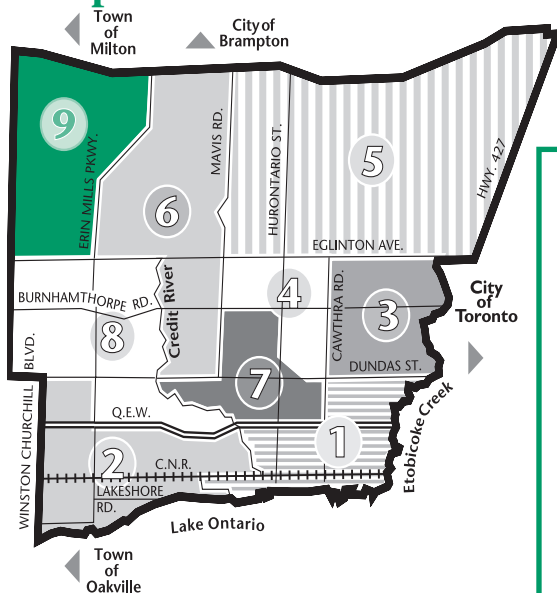
- remove standing water, drain water from barrels, flower pots, window boxes and swimming pool covers.
- drain eaves troughs, plastic pools or toys
- change water in bird baths
- wear light-coloured and long sleeved shirts and pants, especially outdoors at sunrise, early evening and night
- apply repellent
- check screens on windows and doors

### Who is at risk?

Children are no more at risk than a healthy adult. However, the elderly have a higher incidence of serious illness if bitten by an infected mosquito.

**For more information contact the Peel Health Line at 905-799-7700 or [healthlinepeel@region.peel.on.ca](mailto:healthlinepeel@region.peel.on.ca) or visit [www.peel-bugbite.ca](http://www.peel-bugbite.ca)**

## Map of Ward 9



## Anti-Idling

For information about Mississauga's Anti-Idling Campaign, please visit [www.123turnyourkey.com](http://www.123turnyourkey.com)

For tips and tools to reduce emissions from idling vehicles, visit Natural Resources Canada's Idle-Free Zone web site at <http://oee.nrcan.gc.ca/autosmart/idling>

## Traffic Concerns

### Mississauga Safe Driving Committee



This group of community experts has been working together since 1998 to

find solutions to problems involving dangerous driving. The committee works with the Mississauga Traffic Safety Council that deals with school related traffic issues. I am one of the Council Representatives on both.

The Safe Driving Committee has implemented three programs: Road Watch, Neighbourhood Speed Watch, and Community Safety Zones.

Participating in these Safe Driving programs has already resulted in a reduction in the instances of unsafe and careless driving. By working together, we can ensure safer residential roads without having to install unnecessary and ineffective traffic controls.

For more information about the Safe Driving Committee and the programs listed below, contact the chair, Edie Newton at 416-561-5552 or by e-mail

at edie.newton@sympatico.ca. For more information about safe driving visit [www.city.mississauga.on.ca/tranwork/safe\\_driving/html/default.htm](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/tranwork/safe_driving/html/default.htm)

#### Road Watch

Road Watch is a program that encourages and depends on motorists to alert police when they witness unsafe driving.



Motorists are to note details of the unsafe driving and fill in a Road Watch Form available on the City's web site at [www.city.mississauga.on.ca/tranwork/safe\\_driving/html/roadwatch.htm](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/tranwork/safe_driving/html/roadwatch.htm) and fax it to the police at 905-507-8297 for follow up with the driver.

#### Community Safety Zones

This initiative acts as a deterrent by doubling fines in designated focused areas.

#### Neighbourhood Speed Watch

This program involves a digital radar device that is used by residents with assistance from Traffic staff to make motorists aware of their speed on

residential roads. If you are concerned about the speed of drivers in your neighbourhood and wish to participate in this program please call the Transportation and Works Department at 905-615-4445.

### New Meadowvale GO Shuttle Service Coming Fall 2002

This service will be designed to pick up customers close to home and transport them to Meadowvale GO station in no more than 20 minutes travel time. The bus will meet the morning GO trains departing Meadowvale station and is guaranteed to be waiting at the station for pick-up in the evening to take customers home in no more than 20 minutes.

**For more information contact Ettore Iannacito, Supervisor of Service Planning, Mississauga Transit at 905-615-3819 or e-mail [ettore.iannacito@city.mississauga.on.ca](mailto:ettore.iannacito@city.mississauga.on.ca)**

## Tax Update

After a record 10 years of no increases to the City portion of the property tax bill, Council approved a minimal tax increase of 1.7 per cent. This increase is due to the costs of servicing our ageing infrastructure, the elimination of provincial subsidies, the current economic slowdown and inflation. For more information, contact the Finance

Division at 905-896-5575 or visit the web site at [www.city.mississauga.on.ca](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca) and click on the "For Residents" icon.

At the Region we approved an increase of 2.1 per cent to pay for increased police services. A utility rate increase of \$4 per year for the average home in 2002 supports the Region's commitments to water and air quality initiatives.

For 12 consecutive years there has been no tax impact on programs and services that Regional Council has full control of (this excludes police and social assistance payments.)

**This chart shows a comparison of City and Regional tax increases with other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area.**

	City of Mississauga	Region of Peel	City of Brampton	City of Burlington	Town of Oakville	Halton Region	Durham Region	City of Toronto	York Region
<b>Tax Increase</b>	1.7%	2.1%	2.3%	5.4%	7.9%	3.1%	3.5%	4.3%	2.3%
<b>Tax Dollar Increase</b>	\$11.70	\$27	\$20.12	\$42.78	\$69	\$37	\$47	\$78	\$29
<b>Average Home Assessment</b>	\$240,000	\$232,000	\$200,000	\$220,000	\$250,000	\$232,000	\$232,000	\$261,000	\$232,000

## Development Updates

### Winston Churchill/401:

Open: Building Box, Walmart

Opening soon: Pier One Imports; Bouclair; Business Depot; Moore's; Mark's Work Wearhouse; Sport Mart; Home Outfitters; Loblaws

Next phase: Danier Leather, Montana's Roadhouse; Sleep Country; Jacobs; Reitmans; Chuck E Cheese; East Side Mario's; Superpet; Radio Shack; Hallmark Cards

### Meadowvale Town Centre:

Expansion and renovations ongoing

### Erin Mills Town Centre/ Regional Centre:

Sports Chek, Coast Mountain open in the space formerly occupied by Cineplex

### North of Eglinton Avenue, east of Glen Erin Drive:

Open: Wendy's; Tim Horton's; Kelsey's; Montana's

### Glen Erin Drive and Eglinton:

Open: Loblaws Marketplace opened May 3

### Northeast corner of Hazelton Place and Plantation Place:

5 apartment buildings - construction date not set

### East of Winston Churchill, north of Eglinton Avenue:

Open: Swiss Chalet; McDonald's TD Bank to be built this year, east of McDonald's

### Southeast corner of Erin Centre Boulevard and Winston Churchill Boulevard:

Oakwood Retirement Long-Term Care to open ahead of schedule by the end of 2002

### Southwest corner, Erin Centre Boulevard and Plantation Place:

Townhouses close to completion

### Southwest corner, Britannia Road and Churchill Meadows Boulevard:

Plaza - convenience type retail stores

### Northwest corner, Thomas Street and Tenth Line:

Plaza including a Sobey's grocery store, bank, restaurant and other convenience/commercial uses

### Land Purchased:

The City has recently purchased 196 acres of land on the Milton side of Ninth Line as well as 40 acres at Ninth Line and Hwy 407 in Mississauga. I am forming a steering committee to work with staff to determine uses for this land. Possible uses could be sports fields, arena, police and fire facilities.

## Road Works

### Winston Churchill Boulevard

- Widening from 403 to Erin Centre Blvd. and reconstruction of the Eglinton Ave. intersection including north to westbound advanced signal began in May and will be completed by August 2002.

### Mississauga Road Widening

- Bridge construction for the first half of the Hwy 401 replacement bridge crossing.
- Construction of new roads and sewers at DuPont Meadow Place, Langer Drive, and widening of the

existing Syntex Court has commenced, and temporary lighting and signals have been installed at the Mississauga Road/Hwy 401 ramp intersections.

- Work has also commenced on constructing temporary ramp alignments at the 401 interchange. Work scheduled for the next month includes realigning Mississauga Road traffic lanes to the east, and commencing construction of the west half of Mississauga Road north of Hwy 401. DuPont Meadow Place, Langer Drive, and the Syntex Court widening west of Mississauga Road is also to be completed.

## Meadowvale GO Station Update

The Meadowvale GO station parking lot is being expanded to add 700 new parking spaces to the existing 800. Work also includes improvements to site entrances, including Millcreek Drive, and to the Kiss&Ride areas and walkways. Construction is expected to be completed by September, 2002. More information is available on the GO Transit web site at [www.gotransit.com/public/station/main.htm](http://www.gotransit.com/public/station/main.htm) or call **416-869-3200**.

## Winston Churchill & 401 Gateway Design

As part of the approval for the 401/Winston Churchill plaza, I asked the developer to fund construction of a Mississauga entrance sign for the 401. We are still working on details but this is the proposed design.



# Bylaw Information

The following are some of the most frequently asked questions and concerns that come to my attention. For more detailed information, visit the City web site or call the appropriate department.

**Q. Does a dog have to be on leash?**

A. Yes. All dogs must be on a leash. Also, no dog shall be allowed to run at large or trespass on private property even when on a leash. Any dog running at large may be taken to the City Animal Shelter by a Police Officer or an Animal Services Officer. You can be fined for allowing your dog off leash on public property. The fine is \$55 minimum plus a \$15 service charge.

For information on "Leash Free" areas or inquiries about Mississauga Animal Services, please contact 905-896-5858.

**Q. Does the law require owners to clean up after their pets?**

A. Yes. Owners MUST clean up after their pets. Owners who fail to "Stoop and Scoop" can be liable to a fine up to \$5,000.

**Q. Does my dog or cat need a license?**

A. Yes. Dogs and cats need to be licensed. Licences can be obtained in person from the Animal Services Shelter or Civic Centre, Cashiers. Licences can also be purchased through the mail. Applications are available at the Animal Services Shelter and most veterinarians and pet stores. Licence information and applications are available by calling 905-896-5861.

**Q. How many pets can a resident keep?**

A. No person other than a licensed kennel operator, pet store or veterinarian shall keep more than four (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 a barking dog is contrary to the City of Mississauga Noise By-law 360-79. Call 905-896-5655 for more information.

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

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

**Q. Can I park my car overnight on my street?**

A. There is a 3-hour parking time limit on all City roads unless posted otherwise.

**Q. If I have company staying overnight, will they get a ticket if they park on the street?**

A. You can request a Parking Consideration for visitors. This can be for overnight or for several days in special circumstances. Call 905-896-5655 during the day and 905-615-3000 after hours.

**Q. Can a resident put cones at the end of the driveway to prevent cars from using it to turn in.**

A. Not in the lower portion of the driveway (generally below the water turn off valve as this is City property) and no one is permitted to obstruct any city highway by any means whatsoever. The boulevard is considered to be a part of the highway.

**Q. Are school buses allowed to park on residential driveways?**

A. The City of Mississauga Zoning By-laws contain provisions restricting the parking of commercial motor vehicles in residential zones. In some instances, smaller commercial motor vehicles may be parked on a residential driveway.

To determine the maximum permitted weight, length or height of a commercial motor vehicle in a residential zone, you should contact the City's Zoning Plans Examination Section at 905-896-5581.

**Q. Are we allowed to park boats or trailers on driveways?**

A. Under certain circumstances, yes. There are many restrictions governing the storage of boats and trailers. Before planning to store a boat or trailer on your property please check for bylaw restrictions and prohibitions with the City's Zoning Section at 905-896-5581.

**Q. Are residents allowed to do car repairs on their driveway?**

A. Major automotive repairs are prohibited in Residential Zones By-law 5500. Residents may change the oil, tires, batteries of their own vehicles but other than these types of maintenance repairs all other repairs and automotive servicing is prohibited.

**Q. How high can I make my fence?**

A. The maximum height for a fence cannot

exceed 2 metres (6 ft. 7 in) above effective ground level.

**Q. I want to widen my driveway. Can I do this or do I need a permit?**

A. The City of Mississauga Zoning By-laws contain provisions restricting the width of driveways. These zone provisions can differ throughout the City. Before widening your driveway, you should contact the City's Zoning Plans Examination Section at 905-896-5581 to ensure compliance with the requirements of the City's Zoning By-law. 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 sidewalks, particularly in corner lots?**

A. The City does not have a bylaw 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 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 p.m. of one day and 7 a.m. of the following day (9 a.m. on Sundays).

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

A. No. The City of Mississauga prohibits the storage of refuse or debris on private property.

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

A. The City of Mississauga Zoning By-laws contain restrictions for accessory structures. To determine permitted uses, sizes or setbacks of accessory structures, including decks, you should 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.city.mississauga.on.ca/PLANBLDG/permits/html/deck.htm](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/PLANBLDG/permits/html/deck.htm) or, to determine whether a building permit has been issued or is required for any construction projects, contact the City's Building Division at 905-896-5619.



## Lisgar Residents' Association

To find out what is going on in the Lisgar area I encourage you to join the Lisgar Residents' Association (LRA) on-line list. The LRA represents the residents in the area bounded by Tenth Line, Ninth Line, Derry Road and Britannia Road.

**Subscribe on-line at**  
**lisgarresidentsassoc-subscribe**  
**@onelist.com or contact**  
**Neil Evans at weldonco@**  
**total.net or at 905-824-2991.**



## Meadowvale Branch Library

The library reopened on the ground floor of Meadowvale Town Centre in March in reduced space. The library will expand to the larger facility with a fireplace, curb-side book drop and additional quiet rooms in early 2003.



## Dam Youth Drop-in

The Dam is looking for a long-term location and is currently using outreach measures to reach youth in need.

**For information on programs or to contact the Dam call 905-826-6558, visit their web site at [www.thedam.org](http://www.thedam.org) or send correspondence to: PO Box 21217 Meadowvale Postal Station Mississauga, Ontario L5N 6A2**

## Meadowvale Four Rinks Redevelopment

Meadowvale Four Rinks is being upgraded in 2003 to improve the facility for our customers. This is part of a major redevelopment project that includes 4 other community centres.

The arena will be closed for approximately 5 months from April to September, 2003. I will have ongoing updates on the Ward 9 website and you can access information on the City's website at [www.city.mississauga.on.ca/rec&parks](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/rec&parks)

## New Sign By-law

Council enacted a new sign bylaw that went into effect on May 1, 2002 to regulate signs and advertising devices and to respond to the concerns of residents and needs of businesses. The result will be less clutter on our roads and at intersections.

Under the by-law all signs on private or public land require a sign permit. In some cases they may also require a separate building permit. The bylaw outlines the requirements for all sign

types, permit applications and penalties for contraventions. Signs involved include permanent, banner, sidewalk, window directional, new development, construction, inflatable, sandwich, plywood, paper, portable and mobile signs. New home sale signs have also now been strictly regulated and require a permit.

The bylaw includes regulations governing the size and location by zoning category and duration.

For more information or copies of the bylaw, call the Sign By-law Unit at 905-615-4046, or check the City's web site at [www.city.mississauga.on.ca/](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/)

[planbldg/signbylaw\\_webpage/signbylaw\\_home.htm](#)

**For information on other bylaws governing fences, fireworks, noise control and building permits, visit the City's web site at [www.city.mississauga.on.ca/corpsvcs/enforce/bylaw/main.htm](http://www.city.mississauga.on.ca/corpsvcs/enforce/bylaw/main.htm) or contact 905-896-5655.**



## Cleaner air in bars, taverns, casinos, billiard halls, bingo halls...

### Smoke Free By-law

The Smoke-Free By-law implementation date for bars, taverns, casinos, billiard halls and bingo halls in Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon is still on track for June 1, 2004.

Currently, all restaurants, dinner theatres, banquet halls and food courts are smoke-free or have a separately ventilated room no larger than 25 per cent of total floor space. Bars may permit smoking in no more than 25 percent of the floor space.

**If you notice people smoking in restaurants where they are not allowed and would like to register a complaint, please call Health Line Peel at 905-799-7700. Anonymous calls are welcome and owner-operators will be held responsible.**

## Waste Collection and Recycling



Blue and Grey Box recycling boxes are collected weekly. Please ensure items are packed securely in blue and grey boxes to prevent scattering of litter. Residents can get additional blue and grey boxes free of charge for one year starting Sept. 2002.

A three-bag limit for garbage began in 2001 with a phased in approach. Each garbage bag must not weigh more than 30 kilograms or 50 pounds. Any bags over the 3 bag limit must have a tag attached.

Phase I – June 2001 – Compliance Education Phase – Complimentary garbage tags must be placed on bags or containers in excess of three.

Phase II – February 2002 – Garbage bags in excess of three without the mandatory complimentary tag will be left behind.

**Phase III – September 2002 – Tags will have to be purchased at a cost of \$1.00 starting September 16, 2002. Additional blue and grey boxes can be obtained at no charge for one year from this date.**

Amnesty weeks are provided three times during the year: the first two weeks of January, two weeks after Victoria Day in May, and two weeks after Labour Day in September.

Furniture, bulky items, large appliances and large metal items are not considered part of the three-bag limit. For a list of depots where these items can be dropped off or to book an appointment for the Region to pick them up at the curb, contact the Region of Peel Wasteline at 905-791-9499. Items will be picked up within two weeks. If calling after business hours or on weekends press 0 and an operator will assist you.

**For more information visit the Region's Web site at [www.region.peel.on.ca](http://www.region.peel.on.ca).**

## New Litter Bug Logo

Join in Mississauga's campaign to eradicate litter from our City. We all need to recognize that this is a serious issue that's getting out of control. Establishing litter consciousness is key. Let's clean up what we have, then work toward keeping litter out of our City.

There are a number of ways to join in the battle against littering. Keep your garbage with you until you find a proper place to dispose of it. Remember that litter also includes cigarette butts that contain poisonous chemicals and take up to five years to degrade. Secure garbage and items in your recycling boxes to prevent them



from being blown around the neighbourhood. Let me know about litter "hot spots" in our ward or inadequate litter clean-up in commercial areas.

Fast food, drive-through restaurants are of particular concern. Disposable packaging is thrown out of car windows or dropped outside the premises to be scattered throughout our community. Making a habit of keeping our garbage with us until we find a trash can will take ongoing education and reconditioning, but it will be worth it. I welcome your suggestions to deal with this unsightly problem call our Communications Division at **905-896-5934** with your ideas or send them to me directly.

## Important Numbers

City after hours dispatch . . . . .	905-615-3000
Region of Peel after hours dispatch . .	905-791-7800
Recycling, garbage pick-up,	
Britannia Landfill . . . . .	905-791-9499
Animal Control . . . . .	905-896-5858
By-law Enforcement . . . . .	905-896-5655
Parking Control . . . . .	905-896-5678
Peel Regional Police . . . . .	905-453-3311
Poison Control Centre . . . . .	416-813-5900
Mississauga Fire . . . . .	905-615-3777
Mississauga Ambulance . . . . .	905-844-4242
Mississauga Transit . . . . .	905-615-4636
GO Transit . . . . .	416-869-3200
Property Taxes . . . . .	905-896-5575
Recreation and Parks . . . . .	905-896-5342

Erin Meadows Community Centre . .	905-569-9100
Erin Meadows Branch Library . . . .	905-569-9100
Meadowvale Library . . . . .	905-821-7570
Meadowvale Community Centre . . .	905-821-3330
Meadowvale Four Rinks . . . . .	905-826-9300
Mississauga Crime Prevention Assoc. .	905-803-8118
Health Line Peel . . . . .	905-799-7700
Region of Peel Water (24 hours) . . .	905-791-7800
Region of Peel Water Billing . . . . .	905-791-8711
Dufferin Peel Catholic District	
School Board . . . . .	905-890-1221
Peel District School Board . . . . .	905-890-1099
Aircraft Noise Complaints . . . . .	416-247-7682
Ministry of Health . . . . .	905-275-2730
Enersource . . . . .	905-273-9050
Ministry of Environment . . . . .	1-800-565-4923

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