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Councillor's Report

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Ward 9 Budget Town Hall

Please join me on Monday October 23 for my Ward 9 Budget Town Hall at the Meadowvale Community Centre, 6655 Glen Erin Dr. from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

I am holding this meeting to provide an opportunity for Ward 9 residents to learn more about both the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel budgets. I am pleased that Mayor Crombie will also be attending and we are both looking forward to meeting and hearing from you.

Staff will be making short presentations on the budgets and there will be ample time for discussion, questions and comments. I am working on having the entire meeting livestreamed on my Ward 9 Facebook Page so that you can send us your questions in real time and have them answered at the meeting. Please check the Ward 9 website at ward9.ca closer to the date for complete details.

City Council was presented with staff's recommendations for the 2018 budget in June of this year. They have proposed a tax increase of 3.1%. This is a blended amount based on 5.6% for the City and 2.6% for the Region. As the City only accounts for 34% of your total tax bill the actual impact is lower. City Council has asked staff to look at other savings to reduce this amount and we will be deliberating later this year. We will be seeing the Region's budget proposals later this year.

This chart shows where your Region of Peel tax dollars are spent. Over the years we have introduced many efficiencies at both levels of government but like you we are also faced with rising costs for fuel and power which have to be funded from the tax base. While many residents ask us to reduce service levels,

Where Your Regional Tax Dollar Goes

This chart shows the service areas where your tax dollars are allocated.



*Includes: Development Services, Operations Support and Assessment Services

1 Police Services 40¢	8 Social Assistance and Employment 3¢
2 Housing 12¢	9 Public Health 3¢
3 Waste Management 10¢	10 Enterprise Programs and Services 3¢
4 Transportation 8¢ (Roads and Accessible Transportation)	11 Conservation Authorities 2¢
5 Paramedic Services 5¢	12 Early Years and Child Care 2¢
6 Capital Infrastructure 5¢	13 Other 2¢*
7 Seniors Services 4¢	14 Community Investment 1¢

there are just as many who want services to remain the same or be increased so we are faced with the task of balancing needs and wants as we review the budgets. We are working hard to minimize impacts on all residents but we also need to ensure that our infrastructure is maintained, that our roads are plowed and our facilities operate safely.

If you have any questions about the meeting please contact me. I hope you will take advantage of this opportunity and come out and join us.

Safety in the Community

Visit safecitymississauga.on.ca to learn about crime prevention programs such as Neighbourhood Watch. Please also visit Peel Regional Police's website for crime prevention information and tips at peelpolice.ca/en/crimeprevention.asp

Making our Roads Safer for All



Safety on our roads is a priority for me and I am pleased that Mississauga Council supported my motion to reinstate the Road Safety Committee which I initiated first in 1997 and have served on since, until Council disbanded it in 2014.

At the Region, we have been developing a long term road safety strategic plan (RSSP) with partnership from various stakeholders. Eliminating

fatalities and serious injuries is a shared responsibility between road users and those who design, maintain and enforce our roadways and it includes the 3 Es of Engineering, Enforcement and Education.

The strategy will set out the goals, objectives, and action plans to guide the Region and its road safety partners towards creating safer roads and reducing the number of collisions, serious injuries and road fatalities. Through collision analysis and extensive public opinion consultation, the RSSP has determined six areas the Region will target:

1. Intersection related collisions
2. Aggressive driving
3. Distracted driving
4. Pedestrian collisions
5. Cyclist collisions
6. Impaired driving

Public consultations identified school zones and heavy trucks as concerns that need additional awareness. The actions developed from the Region's plan as well as the Mississauga Road Safety Committee will have a positive impact on these areas.

The next step is to identify actions to improve safety for each of the areas, through activities such as engineering modification, enforcement, and education. We hope to begin implementing the RSSP plan in 2018.

Dear Neighbour:

Thank you for reading my Region of Peel Fall/Winter 2017 newsletter. As your Councillor for both the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel, I want to keep you updated on the important issues that we deal with at both levels of government.

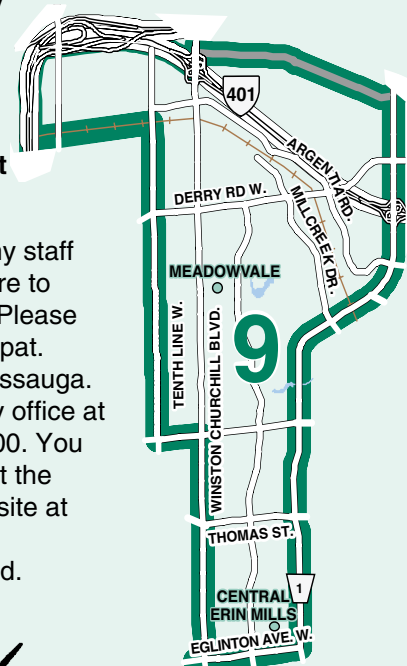
This newsletter contains information on some of the programs and services that we provide for you at the Regional level. These include housing, health, waste, water and waste water, paramedics, social services and policing. We also deal with Regional roads and planning. If you have any questions about any of the programs in the newsletter, please use the contacts listed or email me.

We will be starting to work soon on the budgets for both the City and Region and I am seeking your comments and input. I always appreciate feedback from Ward 9 residents and I am always available to answer your questions.

I hope you will join me at my Budget Town Hall on October 23, 2017 and learn more about both the City and Region budget processes. This is a great opportunity to also ask questions and let me know what is important to you.

As always my staff and I are here to assist you. Please email me at pat.saito@mississauga.ca or call my office at 905-896-5900. You can also visit the Ward 9 website at ward9.ca to stay informed.

Patricia (Pat) Saito
Councillor, Ward 9



Stay informed and sign-up for the Ward 9 monthly e-newsletter at ward9.ca

Seniors Can Get Free Dental Care



With members of the Sahara Seniors Club at my annual Seniors' Fair

I am pleased that we recently voted at Regional Council to increase funding for Peel's Seniors' Dental Program in order to meet growing population needs. This program is 100 per cent Regionally funded and was created in 2008 to address the lack of oral health services for low income seniors in Peel. As of August 2017, it provides access to dental care for over 10,500 seniors.

The program provides free basic dental services such as cleanings, fillings and dentures to low income seniors who qualify. Seniors must first call Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700** to find out if they are eligible for the dental services or visit peelregion.ca for more information.

Ward 9 Seniors Clubs

Meadowvale Seniors' Social Club

Contact: Bernard 905-858-0817
loisbernardwehappy@hotmail.com

Erin Meadows Seniors

Contact: Paul 905-785-1741
paulleng@rogers.com

Sahara Seniors

Contact: Narinder 416-985-5336
saharass2015@gmail.com

Feng Hua Senior Association

Contact: Simon 416-400-2363
simonhuang111@hotmail.com

Walking or Biking to School is Good for Children

Children who walk or cycle to school not only get more physical activity, but studies show that they can concentrate better in class and perform better academically. That's one of the messages that the Region of Peel and its community partners promote in our Walk & Bike to School in Peel videos as we work to get more children actively travelling to school.

Working with our community partners, we encourage children to walk and roll to school through initiatives such as the School Travel Planning program, Bike to School Week (biketoschoolweek.ca), School Bicycle Parking program, and Peel Safe and Active Routes to School Committee. I attend many special events



at our local schools to support these programs and I am always impressed with the support from both parents and children.

Children's self-esteem, confidence, and mood can improve if they walk or bike to, and from, school rather than being driven. They also become more familiar with their neighbourhood and route to school. Less car travel to school also means that they help to decrease traffic congestion, improve road safety around schools, and contribute to cleaner air for everyone.

Please visit walkandrollpeel.ca/ where there is information about the many benefits of active school travel and you can see the programs that are available to support schools in Peel Region.

Local Paramedic Station Update



This summer, we broke ground on a paramedic reporting station at Erin Mills Parkway and Thomas Street. This new station will place paramedics closer to your neighbourhood, making it easier for them to help you in an emergency. In 2016, paramedics responded to 4,065 emergencies in Ward 9. The station is scheduled for completion in early-2019. For more information, visit peelregion.ca/paramedics/about-para/stations/

November is CPR Awareness Month

November marks CPR Awareness Month in Canada and I encourage everyone to learn this important life-saving skill. It is easy to learn hands-only CPR and to use an AED (automated external defibrillator). I have held several training sessions at my annual events and we have successfully trained hundreds of residents in hands-only CPR. I am pleased with the number of people who have shown interest in these sessions and if you wish to have one of our paramedics come out to your event or organization please let me know. We have also added numerous AEDs in our public facilities. For more information, visit peelregion.ca/paramedics/safety/ and peelregion.ca/paramedics/aed/.



With paramedic Brad Bowie at CPR Day at the Region

Transhelp Has a New Website

One of my priorities is removing barriers and making our City and Region more accessible, especially to residents with special needs of many kinds.



One service provided by the Region is Transhelp and I am pleased that, following a lengthy review, Council has expanded the transportation service and as of January 2017, TransHelp now accepts applications from individuals living in the Region of Peel who have a physical, cognitive, visual, sensory or mental health disability and who experience barriers to using conventional public transportation services some or all of the time.

We have also launched a new website that will support Peel residents in learning about, applying for and riding TransHelp. The website will better serve potential applicants through supportive and transcribed videos, an online form (or PDF application), and up-to-date user information for passengers, all in a mobile-friendly and accessible format. Applicants can continue to contact the Region of Peel at any time to request alternate formats.

For more information or inquiries, please visit peelregion.ca/transhelp. Applications can be filled out online, or a PDF download is available.

Integration of our Health System is Critical

The health of our citizens is of great importance. There are many different agencies that provide services in Peel and in order to ensure that we are all working together, we formed the Region of Peel Health System Integration Committee which I have had the pleasure of chairing since 2015. The Committee has brought together seven Regional Councillors along with six Chief Executive Officers from our local health system including local hospitals and the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) serving Peel.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide advice and direction on how Peel's health services, such as public health, paramedic services, and seniors' services including community services and oversight of five long term care homes, can further integrate and coordinate with the rest of the health system. As a Committee, we discuss challenges facing the health system in Peel and explore ways to better meet the health needs of Peel's residents. The Committee has covered many important health system topics including Seniors' supports and housing, mental health and addictions and Paramedic Services.

Over the next year, we will continue to have important discussions as the health system in Ontario is undergoing a number of changes. As Chair, I look forward to the Committee continuing to play an important role in partnership with our health system partners locally and provincially in order to improve the patient experience.

Residential Water and Sewer Line Warranty Protection Plan information

Earlier this year, you received a letter from the Region of Peel advising of a service provided by Service Line Warranties of Canada Inc. (SLWC). This program provides Peel homeowners with optional water, sanitary sewer line and in-home protection plan programs for their private side water and sanitary sewer pipes and in-home plumbing.

Staff presented the proposal for Council to endorse this service as they were seeing a large increase in homeowners having to pay thousands of dollars for repairs to the water/sewer pipes on their private

property. Many mistakenly thought that the Region owned these pipes but once the lines enter your private property they are your responsibility.

Finding that many insurance companies do not cover these claims, the Region worked with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and used a review done by the City of Hamilton to select this company.

The program is twofold. First we want to make sure that residents know that they own and are responsible for the infrastructure on the private side

of their property in the event of a leak or break. Secondly, we want to let them know of a company that can provide insurance that has been vetted by AMO and other regions. The program is totally voluntary and is administered and managed by Service Line Warranties of Canada Inc., and is NOT a Regional program.

To learn more about the program please visit peelregion.ca/servicelineprotection. If you have further questions about the program please email: slwc@peelregion.ca.

Protecting your Home from Floods

As we have seen in recent years, the weather patterns are changing and we are receiving much heavier rainfalls that can and do lead to flooding in homes. There are some steps you can take to reduce the chance of flooding:

Your inside plumbing is designed to capture water used in sinks, toilets, tubs and showers and bring it to a central pipe that runs from your home out to the sanitary sewer system. The pipes that manage this water are the homeowners' responsibility until they reach the cut off valve usually located on your driveway or lawn and from there they are the Region's responsibility. This wastewater goes to a treatment facility before being returned to Lake Ontario.

Outside your home, water from rain and/or melting snow flows into the storm sewer system. Many homes have weeping tiles and/or sump pumps which also convey water to the storm system. Catch basins also connect to the storm water system. Storm water flows into ponds, creeks and rivers and then makes it way to Lake Ontario.

The City of Mississauga manages storm sewers and the Region of Peel looks after sanitary sewers. The Region of Peel, the City of Mississauga and the local Conservation Authorities continue to work together to develop strategies to lessen the effect of future weather.

For more information and tips related protecting your property against basement flooding visit peelregion.ca/flooding. Please also visit basementfloodreduction.com/forhomeowners.html.



Increasing Affordable Housing a Priority

Finding affordable housing in Peel continues to be a challenge for more and more individuals and families in Peel. That's why we have made it a priority to increase the supply of affordable housing. We are focused on helping people on Peel's centralized wait list for subsidized housing obtain a permanent place to live.

While we increase affordable housing and address homelessness, the demand continues to increase. The rental vacancy rate is 1.4 per cent in 2016, down from 1.5 per cent in 2015. The average market rental rate rose 3 per cent from \$1,175 in 2015 to \$1,211 in 2016 and the average price of a residential resale unit increased by 28 per cent from 2015 to 2016 to approximately \$690,405. In addition, the number of individuals and families on the Centralized Wait List for subsidized housing increased between 2014 to 2016 and is currently at 12,958 households. More individuals are also accessing Peel's emergency shelter system (14,861 in 2016).

We are continuing to move ahead with our affordable housing investments and in June, we approved funds to build 174 new affordable housing units in Mississauga. We are partnering with the Salvation Army Peel and Peel Streets to Homes to help people experiencing homelessness move into permanent housing and our Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan brings together community partners to find innovative ways to increase affordable housing.

About twelve cents of every dollar of the Region's tax levy goes to increasing affordable housing and reducing homelessness and we continue to advocate with the federal and provincial governments for policy changes and appropriate funding that will help to bolster the supply of affordable housing.

For more information on Peel's housing and homelessness services, visit peelregion.ca/housing.

Need Subsidized Daycare?

Visit peelregion.ca/children/programs/subsidy/

Residential Watermain Replacements

As our community ages, the Region is replacing the old watermain on our local and main roads. The decision to replace is based on the condition of the watermain, the number of breaks there have been, the age and if other utility work is planned in the area. I get many questions before and during the process so here is a guide to what you can expect.

Before work begins, Regional staff checks with City staff to find out if there are road resurfacing plans. If the pavement is in poor condition, and the road has been identified for rehabilitation, Mississauga will follow up with full road rehabilitation, usually the following year. If the pavement is in fair to good condition, a three metre wide pavement restoration is normally recommended and completed by the Region of Peel. This ensures that the both the Region and Mississauga maximize pavement lifecycle and minimize long-term capital renewal costs. If watermain work is completed in the winter there is a delay in permanent restoration because sod and asphalt can't be placed until the weather permits.

Replacements are completed in four stages. First a new watermain is installed, typically along the road near the curb. Second, the watermain is tested to ensure it has no leaks and can

maintain clean water. Testing can take a few weeks to complete. Third are the installation services and transferring customers to the new pipe. The fourth and final step is to abandon the old watermain and complete the restoration necessary to return the area to match previous conditions.

Watermain replacement projects anticipated to start in October in Ward 9 include Harris Crescent, Cordingley Crescent, Bendigo Circle and Estoril Road.

Britannia Road

This is a major project and we appreciate your patience during construction. The watermain work is very close to being completed. The final step is installing low impact development storm sewers.

Following this, the Region's contractor will be removing asphalt, completing sidewalk, curb and multi-use trail construction, making improvements to traffic signals, and installing bicycle signals at Britannia Road and Winston Churchill Boulevard.

The planned road reconstruction will occur into November. During this time residents can expect traffic delays so that final paving can be finished.

Register now for City's Windrow Snow Clearing



Residents 65 years and older and people with disabilities who meet specific income criteria can register now for the City of Mississauga's Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program.

This program is now open for registration. Applications will be accepted until Fri., Nov. 10, 2017 at 9 p.m. Residents who are 65 years and older in 2017 and individuals who

are physically disabled can apply for the program. The cost to participate is \$200. This amount is non-refundable. Applicants who qualify for financial assistance may be eligible to receive the service at no cost.

Ward 9 residents can get an application online at mississauga.ca/drivewaywindrowprogram or at at the Meadowvale or Erin Meadows Community Centres.

How to Sort Your Waste

I often get emails asking me what goes into which cart and how you can donate reusable items in good condition. In doubt, check it out: how to sort your waste at peelregion.ca/waste.



At Lake Wabukayne Park Stewardship Day with Trevor Barton of Peel Waste

Pat in the Community



Tree planting at Castlegreen Park



Partnering with the Meadowvale Residents' Association (MRA) for a Food Drive held at the Argentia Real Canadian Superstore for Eden Food for Change



At Italfest with Otello and Roberto enjoying Italian sausage at Celebration Square



At the Amacon Rotary Ribfest presenting the People's Choice Award for best ribs to Uncle Sam's at Celebration Square



At the Weishaupt Corporation Ground Breaking Ceremony



With Nicky Hall at the Bee Hotel at the annual Lake Wabukayne Park Stewardship Day



At Muslim Council of Peel Eid Dinner



With Beverley Klatt, MRA President and friends

How to Dispose of Christmas Trees and Wreaths

Cut Christmas trees are collected at the curb. Remember to remove all ornaments, tinsel, tree stand, tree bag or netting first. Check your waste schedule online – When Does It Go – for your collection day. You may also take cut Christmas trees to any of Peel's Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) for disposal during the period of Dec. 25 to Jan. 31.

For CRC locations and collection dates visit peelregion.ca/waste



Mayor's Thanksgiving Food Drive Challenge

Please take the **#oneBagChallenge** running until October 16, 2017

Drop off non-perishable food donations at the following fire stations in and close to Ward 9

Fire Station 111
2740 Derry Rd. W.

Fire Station 115
4595 Glen Erin Dr.

Fire Station 122
3600 Thomas St.

Donations will go to Eden Food for Change.

Helping Our Neighbours



Please help our local food bank and join me on Friday, October 27th at **A Taste of Eden** fundraising dinner.

For more information visit: edenffc.org
905-785-3651 or email info@edenffc.org.

Winter Snow Clearing Info

City of Mississauga

Follow [@MississaugaSnow](https://twitter.com/MississaugaSnow) on Twitter for current conditions and progress.

Call the Information Snow Line **905-615-SNOW (7669)** to hear recorded information about plowing and salting during a snow event.

If there are concerns with road conditions 12-24 hours after a snowstorm ends please contact **3-1-1** or **(905-615-4311)** outside city limits).

Get the Mississauga Roads App at mississauga.ca/mobileroads

Region of Peel

Please visit peelregion.ca/snowremoval for more information.

twitter.com/PeelPublicWorks

Upcoming Events to Support



I am looking forward to joining our youth at the following events in support of **The Dam Youth Drop-In**.

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

- Chalk Inspirations Event

December 2017

- Donate a Christmas Gift for a youth in our community

Saturday, February 24, 2018

- Coldest Night of the Year Walkathon

For more information visit: thedam.org, **905-826-6558** or email office@thedam.org

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Who does what?

Government Services
link on ward9.ca



Non-emergency calls for information and/or referral to **community, health and social services** 

Non-emergency calls for direct access to **government services** (Regional and City) 

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