



# Pat Saito Ward 9 Councillor's Report



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## Dear Neighbour:

As we approach the end of 2008, I want to thank the residents of Ward 9 for their involvement and participation in local initiatives.

Our volunteers are the heart of our community and we are blessed with many people who take the time to give back and help us make sure that Meadowvale and Central Erin Mills remain safe, clean and prosperous communities.

Whether it is through participation in development proposals, park clean-ups, helping to remove illegal signs or giving time to one of the many organizations in Ward 9, each of you have reason to be proud of your contributions.

When our food banks were in need, our community stepped forward and helped. When our natural areas were endangered, residents came forward and joined in our fight to protect them. On behalf of those who benefit from this participation and support, I thank you.

This newsletter focuses on City programs and services, as well as new projects that are in the initial stages. I invite you to get involved in these projects and also to stay informed about what is happening in our community. Ongoing updates are available on the Ward 9 website at [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca) and you can stay informed by joining the Ward 9 e-mail newsletter from the website.

Winter brings many different challenges to us and I urge you to drive carefully in winter conditions, take care when shovelling snow and make sure you, your family and neighbours stay warm and safe. On behalf of my family and I, and my staff, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and all the best to those who recognize a different celebration at this time of year. I hope the New Year brings you joy and good health.

*Pat*  
Pat Saito,  
Councillor Ward 9



## Join us to Protect Lake Wabukayne

As a result of last year's oil spills into Lake Wabukayne that endangered the waterfowl, I brought together representatives from Credit Valley Conservation and the City to develop a stewardship program for Lake Wabukayne. I approached Meadowvale Rotary and asked if they would be willing to join us and apply for a Trillium grant to do work around and in the lake. They did such a great job with the Osprey Marsh project a few years ago and have indicated their interest in this project as well.

We were joined by local resident Nikki Hall who has devoted much time to protecting the wildlife in Lake Wabukayne and will be expanding our group to include more local residents.

So far, we have developed a draft strategy and list of proposed projects including a major educational campaign for local residents to get everyone on board to ensure that we do not have any repeat incidents of oil spills. We have also identified projects such as new plantings, erosion control and improved sanctuaries for wildlife.

This project is in the initial stages and I will be holding an Open House in the New Year to get more residents involved. This will only be successful if we all work together.

We are so fortunate to have such a beautiful feature such as Lake Wabukayne in our community. While its primary function is a storm water management pond, it has evolved to become a natural environment that is home to hundreds of species of birds and other wildlife. We have a duty to protect this asset and I hope we will have a lot of support to do so.

I will post notices of the Open House when details have been confirmed, as well as doing a mailing to the surrounding community. Information will also be on the Ward 9 website at [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca) and on a Lake Wabukayne website when it is developed. I hope we can count on you when the time comes.

## Fire Training Centre Honours Our Chief

In October of this year, Ward 9 and the City lost a great man when our Fire Chief, Garry W. Morden, lost his courageous fight with cancer. Garry was not only the Fire Chief for Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services, he was a husband, a father and a grandfather, a Ward 9 resident and a friend to all who knew him.

Those who had the pleasure of working with Garry, in his professional or personal life, know that he was a man of integrity and great compassion. He contributed greatly to our community and he will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

On September 24, we had the great pleasure of naming our new fire training facility to be built in Ward 9 on Ninth Line, in honour of Garry Morden. The Garry W. Morden Centre – Dedicated to Fire and Life Safety – will provide training for our emergency services. Garry and his family joined us at Council as we announced the naming and I am glad we were able to let him know how much he was respected. Garry's name on the building represents the wonderful legacy that he has left behind and he will never be forgotten.



Pat joins former Fire Chiefs Gord Bentley (left) and Cyril Hare (right) as Mayor McCallion and Fire Chief Garry Morden unveil the plaque naming the City's new training centre in Chief Morden's honour.

### New Winter Parking Restrictions

No parking from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. from November 1 to March 31 (extended-hour parking and boulevard parking excepted where permitted).

## 2009 Budget

Council is deliberating the 2009 budget and have made a number of cuts to the proposed 8.7% tax increase that was presented to us. After reviewing all services again we have made cuts that resulted in a 5.2% decrease. We are now at a 3.5% possible tax increase on the City portion of the tax bill or a .97% increase on the overall tax bill. This may change slightly once we have completed the capital budget process.

This has meant significant reductions including keeping some libraries including Meadowvale closed on Friday evenings and Sundays year round. I have met with library staff and they have assured me that this will have a minimal impact on service in our community based on usage at these times.

As the budget review proceeds, I will continue to protect those services that are vital to our community to ensure that we do not indulge in short-term thinking that can cost more in the long-term.



**eden community food bank**

For more information, visit the website at [www.edenfoodbank.org](http://www.edenfoodbank.org), call 905-785-3651 or e-mail [info@edenfoodbank.org](mailto:info@edenfoodbank.org).

## Meadowvale Library Celebrates 25 Years

Those of us who moved to Meadowvale in the 1970s will remember when we had no community facilities. In 1978 that changed with the opening of the Meadowvale Town Centre in March and Lake Aquitaine in June.

In 1983 the Meadowvale Community Centre opened and in 1984 Meadowvale's first library opened in the Professional Building adjacent to Meadowvale Town Centre.

Moving from the Bookmobile service to this new facility was exciting. It was only 6,300 square feet and got very crowded but it was ours and became the heart of the community.

We quickly outgrew this location and in 1993 we moved to the upper level of Meadowvale Town Centre where we stayed for 10 years. In

2003, the library moved into our present location on the lower level. In 2010, the library will move again to become part of the Meadowvale Community Centre.

As we celebrate the 25th anniversary of this important part of the Meadowvale community, I invite you to join us in a week long celebration with special daily events culminating in a special occasion on January 31.

I hope you will take the time to visit the library during the anniversary and help celebrate this important part of our heritage. Information will be posted in the library closer to the date as well as on the Ward 9 website at [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca).

## Meadowvale Club is For All Seniors

The Meadowvale Seniors' Social Club has been a part of the Meadowvale community since 1982 and offers many activities to residents aged 60 and older. The group runs daily activities, Monday to Friday, at Meadowvale Community Centre, which include bingo, bridge, carpet bowling, crafts, cribbage, euchre, line dancing and snooker. The social club hosts monthly special events such as lunches and White Elephant Sales and also organizes exciting day trips to

places like Fallsview Casino, Live Theatre performances and Grand River cruises.

This year, Meadowvale carpet bowling members had great success at the Ontario Seniors' Games. The craft group also was busy making quilt squares which were made into a quilt and donated to charity.

Information on weekly activities, trips and special events is available from activity representatives or by contacting Lois Jordaan at 905-858-0817.

## Syntex Field to Get Lighting

Baseball players will be able to use the Syntex baseball field at night once new lighting is installed next year. We are using the money remaining in the old Markborough levy funds to cover the cost of the project.

These funds had specific conditions on their use and this project is one that qualifies.

Syntex is located on the southeast corner of Derry Road and Syntex Court. Use has been restricted because there was no lighting but this improvement will provide many extra hours for our teams.



Pat serves residents at the free BBQ she provided at the Meadowvale Theatre for Doors Open Meadowvale. Thank you to Cornerstone Community Church for providing the equipment and volunteers.

## Meadowvale Community Partnership – Educating Parents

The Meadowvale Community Partnership (MCP) continues to bring together various stakeholders in Meadowvale to work on behalf of youth. Our main focus in the past years has been providing a Parenting Forum to help parents deal with youth issues.

These have been very well attended and are usually held in January at the Meadowvale Theatre. However, after a snowstorm reduced the attendance this year, we have decided to hold a Saturday workshop in spring 2009 at a local high school.

This is in the planning stages but we will be offering speakers and discussions on such topics as bullying, drugs, talking to your teenager and internet safety. Watch for notices and signs as we get closer to the event and plan to join us. I guarantee you will learn a lot of helpful information.

If you want to join the MCP and help us, meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. at Plowman's Park School. For more information, contact Cynthia Rampal at 905-791-7800 ext. 2002 or [cynthia.rampal@peelregion.ca](mailto:cynthia.rampal@peelregion.ca).

## Give us Your Ideas For Meadowvale Community Centre

I am looking for your input as to what facilities we need in the Meadowvale Community Centre. The redevelopment of our facility is in the 2010 budget with design work being done next year. This will be a major rebuild including moving the Meadowvale Library to the site.

At this time, we know that we will be adding a gymnasium and a therapy pool, as well as the library, but I want to hear from the community to ensure we have assessed all the needs before we proceed to the design stage.

An Open House was held on November 22, to allow residents to provide input. Unfortunately, this newsletter was delayed and I was unable to advertise the event in it. But if you didn't attend there is still ample opportunity to provide your comments. Just send me an e-mail at [pat.saito@mississauga.ca](mailto:pat.saito@mississauga.ca) and your suggestions will be included as we review the needs.

This is an exciting project for our community and when completed, we will have a new meeting place, an activity centre and a library second-to-none. Please get involved now. Our original centre was built with input and participation of those of us who lived here in the 1970s and 1980s. Let's continue that public involvement as we move into a new future for our centre.

# New Pedestrian Safety Campaign Launched



I am proud to announce the City's newest traffic safety project – our Pedestrian Safety Campaign.

Each year, the Safe Driving Committee (SDC) undertakes a special project. For 2008, I suggested that we focus on a pedestrian campaign. With support from the

SDC, we formed a committee to design and implement the program.

It was a pleasure serving on the Pedestrian Safety Strategy committee which also included citizen members and staff who worked hard to create this campaign in an effort to educate pedestrians and motorists in order to reduce the number of collisions and fatalities. I want to thank citizen members Heather Relf and Mubina Rahim for devoting their time to this committee.

We launched the campaign this September, with a series of posters aimed at specific

pedestrians – seniors, students, transit users, as well as the general public. The theme “I am Not a Target,” emphasizes the basic rules that we all learned as children – Stop, Look and Listen before crossing safely.

As a member of the Mississauga Safe Driving Committee, I worked with committee members and staff to launch a new educational campaign this September to promote pedestrian safety in Mississauga.

Posters will be displayed on bus shelters across Mississauga and inside buses, as well as in all City facilities. We are also providing all high schools in the City with posters aimed at youth. We also have large display panels and message cards that are available to organizations and groups in the City who wish to promote this message.

E-mail me at [pat.saito@mississauga.ca](mailto:pat.saito@mississauga.ca) to find out how to book the displays.

Pedestrian safety is one of the most important aspects of a safe community. It is essential for pedestrians to be aware of your rights and responsibilities in order to protect yourself from a potentially unsafe or harmful situation.

Information about the campaign and posters can be found at [www.mississauga.ca/pedestriansafety](http://www.mississauga.ca/pedestriansafety).

## Enersource Update

For the past few months, Council has been discussing our options on the future of Enersource, Mississauga Hydro. We had an evaluation done of this asset in order to be better able to make this very important decision.

I want to make it very clear that at no time have I supported selling Enersource. I did support the evaluation process to ensure that any decision we make is the right one for our city. While the partnership we had with Borealis, which owns 10% of the shares in the utility, was the right thing to do at the time, changes to the market and the industry have forced us to re-examine that partnership as part of this comprehensive evaluation.

Council has given direction to staff in this regard. I am unable to divulge more information in this newsletter but I will post it on the [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca) website as soon as a final decision has been made.

Any decision I make as your Councillor will be in the best interests of all our citizens. This is not a decision to be taken lightly or one that we can afford to flip flop on. It requires a solid understanding of the issues and of the financial impacts now and in the future.



Photo by: Randy de Jesus

Pat joins Jim Tune, Pastor of Churchill Meadows Christian Church, at the June 22 groundbreaking for their new place of worship located at the north end of Tenth Line.

## Crime Prevention Relunched as Safe City

When I was first elected to Council in 1991, I had the pleasure of launching the City's first Crime Prevention Association and serving as a director for several terms. Last year, Council directed that this organization be replaced with a new Safe City Committee and I once again joined the board.

We have appointed a new board of directors and most recently, a new executive director and the next step is for the board to set a strategy for the future and start to implement some new crime prevention and safety programs. The role of the new organization has been slightly expanded but the main goal is still to continue to keep Mississauga the safest city in Canada.

This is an exciting opportunity and I am pleased to be able to play a role once again as we build upon the success of our existing programs such as the Crossroads Youth Academy and Neighbourhood Watch and introduce new ones to address the needs of our residents.

I am confident that this new board will work hard and under the leadership of our new Executive Director, Teresa Burgess-Ogilvie, Mississauga will continue to be a safe place for us all.

For information on Safe City Mississauga, visit the website at [www.safecitymississauga.on.ca](http://www.safecitymississauga.on.ca).

## the Help a Young Family This Christmas

The Dam Youth Drop In helps pregnant teens, young moms and their children to grow into healthy individuals and families.

You can help these young families this Christmas by adopting a young mom and her family! By providing food and gifts, you can make Christmas Day special for a young family which is part of The Dam's Young Moms programs. It is one of the most rewarding gifts you can give. For information, contact **905-826-6558**.

# Improved Crosswalks

The following intersections received Zebra Striped Crosswalks this year:

- Battleford Road/Edenwood Drive
- Glen Erin Drive/Windwood Drive (south intersection)
- Glen Erin Drive/Castlebridge Drive
- Tenth Line West/Battleford Road/Trelawny Circle
- Tenth Line West/Aquitaine Avenue/Trelawny Circle
- Castlebridge Drive/Greensboro Drive
- Winston Churchill Boulevard/Battleford Road (Replace missing section)
- Glen Erin Drive/Erin Centre Boulevard
- Erin Centre Boulevard/John Fraser S.S./ Erin Centre Mall entrance

## Traffic Studies



Do you...

Want a study done for traffic controls?

Have questions about parking by-laws?

Want to request a crossing guard?

It's all in the Road Safety Handbook!

Available online at:

[www.mississauga.ca/roadsafetyhandbook](http://www.mississauga.ca/roadsafetyhandbook).

## Development Updates

We are fortunate to have several applications in the works right now for industrial and office buildings in the Meadowvale Business Park. These will provide more jobs to our community.

We also have two residential applications on which I have held ward meetings. The first is an application for a 20-storey apartment building and 34 town homes on the northeast corner of Aquitaine and Glen Erin in Meadowvale. The application is to rezone the land to allow double the existing permitted density. I am firmly opposed to this application as it is not in conformity with either the Official Plan or the City's Intensification policies. The proposed building is out of place in this neighbourhood. I have formed a residents' steering committee to deal with this application and we will continue to meet as required.

The second application is a Plan of Subdivision for lands on Duncairn Drive in Central Erin Mills. The application in this case is in conformity with the zoning which allows residential dwellings. The land was purchased by the Peel District School Board from the developer but the board has since declared the school will not be required and the land is being sold back to the developer who wishes to construct as per the zoning. I held a ward meeting on October 30, on this application and several requests were made for some changes. As a result the applicant has changed some of the lots on Duncairn as requested by the community and other issues will hopefully be resolved prior to the formal meeting at Planning and Development Committee on December 1.

Information on these applications is available on the Ward 9 website at [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca).

## Snow Clearing

Snow clearing operations are generally within 24 hours after the end of a winter storm. Heavy snowfalls of more than 6 inches (15 cm) or back-to-back storms can extend snow clearing operations to 48 hours or more after the end of a winter storm.

- If snowfall is less than 3 inches (8 cm), major roads are salted, residential streets and priority sidewalks are sanded if required.
- If a snowfall is more than 3 inches (8 cm), major roads are plowed and then salted. Residential streets and priority sidewalks are plowed and sanded.
- Parked cars should be removed from the street.
- Do not place snow on the roadway.

- Priority sidewalks are located on major roads, bus routes and streets that access hospitals, schools and nursing homes.
- If you are not on a street that gets sidewalk clearing, please be a good neighbour and clear snow and ice from the sidewalk in front of your home as soon as possible.

**Information on snow clearing operations and our Priority Route System is on the City's website at [www.mississauga.ca/snowtips](http://www.mississauga.ca/snowtips), or call**

**905-615-SNOW (7669).**

## Snow Removal Subsidy

A snow clearing subsidy program is available for disabled persons who currently receive assistance under the Ontario Disability Support Program, or Ontario Works, or seniors who currently receive the guaranteed income supplement - Old Age Security.

To qualify, the applicant must be a Mississauga resident who resides as owner or legal tenant in the residential property for which the snow removal subsidy is required. Residents living in a high rise or similar multi-unit building will not qualify. Those currently registered in the program will receive their winter claim forms in the mail.

**For more information or an application, please contact the Finance Division at 905-896-5266.**

## Graffiti Increases Across City

This year has been particularly bad for graffiti throughout the City and our community. Our Works staff has exceeded the amount budgeted for 2008 in cleaning up the graffiti on City-owned property and we have been vigilant at getting the utilities to clean up their property quickly.

I have asked Peel Regional Police and Corporate Security to increase patrols in certain areas in an attempt to catch those responsible. These efforts are ongoing and hopefully they will be successful.

I want to thank those residents who have reported acts of graffiti to my office or directly to staff. This enables us to respond quickly and get it covered or removed. Graffiti is a blight on a neighbourhood and we need to send a message to whoever is responsible that we will not tolerate it.

If you have any information that could assist Peel Regional Police to catch and charge these vandals, please let us know. Report graffiti at the City Hotline at **905-896-5655** or [www.mississauga.ca/bylawenforcement](http://www.mississauga.ca/bylawenforcement).

## Help us Get Rid of Sign Litter

In my last newsletter, I talked about a new By-law that Council passed related to illegal signs on City property.

This was the result of a recommendation I made to find a way to deal with this unsightly mess in our neighbourhoods. We are inundated with companies who stick and wire illegal signs on traffic control posts creating hazards for motorists and pedestrians. They are more than unsightly – they can be dangerous!

The new Public Nuisance By-law makes it legal for residents who have registered with the City to remove signs in their own neighbourhoods. Prior to this new by-law, anyone removing an illegal sign, other than staff authorized under the Sign By-law, could be open to potential retaliation by the sign owner for destruction to or stealing of property.

Our sign crews will continue to remove signs and issue fines but having residents on board will help us stay on top of the problem. Last year, we removed almost 29,000 signs from public property and spent \$160,000 for enforcement of the sign by-law which allows for fines from \$150 to \$300 per offence.

I encourage you to join us as we fight this litter in our community. Visit the City of Mississauga website at [www.mississauga.ca/signs](http://www.mississauga.ca/signs) or contact the Sign Unit at **905-615-4046** to find out more.



Photo by: Peter McCusker

*Pat at the groundbreaking of the First Meadowvale Corporate Centre on Century Avenue with Dave Gerofsky, President, First Gulf, Mayor McCallion and Phil Gillin, Senior Managing Director, Sun Life.*

## Derry Road Update

The widening of Derry Road is being put on hold indefinitely. The Environmental Assessment is being filed and I am asking staff to proceed with intersection improvements only at this time.

## Transit Update

Transit service to Ward 9 has been improved this year with several new routes including a new Tenth Line rush hour service and an express bus to the Islington Subway. For more information and for customized route and schedules visit the Mississauga Transit website at [www.mississaugatransit.com](http://www.mississaugatransit.com) or call **905-615-INFO (4636)**.

## Important Numbers & Websites

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**City of Mississauga** – 905-896-5000  
[www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca)

**City After Hours Dispatch** – 905-615-3000

**Animal Control** – 905-896-5858  
[www.mississauga.ca/animalservices](http://www.mississauga.ca/animalservices)

**By-law Enforcement** – 905-896-5655  
[www.mississauga.ca/bylawenforcement](http://www.mississauga.ca/bylawenforcement)

**Fire Department** – 905-456-5700  
[www.mississauga.ca/fire](http://www.mississauga.ca/fire)

**Health Line Peel** – 905-799-7700  
[www.peelregion.ca/health](http://www.peelregion.ca/health)

**Mississauga Transit** – 905-615-4636  
[www.mississauga.ca/transit](http://www.mississauga.ca/transit)

**Parking Control** – 905-896-5678  
[www.mississauga.ca/parking](http://www.mississauga.ca/parking)

**Peel Region** – 905-791-7800  
[www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca)

**Peel Regional Police** – 905-453-3311  
[www.peelpolice.on.ca](http://www.peelpolice.on.ca)

**Property Taxes** – 905-896-5575

**Recreation & Parks** – 905-615-4100

**Waste Management** – 905-791-9499  
[www.peelregion.ca/pw/waste](http://www.peelregion.ca/pw/waste)

**Water Billing** – 905-791-8711  
[www.peelregion.ca/pw/water](http://www.peelregion.ca/pw/water)

### Other Important Community Contacts

**Aircraft Noise Complaints** – 416-247-7682  
[www.gtaa.com](http://www.gtaa.com)

**Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board**  
905-890-1221 – [www.dpccdsb.org](http://www.dpccdsb.org)

## www.ward9.ca

**Peel District School Board**  
905-890-1099 – [www.peel.edu.on.ca](http://www.peel.edu.on.ca)

**Enersource** – 905-273-9050  
[www.enersource.com](http://www.enersource.com)

**GO Transit** – 416-869-3200  
[www.gotransit.com](http://www.gotransit.com)

### Ward 9 Facilities

**Erin Meadows Community Centre**  
905-615-4750  
[mississauga.ca/erinmeadows](http://mississauga.ca/erinmeadows)

**Erin Meadows Library**  
905-615-4750 ext. 2086

**Meadowvale Community Centre**  
905-615-4710  
[mississauga.ca/meadowvale](http://mississauga.ca/meadowvale)

**Meadowvale Four Rinks**  
905-615-4730  
[mississauga.ca/meadowvale4rinks](http://mississauga.ca/meadowvale4rinks)

**Meadowvale Library** – 905-615-4715

**Meadowvale Theatre** – 905-615-4720  
[mississauga.ca/meadowvaletheatre](http://mississauga.ca/meadowvaletheatre)

## Who Does What



Last year I developed a chart showing which level of government provides various services. I received positive feedback on this and while space does not permit me to reprint it, you can view the chart on the Ward 9 website at [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca).

## REPORT GRAFFITI

Help us remove graffiti by reporting graffiti on private or public property to the Graffiti Hotline at 905-896-5655 or at [www.mississauga.ca/bylawenforcement](http://www.mississauga.ca/bylawenforcement).

Report suspicious behaviour to Peel Regional Police at **905-453-3311**.