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Councillor's Report

Ward 9



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Dear Neighbour:

Welcome to the winter 2013 edition of my Region of Peel newsletter.

This newsletter provides information on key Regional services. To get more information on what is available and how to take advantage of these services, please visit the Region of Peel website at peelregion.ca

As we are drawing to the end of 2013, I want to thank all of those who have dedicated their time and energy towards making our community a better place for all. It is remarkable how many residents volunteer their time and skills. Their contributions are invaluable and their work is appreciated very much.

This tends to be a very busy season, with all of the stress and pressure that celebrations like Christmas bring. I encourage you to take the time to enjoy whatever celebration you observe and I hope you will spend some time with family and friends. If you can assist those in need during this season, please do so.

Our local food bank, Eden Community Food Bank (edenfoodbank.org) is always in need of food donations. You can also help our young moms and families by donating a gift to The Dam Youth Drop In at thedam.org.

From my family to yours, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

All the best,

Pat Saito
Councillor, Ward 9



I have made a change to the way I communicate with you and instead of spending thousands of dollars each year on a City and a Region newsletter I have reduced my printed version to one and instead I am sending a **monthly e-newsletter**.

This not only saves money but also enables me to keep you up to date in a more timely way. I have received excellent feedback from the thousands of residents who are currently on the mailing list and I encourage you to sign up and make sure you are kept informed.

Please email me at pat.saito@mississauga.ca and type "join email list" in the subject line or use this QR Code.



Working to Preserve our City's Tree Canopy

Across the entire Region of Peel, we are facing devastation of our Ash trees from the Emerald Ash Borer. EAB is a highly destructive, invasive insect that could kill all ash trees in North America. In Mississauga, ash trees represent approximately 10 per cent of trees on both public and private land.

Council has approved a 10 year Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Management Plan to treat approximately 20,000 City-owned ash trees from EAB. The City's approved EAB Management Plan includes:

1. Treating approximately 20,000 City-owned ash trees with an insecticide called TreeAzin.
2. Removing and replacing, one for one, the ash trees on our streets and within our parks which are too infected to be saved.

Ward 9 is affected by this disease and you will see trees along the roadways that are marked for this program. Trees marked with a **green dot** at chest height were treated in the spring and summer. Trees with a **red X** at chest height are marked for removal. Removal works started this spring, with staff continuing to remove infested ash trees from streets throughout the city this fall and winter. Street trees that are removed in 2013 will be replaced in 2014. However in some locations, it may not be feasible to replant a new tree due to spacing or other concerns.

This will have a huge financial impact on our budgets as it is doing in all municipalities. To fund the EAB Management Plan, a tax levy on the City portion of your tax bill will provide

\$2.8 million in 2013 and \$5.6 million over the next nine years. This represents an average of \$2.31 per \$100,000 of your assessed property value.

Ash trees on private property are the landowner's responsibility. If you are concerned about ash trees on your property, please contact a certified arborist for treatment/removal options. To learn more about EAB, visit the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's website at www.inspection.gc.ca

Trees are a valuable asset to the City of Mississauga. Without immediate action, EAB will have a devastating impact on the City's overall tree canopy. Let's work together to preserve our trees.

For information about the City's EAB Management Plan please visit www.mississauga.ca/eab or call 3-1-1. Outside city limits call 905-615-4311.



Ash tree affected by Emerald Ash Borer



Peel Outdoor Smoking By-law

In order to protect the health of our children, Peel and Mississauga Councils enacted the Peel Outdoor Smoking By-law. As of Sept. 2, 2013, it is against the law to smoke within 30 feet (nine metres) of municipally-owned or operated building entrances and exits, and the perimeter of playgrounds and sports/activity areas.

City of Mississauga Corporate Security and Region of Peel Enforcement Officers can give tickets and fines to people who break the law. Residents can report a violation by calling 905-615-4060.

Pat in the Community



With students and teachers at the Meadowvale Islamic Centre summer school food drive celebration in July



Speaking at Rotary Club of Mississauga-Meadowvale in February



With students of Castlebridge Public School on School Garden Day in May



With Lori Johnson, Father Jeff Brown and Police Constable Julia Osborne at St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church Vacation Bible School in August



With parents at Maple Wood Public School Wii night in February



With residents at my Free Swim at Erin Meadows Community Centre in March



With Lois and Bernard Jordaan at the Seniors' Fair I held in June

More Plastic in the Blue Box Please!

I am pleased that we have started to accept additional plastic packaging items for blue box collection. This will divert additional items from landfill and with your help the Region will achieve its green initiatives.

Residents are encouraged to include the following empty and clean plastic packaging materials in their blue box:

- Clamshell packaging used to package fruits (please remove the absorbent pad and place it in the garbage), vegetables and bakery products;
- Large empty clear plastic tubs, lids and trays used for salads, cakes and cooked chicken;
- Clear plastic egg cartons;
- Take-out containers including iced coffee/drinks cups, lids and microwavable trays;
- Clean plastic garden nursery pots, cells, trays and flats that are free of soil and plant materials;
- Empty plastic vitamin and prescription bottles and lids.



When in doubt, visit wheredoesitgo.ca to find out what does – or doesn't go in the blue box, green bin or garbage container.

Put Waste in its Place

- Visit wheredoesitgo.ca to help make garbage day easy
- Support organics recycling – divert material from landfill and have it converted into compost
- Consider donating gently used items instead of throwing them in the garbage.
- Use the Community Recycling Centres for free drop off of:
 - household hazardous waste
 - re-usable goods
 - dedicated loads of blue box materials
 - designated waste electronics and electrical equipment (WEEE)
 - passenger or light truck tires
 - large metal appliances and metal fixtures
 - scrap metal.

For more information on how to manage your waste, visit peelregion.ca/waste

Christmas Tree Collection

Place your Christmas tree at the curb on your scheduled collection day during the week of January 13, 2014.



Save the Dates!

The Meadowvale Theatre will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary in April 2014. We will be celebrating 25 years of community theatre with three days of exciting entertainment.

Friday April 25, 2014 – Free Evening Youth Event

Saturday April 26, 2014 – Evening Gala Event

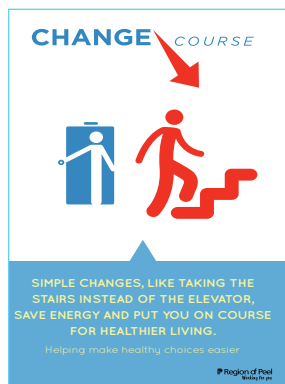
Sunday April 27, 2014 – Free Public Open House/BBQ

Please watch for updates on my website at ward9.ca.

Promoting a Healthy Lifestyle

Peel Region has one of the highest levels of diabetes with 1 in every 10 adults suffering from the disease. Without intervention this number will rise to 1 in 6 by 2025. In addition over 60% of adults in Peel are an unhealthy weight. Peel Health is very concerned and as a Council we are taking steps to prevent obesity and diabetes and promoting an active lifestyle.

As a member of the Supportive Environment for Healthy Living Committee, I am working to



provide opportunities to improve active living in Mississauga and Peel. I am personally pursuing several new projects that will encourage residents to become more active and have met with staff at the City to look at how we can make changes at City Hall to encourage

greater activity among staff and visitors. One simple way is to open up the staircases at City Hall and make them more attractive and inviting for use. Studies show that using the stairs just a few times a week can decrease your risk of diabetes and heart diseases.

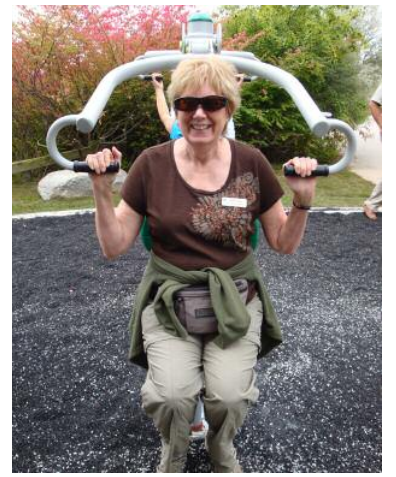
In our community, the outdoor gym at Lake Aquitaine was the first project I introduced and has become a model for more such projects in the Region. I am planning smaller versions at Lake Wabukayne Park and the new park at Tenth Line/Aquitaine and looking at other parks in the ward that are suitable candidates. If you have a suggestion let me know and I will have staff review the location to see if this is feasible.

We are blessed with numerous trails in Ward 9 where we can walk or ride and I encourage you to take advantage of them. We now have new bike paths on Tenth Line from Britannia all the way to Argenta and a new bike trail on Winston Churchill Blvd. from Erin Centre to Britannia.

Try them out and enjoy our community while staying healthy.

Take your healthy lifestyle to work and make sure you take stretch breaks every few hours. Promote walking meetings or just get out and walk for a short distance each day. Get out your bike and make use of the many new bike lanes and trails in Mississauga. You can even take your bike on the bus using our bike racks on every MiWay bus.

There are so many small steps you can take to improve the health of yourself and your family. For more information visit: healthypeelbydesign.ca and walkandrollpeel.ca.



Volunteer Opportunities for Youth



As you know, our young people are required to accumulate a number of community volunteer hours for school. I encourage organizations and businesses in Ward 9 to contact our local high schools if you can provide opportunities for our youth.

Meadowvale Secondary School,
Phone 905-824-1790

John Fraser Secondary School,
Phone 905-858-5910

St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School,
Phone 905-820-3900

West Credit Secondary School,
Phone 905-858-3087

I use youth volunteers for my Ward events and they do an outstanding job. This is a great experience for students that helps prepare them for their chosen career paths. Please contact my office at 905-896-5900 or email me at pat.saito@mississauga.ca to get on the Ward 9 volunteer database to receive email updates about volunteer opportunities.

I also highly recommend Volunteering Peel, a youth driven volunteer organization that works in cooperation with Volunteer MBC. This group started in Ward 9 and has expanded across the region. For more information visit volunteeringpeel.org/

The City also provides volunteer experiences for youth at both Ward 9 Libraries and Community Centres.

For information contact:

Erin Meadows Community Centre,
Phone: 905-615-4750

Meadowvale Community Centre,
Phone: 905-615-4710

Erin Meadows Library,
Phone: 905-615-4750

Meadowvale Library,
Phone: 905-615-4715

Measuring the Health of Peel's Youth

Did you know that as students transition from elementary to secondary school, the quality of their diet declines? In 2011, Peel Public Health undertook the largest study to date to assess the health and well-being of students in grades 7-12. The findings reveal some areas of concern in the lifestyle of today's tweens and teenagers. These include:

- One-fifth of students are classified as overweight and one-sixth are obese.
- The frequency of daily smoking increases with age, rising to 6% of students by grade 12.
- Nearly 25% of girls and 13% of boys lose sleep due to worry.

View the full survey and assessment findings at:

peelregion.ca/health/health-status-report/studenthealth2011

A Community Owned Housing and Homelessness Plan

Council will be deliberating on the Region of Peel's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan this winter. In support of the Province's Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy, Peel's reflects the collective ideas and inputs of our residents and partners in the public, private and non-profit sectors. For more information or to learn how you can continue to have your say, visit peelregion.ca/housinghomelessness.



Looking for Help? It's Easy as 1-2-3!

Looking for information about local community supports, government programs/services or emergency assistance? Just think in threes... as in three-digit telephone numbers.



When you don't know where to turn.™

Call 2-1-1 for non-emergency information and referrals to community agencies and government programs. 2-1-1 is free, confidential, available

24/7 and in multiple languages.

For what types of services can 2-1-1 connect you ?

- Housing supports
- Transportation supports
- Financial assistance
- Employment services
- Support groups, like-minded groups
- Recreational activities in the community
- Counselling



Call 3-1-1 for access to Regional and municipal government programs/services in Mississauga.

For what type of services can 3-1-1 provide you?

- Garbage, recycling and yard waste
- Recreation centres, parks and programs
- Public Health
- Water
- City roads and transportation

Call 9-1-1 during an emergency. An emergency is any situation in which the safety of people or property is at risk and requires immediate assistance.

For what type of emergencies would you call 9-1-1?

- A fire
- A crime in progress
- A medical emergency

To learn more about each of these services, visit peelregion.ca/contactus.

Lake Wabukayne Floating Island Update

It has been a hard summer for the new floating island at Lake Wabukayne. I heard from many residents that the high winds and rain caused the pods to flip over. Our staff have been working with the contractor to find a better anchoring solution and we are confident that the new system is up to the challenge. Many thanks to all who keep an eye on the lake and who continue to be stewards of the park and lake area by notifying me and City staff of any issues.



With Mayor McCallion and Friends of Lake Wabukayne

Meadowvale Community Centre Renovations Update

Meadowvale Community Centre is still on schedule to close for renovations in July of 2014 when River Grove Community Centre re-opens. Staff have assured me that there should be no construction delays with the River Grove renovation. In the event that the construction at River Grove is extended, we will do our best to ensure minimal overlap of the closures.

I held an Open House in February of this year so that residents could view the architect's renderings of the new building and provide ideas and input. This resulted in some changes and the architect was asked to revise the plans based on feedback received from residents. I will be holding another Open House – please check my website at ward9.ca for updates or email me at pat.saito@mississauga.ca to be added to receive my monthly e-newsletter.

Union Gas Lands Park Update

Planning is moving ahead for Ward 9's newest park at Tenth Line and Aquitaine. Based on input from the community at a meeting I held with staff on April 23, we presented a proposed plan to the community in November.

With further input we will be proceeding with construction in 2014. I am happy that we are able to incorporate year round activities for all ages in this park. There will be play equipment for young children, skateboard, basketball and dirt bike paths for older children and teens, and exercise equipment for adults. The toboggan hill will be improved and the boards for an outdoor ice rink installed. There will also be green space with outdoor structures to provide shade. I am also hoping we can incorporate a small water play feature as well as an apple tree grove. Requests for a small dog run are also being reviewed.

I will be posting more information and final plans on my website at ward9.ca.

Congratulations to the following businesses that celebrated anniversaries this year in Ward 9



Getting ready to cut the ribbon to celebrate Mitutoyo Canada Inc.'s 40th Anniversary held on October 16



With Joe Meleca, Owner of Fortelli Salon & Spa at the grand re-opening of the salon located at Aquitaine and Winston Churchill

Have a Say in How Peel Grows! Participate in the Regional Official Plan Review

The Regional Official Plan guides growth and development in Peel. Help shape the future of our neighbourhoods by sharing your priorities and community vision while we plan to 2041.

Proposed focus areas for the review include aging, agriculture, climate change, Greenlands' systems planning, growth management, health and the built environment, housing, transportation and water resources.

Get involved by joining our stakeholders' list, participating in surveys, attending workshops, open houses and public meetings. Learn more at peelregion.ca/planning/officialplan.

Suggestions? Comments? Want to join our stakeholders list? Contact Lauren Tollstam at lauren.tollstam@peelregion.ca or at 905-791-7800 x4362

Welcome to New Ward 9 Businesses



April 4 grand opening of the Marshalls store at Argentia and Winston Churchill



April 20 grand opening of the Booster Juice at Argentia and Winston Churchill



April 23 grand opening of Affy's Premium Grill located on Argentia Road



Cutting the ribbon at the May 31 grand opening of Alia N TanJay at the Erin Mills Town Centre



Cutting the ribbon at the October 15 grand opening of Porta Via located on West Credit Avenue at Derry Road



With Shinichi Namamura, the CEO of SPPCA Canada Aircraft Inc. at their grand opening held on March 7

Hands-only CPR Saves Lives

Those closest to you may need your help. Up to 55 per cent of cardiac arrests are witnessed by a family member or friend. Hands-only CPR has been shown to be as effective as full CPR, doubling or even tripling someone's chances of survival. It's easy to do and doesn't require mouth-to-mouth breathing.

The steps:

1. Check if the person is responding to you
2. Call 911 or tell someone to call 911
3. Push hard and fast (100 times per minute) in the centre of the chest

Don't be afraid to act. A broken rib is well worth keeping a family member or friend alive. The Good Samaritan Act protects anyone who performs CPR from being sued.

For CPR certification, please visit the following websites for more information: heartandstroke.on.ca, redcross.ca, peelparamedics.ca or sjapeel.ca.

ISCPP Award

I was surprised and honoured to be presented with the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners (ISCPP) Crime Prevention Ambassador Award on July 16. I had attended the first crime prevention training session held in Canada by the ISCPP to speak about Safe City and to welcome the many attendees to the city. What a surprise to be presented with an award! Crime prevention has always been a priority of mine and keeping our neighbourhoods safe is important to me. It was an honour to be recognized for doing what I so strongly believe in.



The Region is Ready for Emergencies

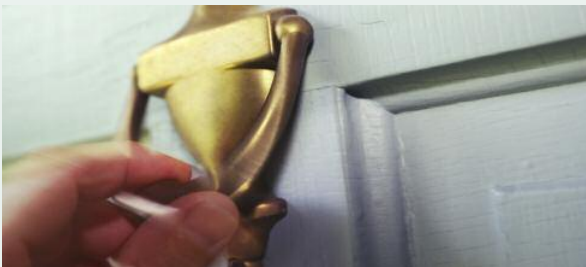
As a Vice Chair of the Emergency Management Program Committee, I strongly believe that every individual needs to be prepared for an emergency. Peel Regional Emergency Preparedness Program (PREP) ensures that Peel region is a disaster resilient community which means that we are better prepared to respond and recover from a significant emergency.

PREP annually reviews and updates the Region of Peel Emergency Plan so that it meets provincial standards and legislation requirements. PREP team members also provide education to Peel residents about personal and family emergency preparedness. I encourage you to visit peelregion.ca/prep for a variety of resources and tips on how to stay safe and be prepared for various emergency situations.



With Mississauga firefighters who wrapped a fire engine in pink in support of Breast Cancer Awareness

Beware of Door-to-Door Water Treatment Sales Agents



Residents are advised not to open their door to anyone asking to test their tap water or for

water samples unless that person is an employee of the Region of Peel.

The Region of Peel does not employ or authorize other companies to test municipal tap water or to collect water samples on the Region's behalf. Peel Public Works staff carry photo ID cards and drive regional vehicles.

Peel Water Operators are certified to conduct health related test to confirm water safety, and accredited and licensed laboratories are used

for analysis of all drinking water tests.

The Region of Peel is responsible for the treatment and distribution of your water supply and the water quality meets the Ontario drinking water quality standards.

Should you have any concerns about water safety or quality, Regional staff would be happy to assist you. Please call 905-791-7800, ext 4685, or email WaterQualityInquiries@peelregion.ca

Streetsville Pumping Station and Reservoir Construction Update

The overall work on the pumping station and reservoir has been progressing well. There have been challenges with the delivery of key equipment which has caused some delays in the schedule. Much of the exterior activities such as landscaping and restoration should be completed by the end of year and it is expected that the overall project will be completed by March 2014.

Water and Wastewater Online Locate Request Form

If you're planning a major landscaping project or putting in a new pool next spring then you'll need to complete a Region of Peel Locate Request Form before beginning any construction on your property. The easy to use form takes only minutes to complete.

When your request has been processed the Region will provide you with a diagram of underground water and wastewater infrastructure so you'll know where not to dig to avoid costly repairs.

You can find information and a link to the form at <https://www.peelregion.ca/pw/locaterequest>



Ward 9 Watermain Work

Current construction on the following streets is anticipated to be completed by fall 2014.

- Bilabo Lane
- Gananoque Drive
- Glen Erin Drive from Derry Road West to Gananoque Drive
- Torquay Mews
- Willowmore Way

Construction on the following streets is anticipated to begin in 2014.

Spring

- Andorra Circle
- Inlake Court
- Tours Road between Winston Churchill Boulevard and Windwood Drive

Summer

- Argentia Road, just north and south of Derry Road West
- Crickadorn Court
- Glace Bay Road
- Neuchatel Road
- Nipwin Drive

Fall

- Britannia Road West between Winston Churchill Boulevard and Erin Mills Parkway



Public Works now on Twitter

Peel Public Works is committed to keeping you up to date. Receive timely news by following us on Twitter. Use your mobile Twitter app to receive our Tweets while on the go. Follow us at: twitter.com/peelpublicworks

Community Celebrations



Speaking at the 3rd annual Family Day Walkathon in support of Credit Valley Hospital held by the Mississauga Muslim Community in February



At Shoeless Joes with Darcy Tucker, former Toronto Maple Leaf in October



At Chinese New Year Celebration at Fo Guang Shan Temple in February



With Nance MacDonald, Vice President of Erin Mills Town Centre at the announcement in July of the \$100 million dollar renovation plans



With Haroon Khan celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr in August

Clear the Way this Winter



On-street Parking Restrictions

Roads without parked cars are plowed faster.

Remove your cars off city roads from Nov. 1 – March 31 from 2 – 6 a.m.

Extended parking and boulevard parking are exempt.

The issuance of parking considerations may be suspended during ongoing snow clearing operations.

Information on City Snow Removal

mississauga.ca/snow

Call: 905-615-SNOW (7669)

TTY: 905-896-5151

twitter.com/MississaugaSnow



Information on Regional Snow Removal

For information on Regional Roads

visit peelregion.ca/roads

Or call 905-791-7800, ext. 4409

twitter.com/peelpublicworks



Hydrant Snow Removal

Homeowners and businesses are reminded to keep any hydrants on or near their property clear of snow and visible from the road at all times.

Quick access to hydrants is essential to provide emergency services.

Please consider the safety of your neighbours and the community this winter.

Thank you for helping keep our community safe.

For more information on Region of Peel services, visit peelregion.ca or call 905-791-7800, ext. 4409.

Please check my website at ward9.ca to view a list of committees I sit on and to view a Calendar of Upcoming Events. To receive my monthly e-newsletter and be kept up to date please email me at pat.saito@mississauga.ca and type "join email list" in the subject line or use this QR Code.



Organ Donations

I want to remind everyone to consider becoming an organ donor. Changes to the program require you to register online at beadonor.ca. You could help save the life of someone waiting for an organ. I was made aware of the need for this by a young lady in our ward who has been waiting for a liver transplant and encourage everyone to think about it. One donor could save 8 lives!

beadonor.ca



With Eden Community Food Bank Chef Peter Costello



eden community food bank

Please remember to help those who are in need.

For more information, visit edenfoodbank.org, call 905-785-3651 or email info@edenfoodbank.org.

Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser



Bundle up and walk on February 22, 2014 in the Coldest Night of the Year, a 5 & 10 km fundraising walk held by The Dam in Meadowvale in support of the hungry, homeless and hurting in our community and 60+ other cities across Canada.

Last year my team "Councillors Brrrrrraving the Cold", raised \$4,890. The total raised for The Dam was \$18,500. Please join me for the 2014 event.

To register as a team, go to www.coldestnightoftheyear.org



At the The Dam Coldest Night of the Year Fundraising walkathon

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Who does what?

Government Services link on ward9.ca



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



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



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