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Councillor's Report

Ward 9

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Dear Neighbour:

It has been a very busy year in Ward 9 filled with exciting events and stressful development applications. As our community ages, we are being faced with infill development that can have a lasting impact on our neighbourhoods. We are being asked to approve proposals that do not meet the City planning policies and we are restricted by the Provincial Places to Grow policies that are over-riding our own planning.

The positive of this is that hundreds of residents have become involved and motivated to protect their community and to work with me on these issues. A new residents' association has been formed which is a very good thing. I look forward to working with them on many issues.

We are deliberating the 2016 budgets at the Region and City and my intent is to again ensure that any increases are reasonable and fair. My goal is to preserve service levels, find efficiencies and spend tax dollars wisely.

You will see the new Stormwater charge on your Region of Peel water bills in 2016. This is money raised by the City to pay for the new and increased maintenance costs of our storm water system. This system was planned years ago to handle the 100 years storm but climate changes have resulted in this storm intensity occurring more frequently with rainfalls heavier than the system can handle. The funds raised will be dedicated only to storm water. Previously the amounts for this use on the tax bill were placed into general revenue and at risk of being used for other needs. No one likes adding fees or taxes but we have to maintain the system and that costs money. We have been lucky that we were not hit with the intense flooding as other communities in Mississauga but it could happen and we have to prevent that.

A year ago, I said my goal was to increase the dividends from Enersource (Hydro). We have just approved a merger with Powerstream and Horizon Utilities and together will be buying Brampton Hydro. This new company in which Mississauga will still be a stakeholder will result in higher dividends annually to the city and more efficiencies. It will also mean lower than expected rate increases for customers. As a board member of Enersource I am excited about this new merger as it will bring positive benefits to our citizens and to the city.

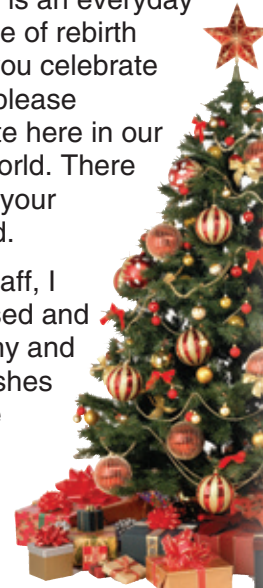
I hope you find the information in this newsletter on Regional programs informative and helpful. Remember that my staff and I are here to serve you and can be reached by email at pat.saito@mississauga.ca or by phone to 905-896-5900.

At this time of year, we should count our many blessings and realize how fortunate we are to live in a country where peace is an everyday way of life. Christmas is a time of rebirth and new beginnings and as you celebrate with your family and friends, please remember those less fortunate here in our community and around the world. There are many ways you can help your neighbours and those in need.

On behalf of my family and staff, I want to wish you a very blessed and Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year. My best wishes also go to those who observe other religious celebrations.



Pat Saito, Councillor, Ward 9



Proud to Receive Special CPTED Ontario Award

I was very honoured to be the keynote speaker at the Ontario CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) 14th annual conference held in Mississauga on October 27, 2015.

I was very surprised when I was presented with a special award of Honourary Member. This has only been given to one other person, Timothy Crowe, who started CPTED worldwide. This was such a great honour and I will cherish this recognition. Working to prevent crime in Mississauga has always been a priority for me and I have seen first-hand how proper planning can create safer communities



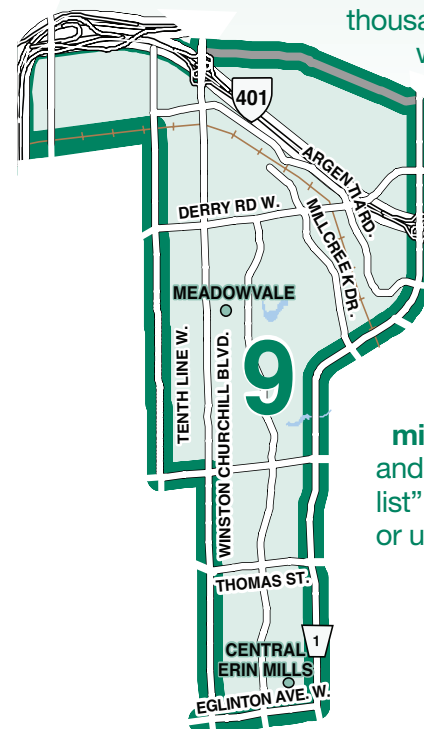
Sign-up for my e-newsletter

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.



Bi-Weekly, Cart-Based Waste Collection starts January 4, 2016

Beginning January 4, 2016, Ward 9 residents who currently receive curbside waste collection services will be moving to bi-weekly, cart-based collection which means:

- **Garbage and recycling will be picked up every other week** (one week garbage, the next week recycling) but organics will continue to be picked up weekly
- You will be required to use carts (rather than bags and bins) for your waste

Also Council approved my recommendation to have a grace period from April 1 to April 30, 2016, when residents can exchange carts for a different size at no charge. Try your cart for the first months and if it is too large or small, then arrange to have it changed.

You can go to peelregion.ca/carts to learn more about bi-weekly, cart-based waste collection.

Start using the new carts during the week of January 4, 2016

Please note that a few locations, primarily condominium townhouse complexes, will be on a bag-based program instead of using carts. More information about the bi-weekly, bag-based program can be found at peelregion.ca/bags.

This new way of collecting your waste is intended to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill by encouraging recycling and composting and contributing to the Region saving about \$5.8 million a year.



Development News

Ward 9 has been faced with several major development applications. I want to thank the residents who have attended my meetings, served on committees and given your input on these proposals.

I have much experience in handling development in the community and I feel that I know what works and what will create problems. I did not support several proposals as I felt and still feel that they will create traffic and parking concerns and are not suitable for the locations in which they are proposed.

Meadowvale Islamic Centre

Council approved in an 11-1 vote (with me opposing), the application to build the Meadowvale Islamic

centre on Winston Churchill Boulevard opposite Meadowvale Town Centre. Community opposition was the highest I have ever seen and most residents shared my concerns over the known parking shortfall (as indicated in the City’s IBI Group study). Concerns also centred on the increased turning traffic at a very busy intersection and the conflicts that will occur with students crossing from the local schools mid-day. The size of the building so close to existing homes was also a concern. But the application was approved and unless there is an appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board will proceed.

I will work with the community and the new residents’ association and the MIC board

to ensure that this building will work in the neighbourhood and I hope that all parties will agree that there must be some compromises if this is to happen.

I was upset that our community was labelled as being racist because of the opposition. This was an unfair statement and it is regrettable that no apology was forthcoming to the Ward 9 community. The concerns raised were all valid and continue to be so. I would have had the same concerns regardless of what the building was being used for if it created the projected high amount of traffic and lack of parking. Making this an issue of religion or race was unwarranted and has hurt our community. But Meadowvale is strong and we

will survive. I am proud of the residents who spoke out on the key issues and who will now work to make this project a success.

2700 Aquitaine

The Ontario Municipal Board hearing for the application for three apartment buildings at 2700 Aquitaine has concluded and we await the decision of the board. This could take several months. The City in opposing the application had a good strong argument and I hope the board agrees. I strongly opposed this application and it too was opposed by many residents for valid reasons.

There are several other applications that are in process right now. Please visit **ward9.ca** for ongoing updates.

Saving Lives during a Sudden Cardiac Arrest

The Region of Peel is a leader in promoting resident training in CPR and in increasing the number of automated external defibrillation



(AED) units in all facilities. The faster people having sudden cardiac arrest (SCA) get hands-on care, the greater their chance of survival. Hands-only cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillation (AED) are critical tools in improving survivability.

In 2013, Regional Council approved a program to increase the number of AEDs in the community by ensuring all Regional buildings and facilities are equipped with them. By working co-operatively with existing Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) programs in our local municipalities and in the private sector, Peel Region is leading the development of a co-ordinated community registry of these life-saving devices. Having a community registry will ultimately enable emergency operators to direct bystanders to the nearest

AED during an emergency. Registration also encourages regular maintenance of AEDs ensuring they operate correctly when needed. If you have an AED you can contact the Peel Regional PAD program to register the device at **padprogram@peelregion.ca**

We also want to increase the number of times bystanders act when they witness an SCA through public education and public awareness. This complements existing programs spear-headed by Peel Regional Paramedics to increase the number of citizens who know and can administer CPR.

In 2014, I organized a hands-on CPR training session at Celebration Square where we trained over 500 residents. I will be planning a local free training session in our community and will post details on **www.ward9.ca**.

New Expression Swing installed at Lake Aquitaine Park

I am very excited to announce that the new Expression Swing was installed this summer at Lake Aquitaine Park.

This swing allows parents to swing with their child. Please try it and give me your feedback by emailing me at **pat.saito@mississauga.ca**.



Proper Care for Animals in Extreme Weather

In 2014, I chaired a committee at the City to bring in new Standards of Care for pets in extreme weather. As we approach cold winter weather please remember that pet owners are required to provide proper shelter and care for their pets. The following key points in the by-law are:

- Pets cannot be left outdoors during extreme weather except for brief walks or exercise unless the animal has access to adequate shelter to protect the animal.
- Doghouses must be large enough for the dog to stand up, turn around, lie down and stretch its limbs to the fullest. They must be insulated; have clean dry bedding and shade; be in good repair; and comply with the City’s Zoning by-law.
- Animals must not be tethered for any longer than a total of four hours out of every 24 hours. Tethers must be at least three metres or 9.84 feet allowing the dog to move safely and unrestricted. The animal is to be in view of the owner with access to appropriate food, water shelter and shade.
- Animals cannot be left unattended in automobiles if weather conditions are not suitable and may cause the animal distress.
- Owners must provide veterinary care to pets to relieve distress from injury neglect or disease.

For the complete by-law click here: <http://bit.ly/1N5Qbpj>

Road Safety in Winter

If you are planning on travelling, make sure you give yourself some extra time and you have a few emergency supplies in your vehicle. Take a few minutes to add the following items to your vehicle in the event you run into trouble while travelling:

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| • Water or juice (carry some every day to avoid freezing) | • Flashlight – glow sticks |
| • Snacks | • Matches and candle |
| • Spare clothing | • Reflective safety vests |
| • Blankets or sleeping bags | • Spare change |
| • First aid kit | • Shovel and scraper |
| | • Sand, salt or cat litter |

Peel’s Fall Proactive Road Maintenance

As the temperatures begin to get colder, the roadways will also get colder. Evening dew and condensation along with cold roads can cause ice formation. To keep Peel’s roads safe, our proactive maintenance strategy helps prevent hazardous road conditions.

Regional road operations crews use advance weather monitoring systems to predict approaching weather events and to monitor air and road temperatures. When forecasts predict possible icy conditions, we proactively apply liquid salt brine on roads, bridges, higher curves and bends in the road. This reduces the formation of black ice, frost and packed-on snow. We may apply this liquid on our bridges early in the season because bridges can freeze faster than roads.

Depending on the outlook of the temperature forecasts, crews can treat roadways up to three days in advance of possible ice formation conditions.

Union Gas Park at Design Stage

I know the community is excited about having a new park at Tenth Line and Aquitaine. Following all the input from residents, we are moving ahead with design work.

The plans for the park are on display and available for the community to view at the Meadowvale Library. You can also view the plans online by visiting my website at ward9.ca.

Initial work will include a temporary ice rink for this winter's use. We will be looking for nearby residents to help maintain the rink so please contact me at pat.saito@mississauga.ca if you are willing to help.

We should be able to incorporate all the ideas from our community meetings into the park design including a potential dog run and I know the community is looking forward to seeing the final plans as much as I am.



Helping you Find Quality Licensed Child Care

If you are a parent seeking child care, finding the right child care provider is a very important decision.

There are a variety of licensed home, centre and school-based child care providers to choose from in in Ward 9 and Peel. All licensed child care providers are regulated and inspected by the Provincial Government. As well, the Region of Peel, school boards and the province work together to support licensed providers to deliver programs that make children feel safe, supported and cared for.

Quality licensed programs offer stimulating environments that help children ages 0 – 12 years develop and grow.

Subsidies for Eligible Families

Eligible families can receive fee subsidies through the Region of Peel so that their child can participate in licensed child care. The Region increased funds to make more subsidies available and put into place a number of initiatives to increase access to licensed care for families receiving a fee subsidy. As a result, we do not currently have a subsidy wait list and eligible families can receive subsidy right away.

Regional Council bringing Paramedics closer to the Community

I am very proud that Peel has one of the best paramedic services in the province. In June 2007, Regional Council adopted a facilities development plan to bring paramedic services closer to the community and we have been moving on building new stations in our city.

Ultimately, paramedics will operate 21 small satellite stations organized around 4 large reporting stations. Where possible these are co-located with other facilities such as fire stations.

Paramedics are assigned to a reporting station where they obtain a clean, fully-equipped vehicle. During their shift, they are assigned to satellite stations for ready response in the community.

In Mississauga three of the new stations are already active and others are in various stages of development.

The one closest to our community is on the southeast corner of Thomas Street and Erin Mills Parkway which will open at the end of 2018.

We have also reserved land at Aquitaine and Tenth Line for a future station.

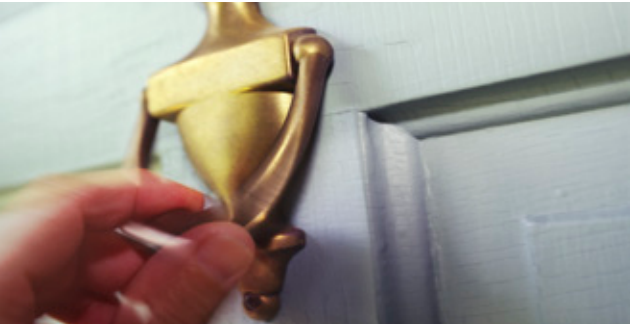
Meadowvale Residents' Association (MRA) Formed



I am so pleased that a group of residents has formed a new association. The Meadowvale Residents' Association (MRCA) was inaugurated on October 7.

With very short notice, more than 140 residents attended the meeting. The new organization has elected an executive board and is moving to affiliation with the city. For information or to get involved email them at meadowvaleresidentsassoc@gmail.com.

Beware of Door-to-Door Water Treatment Sales



Ward 9 residents are advised not to open their door to anyone asking to test their tap water, collect tap water samples or install water equipment unless that person is an employee or an agent of the Region of Peel.

The Region of Peel does not employ or authorize other companies to test municipal tap water or to collect municipal tap 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 drinking water tests to confirm water safety,

and to collect drinking water samples, which are analyzed by an accredited and licensed laboratory.

The Region of Peel is responsible for the treatment and distribution of the municipal water supply. Peel's water quality meets the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (Ontario Regulation 169/03).

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

Meadowvale Community Centre Redevelopment Update

The Meadowvale Community Centre redevelopment is on time and on budget.

The plan is to finish by June 2016 and fully open for September 2016.

I have to say it was very exciting to be on site this summer and see how it is all coming together. The fitness centre is bigger than I imagined it would be, the views to the lake are fantastic and yet every square foot is being used.

The front will be a landscaped area with game boards, benches, paths and areas to just sit and enjoy life. There is a basketball court outside in the rear and a covered pavilion close to the splash pad which is being rebuilt next year also.

There will be ample handicapped parking near the building as well as parking on the north side and on Glen Erin Drive evenings and weekends.



Pat in the Community



Children's Choir celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Meadowvale Seventh Day Adventist Church



Eden Food for Change Food Drive held in August



Celebrating Eid al-Adha in September



Maplewood Public School Principal Neil Garraway is served his coffee by me and Nokha Dakroub, School Trustee



Spent a morning at the Muslim Welfare Centre helping to fill bags of food for distribution to those in need



Proud to have presented medals at the Pan Am Games this summer

Britannia Road Construction in 2017

The final section of Britannia Road, from Winston Churchill Blvd. to Erin Mills Parkway will be rehabilitated in 2017. This work will include construction of a concrete sidewalk on the south side of Britannia Road from Paddle Road to Glen Erin Drive. The existing sidewalk on the north side of Britannia Road from WCB to EMP will be replaced with a 2.5 - 3.0 metre (8 - 10 foot) asphalt multi use trail. I have asked staff to maintain the road side ditches/shallow swale along Britannia Road if possible to incorporate more environmentally friendly drainage systems.



Ward 9. The Dam offers support for at-risk-youth through mentoring and providing a safe drop-in as well as other supportive programs. By working with youth in a one-on-one approach or in group consultation, staff at the Dam are able to get to the core issues that affect their behaviour.

Please support the Dam by visiting thedam.org and making a donation.

The Dam has been instrumental in providing a safe haven for the youth of Meadowvale and

Please Remember to Help those in Need.



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



Christmas Tree Collection

Place your Christmas tree at the curb on your scheduled collection day during the **week of January 12, 2016**. Remove all tinsel, ornaments, plastic bags and tree stands before placing your tree on the curb.

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Who does what?
Government Services
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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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