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Councillor's Report

Ward 9

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Dear Neighbour:

As we head into summer, I have included in this newsletter tips for keeping you and your family safe and healthy as well as ongoing updates on what is happening in Ward 9 and the city.

I urge you to take the time to check out the Peel Police and Safe City websites for crime prevention tips. Also, make sure your family stays healthy by taking precautions against mosquitos and Lyme carrying ticks. Peel Health has information on that.

School will be out soon for the summer and children will be playing on sidewalks and in driveways. Please drive carefully and watch for them at all times. Pedestrian safety can be in your hands if you are driving, so take care and be alert.

May was an exciting month in Ward 9 as we opened the Garry W. Morden Training Centre. Also in May, the Friends of

Wabukayne were hard at work continuing the revitalization of one of our beautiful lakes in Meadowvale.

We continue to see new offices being built in the business park adding more jobs to the community and some additional retail was approved at both Erin Mills Town Centre and West Gate at Argentia/Winston Churchill.

Mark your calendar for September 15 for the 30th Anniversary celebrations of the Meadowvale Community Centre.

Enjoy your summer. Stay safe and healthy and don't forget you can contact me at any time by e-mail to pat.saito@mississauga.ca or by phone at 905-896-5900.

Pat Saito, Councillor Ward 9



Garry W. Morden Centre - Dedicated to Fire and Life Safety opens

May was a busy time in Ward 9. On Tuesday May 8th, representatives from all levels of government joined me to officially open the Garry W. Morden Centre (GWMC) dedicated to Fire and Life Safety.

On May 12, the community came out to celebrate the opening and experience this incredible facility. It was a fun filled day with a free BBQ, courtesy of the Meadowvale Town Centre Metro grocery store, Maple Leaf Foods, Enbridge Gas Distribution and Tim Hortons. Entertainment was provided by local classic rock band the Shadow Cats.

I am so very proud that this state-of-the-art, multi-agency facility is located in Ward 9 on Ninth Line just north of the railway tracks. Having worked on the project for many years, it was exciting to see all our work come to fruition.

The GWMC is a unique partnership between the City of Mississauga Fire and Emergency Services, Peel Regional Police and the Department of National Defence.

The new facility will serve as a training ground for our firefighters and police officers to ensure they are kept up-to-date on the latest training techniques. In addition, it will be home to an infantry company of the Toronto Scottish Regiment, which is part of the Army Reserve.

The centre includes:

- a smoke tower for highrise emergency training;
- live fire propane training props;
- a multi-unit, live fire burn building;
- a driver training circuit and highway training props;
- a variety of specialized rescue training props including hazardous materials, confined space, trench rescue and auto extrication;
- a storm water management pond that exists on the site will be used for drafting/pumping operations and ice rescue training.

This facility is a tribute to the City's former Fire Chief and Ward 9 resident, Garry Morden. Garry was the champion behind the design and development of this facility and contributed much of his time and effort towards making it a reality. As I worked with him on the project, it was evident that he was putting his heart and soul into it and that it was very important to him. I was pleased that Council supported my request to name the centre in Garry's honour and that he was able to attend Council when we announced the name before he passed away in October 2008.

I am also proud of the fact that the facility has been built to a LEED Silver (Leadership in Engineering and Environmental Design) standard in keeping with the City's commitment to Living Green.



Photos from the official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the Garry W. Morden Centre held on Tuesday May 8, 2012.



Vacuum Leaf Pickup Guidelines

It's hard to think about falling leaves in summer, however it's important to keep residents aware and up-to-date about the city's seasonal services.

In older and heavily treed areas of Mississauga, the City's Transportation and Works Department provides curbside/ditch vacuum leaf pickup in the later part of the fall. This program is jointly funded by the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel and augments the Region's seasonal yard waste collection. Leaf pickup helps to ensure the roadway drainage ditches and curbside storm drains are cleared, reducing the potential for flooding.

Vacuum Leaf Pickup is not a citywide service, but is available in areas that are more than 30 years old and meet other criteria such as the age, quantity and size of the trees. *The area age is based upon when the builder finished construction in the subdivision and the City took responsibility for the maintenance and upkeep of the roads, curbs, sidewalks, streetlights, trees and sewers.*

This means that even if you moved into your home 30 years ago, your street may not qualify if the subdivision was not assumed by the City until a later date.

If a subdivision meets these criteria, residents will receive a direct-mail notice in the fall that indicates when leaves will be vacuumed. If residents don't receive this notice then the area doesn't meet the criteria.

Several Ward 9 neighbourhoods have started to receive this service and more will be added as our community ages. As I receive confirmation of these locations from staff, I will post them on the Ward 9 website at ward9.ca.

For more information visit mississauga.ca/leafpickup.



Pat with Rick Hansen at the Relay In Motion at Celebration Square.

Low Income Energy Assistance Program

The Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) is a province-wide initiative offered by electric utilities and regulated by the Ontario Energy Board (OEB). The program assists low-income electricity consumers in Ontario who are experiencing difficulties keeping their electricity bills current. Offered on a year-round basis or until the available funds are exhausted, LEAP is intended to supplement other existing financial support programs.

In Mississauga it is administered by Enersource Hydro Mississauga in cooperation with Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre.

The program provides a one-time annual payment of up to \$500 in funding towards a customer's electricity bill payment. Those with homes heated by electricity may be eligible for up to \$600 in funding.

For more information contact the Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre at 905-629-1873 or by e-mail to info@dixiebloor.ca.

MiWay Accessible Service

I was pleased to be in attendance as the last of the older Mississauga Transit buses was retired in December 2011. We have been constantly working towards improvements in transit in order to become a more transit-oriented city and one that places priority on our citizens who require accessible service.

As of December 2011, 100% of our fleet is fully accessible making travel easier for individuals with disabilities as well as for everyone.

Our Mississauga Accessibility Advisory Committee, of which I am a member, has worked hard alongside transit staff to ensure that improvements were appropriate. Besides all buses being accessible, we have also implemented an automated stop announcement system and we are continuously reviewing these new services.



Pat with MiWay bus driver Paul House retiring the last non-accessible bus.

Visit: miway.ca/accessibility for information on MiWay accessible service.

Second Units

Last year, as part of the provincial long-term affordable housing strategy, the Province of Ontario passed Bill 140, the Strong Communities through Affordable Housing Act, requiring municipalities to allow second units. A second unit can be on any level of a home and should contain a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom area and separate entrance.

Council recognizes that we need to provide a range of housing choices and we also need to reduce the waiting list for affordable housing. In Mississauga, one in three households in the City has housing affordability issues, spending more than 30 per cent of their income on housing. There are currently 12,800 people on our waiting list at the Region of Peel for affordable housing.

The City must move ahead in permitting second units but we want to ensure that any units created are safe, meet zoning regulations, are in appropriate locations and do not impose a financial burden on taxpayers.

In order to get input from all stakeholders on this issue, we held five public consultation workshops across the City. More than 200

residents and stakeholder representatives participated, including many at the workshop held in Ward 9, and provided us with a range of thoughts and ideas that will be considered by Council. We also conducted an online workshop throughout this consultation period.

The City's Housing Choices website has information about second units, the public workshops that were held, as well as the residents' survey used at the workshops. Please visit mississauga.ca/housingchoices for more information and updates.

Pat at the Ward 9 second units workshop with Division Fire Chief, Roger Clement and residents.



Criteria for Noise Walls

I get inquiries from Ward 9 residents from time to time about noise walls and how they can get one. Noise walls are the concrete or wood walls along the rear of residential properties that back onto major municipal roadways and are designed to control noise in the backyard.

In Mississauga, our Transportation and Works Department constructs and maintains such barriers and we have established criteria for their installation. Noise levels must be greater than 60 decibels in the outdoor area of the property and the property must have rear property adjacent to arterial and major collector roads.

The current policy requires the cost of a new noise barrier where none exists to be shared with the homeowners on a 50-50 split. These installations may be initiated by the City or by private property owners by means of a petition and are dependent on installation criteria. The wall is constructed

on City property where possible and, once installed, is maintained and replaced by the City depending on level of deterioration.

When a new noise barrier is required along a major collector road as part of a significant capital improvement project, the City will construct it paying 100% of the cost. In the case of new development areas, construction of such a barrier is the responsibility of the developer.

Many of the older noise barriers were constructed on private property by developers and therefore are the responsibility of the property owner. In recent years, the City has replaced old deteriorated concrete and wood barriers with new ones on municipal property to be maintained by the City. Replacement of deteriorated noise barriers are reviewed annually and must be approved by Council.

If you wish further information about noise barriers, please visit the City's website at mississauga.ca/noisewalls.



Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board



MTAB members from left to right: Anne Witkowski, Cathy Smith, Tom Hope (Vice-chair), Al Horner, Susan Burt (Director, Culture Division), Roselyn Brown (Manager), Paul Eck, Linda Turk (Secretary), Pat Saito (Councillor, Ward 9), and John Ambrose (Chair). Missing were Michael Buchert (Treasurer), Paul Fletcher (Past Chair), Cindy McGoldrick and James Norrie.

The Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board is a volunteer board that has served our community for over 20 years. The board provides valuable guidance on maintaining the vision and mission of Ward 9's Meadowvale Theatre, the City's first centre for performing arts.

The board serves as a vehicle and voice to bridge residents/businesses in the community with the theatre, and nurtures and encourages use of the theatre by diverse performing arts groups within the various cultural communities in the city. It works in collaboration with the Culture Division of the City of Mississauga, and the Management staff of the theatre to encourage expansion of programming possibilities and engages in strategic and long range planning.

Windwood Woods Regeneration

Windwood Woods at the corner of Inlake Crt and Glen Erin Drive was fenced off approximately ten years ago to allow for the restoration and protection of the woods. We wanted to ensure that this important part of our community remained for future decades.

Mountain bike and BMX courses and jumps had been created throughout the woods. Although fun for the youth of the community, the impacts were detrimental to the woods. Trees and shrubs were destroyed and, more significantly, excavation and compaction of soil were taking a toll on the sustainability of the woods.

Eliminating access provided an opportunity for the woods to regenerate and allow city staff to complete additional works. Garbage and debris was removed from the site and potted

trees and shrubs were added to augment the existing vegetation. As you walk or drive by, you will now see that the woods are flourishing with the tree canopy growing extremely well.

In 2012, city staff will be reviewing the interior of the woods and if required adding additional trees and shrubs. They will determine if any tree maintenance works are required on the mature tree inventory. Staff will also be assessing the woods to determine if controlled access can be permitted to sections of the woods, allowing members of the community to once again enjoy the benefits of this natural environment. The outcomes of the review of the site will be available by mid-summer and I will post the results on the Ward 9 website at ward9.ca. You can also contact the Forestry unit by calling 311 for further information.

Plum Tree/Union Gas Land Update

You may have noticed activity at the Union Gas pumping station at Aquitaine and Tenth Line. Union Gas is closing down its operations and the land will become a new park for our community.

This land will replace Plum Tree Park which the City sold to the Peel District School Board for the school expansion in 2011. At that time, Union Gas had filed an application for residential dwellings on the pumping station land but, on my request, agreed to sell the land to the City instead and we expect to close the deal on this property in early 2013.

The land area is about 3.78 acres (1.53 hectares) and will be developed as a neighbourhood park. About one acre of the site is being held

in reserve for a potential future fire station to service our community. The pipeline and the pipeline corridor lands will remain in the ownership of Union Gas.

Prior to the transfer of the property Union Gas is decommissioning the plant site. A permit has been issued for the demolition for the gas compressor station and associated site works are underway. The large berm along the Aquitaine Avenue frontage will be removed this spring, in order to open up sight lines into the future park. The other berms to the east of the site will remain.

Watch the Ward 9 website for notice of a public open house where we will start to plan what will be included in the development of our new park.



Photos from the Garry W. Morden Centre public open house held on Saturday May 12, 2012.

Lake Wabukayne Stewardship

Over the past three years, the Lake Wabukayne Stewardship Committee has been working to revitalize and protect the area around Lake Wabukayne. In January of 2011, the Mississauga Meadowvale Rotary Club partnered with the committee and received a Trillium Grant of \$83,000 to go towards protecting the lake, educating the public and improving community spirit.

This partnership has resulted in many exciting projects happening at the lake including:

- Community Bulletin Board
- Website - wabukayne.com
- Tree planting
- New accessible park benches
- Interpretive signs
- Floating Island
- Bat houses and Butterfly Garden

In addition, the \$150,000 Infrastructure Funding that I allocated to the project will be used to construct a new viewing area at the lake along with other initiatives. The Stewardship Committee, now known as Friends of Wabukayne, continues to work closely with the City to ensure that

all improvements are in line with the goal of protecting the environment, educating the public and promoting community spirit.

A great deal of work has been done to get the project to where it is today, but volunteers from the community are needed to make this group a success. If you want to join this dedicated group of residents, visit the website at wabukayne.com for more details or e-mail jeff@jeffoleary.ca.



Pat with Friends of Lake Wabukayne members at the Community Butterfly Garden from left to right: Bill Thompson, Jeff O'Leary, A. Q. Mufti and Nicky Hall sitting. Missing from the photo were Julia Biondi, Alan Munro, Brenda Pratt, Paul Wilson, Sue Hutton and Sam Cooper.



Pat planting trees at Syntex Green with Enersource employees.



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Ward 9 Calendar of Events:

Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network

Wellness Walk Fundraiser & Fair

Meadowvale Community Centre
6655 Glen Erin Drive

Friday, June 15, 2012 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
peapn.ca

Neighbours Night Out

Tuesday, June 19, 2012
6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Host a Neighbours night out in your neighbourhood!

To register visit safecitymississauga.on.ca

Ward 9 Bike Ride

Friday, July 6, 2012 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Start/End: Meadowvale Community Centre

Riders Against Hunger

Saturday, August 18, 2012 9:00am

Eden Community Food Bank,
Unity Client Centre, 3185 Unity Drive
edenfoodbank.org

Meadowvale Community Centre 30th Anniversary

Customer Appreciation Event & Free BBQ

6655 Glen Erin Drive

Saturday, September 15, 2012

11:00 am to 1:00 pm Free swim at 1:05 pm

Terry Fox Run

Sunday, September 16, 2012

Meadowvale Community Centre

Registration: 8:00 am

Start Run Walk Wheel 10 km: 9:15 am



Pat serving customers at the Meadowvale Town Centre McDonald's annual McHappy Day on May 2nd.



Pat with the wonderful staff at the Meadowvale Town Centre McDonald's during their annual McHappy Day.



Pat celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Erin Meadows CC by hosting a free BBQ.



Pat with Victor Oh and Peel Regional Police Superintendent, Bob Devolin at a Safe City Neighbours Night Out event at Erin Meadows CC.



Pat gets ready to bowl at the Bowl for Kids Sake Bowlathon, where she raised over \$6,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel.

LED Light Replacement Capital Project

Council recently approved funding to replace all streetlight heads in the city with LED lighting. This is a major capital project and is costing \$35 million. Through an Ontario Power Authority (OPA) energy reduction incentive program the City is anticipating a credit of \$1.4 million.

The new LED lighting will provide a much brighter and more energy saving light

and will reduce our streetlighting energy consumption by at least 50%. The project is scheduled to begin in July, 2012 and continue over a two year period. The project will repay itself within six years.

We will continue the program of replacing the older street light poles in our community as planned but the conversion will be done prior to some of the new poles being installed.

Pat's Committees

City of Mississauga Advisory Committees

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Advertising Review Panel
- Citizen Appointment Nominating Committee
- Economic Development Advisory Council
- Governance Committee (Vice Chair)
- Mississauga Celebration Square Events Committee
- Road Safety Mississauga Advisory Committee
- Shark Finning Committee

Mississauga Standing Committees

- Council
- General Committee
- Budget Committee
- Planning & Development Committee

Boards

- Enersource Board of Directors
- Mississauga/Toronto West Tourism Advisory Board (Chair)
- Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board
- Safe City Mississauga

Region of Peel Advisory Committees

- Arterial Roads Review Ad hoc Steering Committee (Chair)
- Early Learning and Child Care in Peel Task Force
- Emergency and Protective Services Committee
- Emergency Management Program Committee
- Intergovernmental Relations Advisory Committee
- Inter-Municipal Planning Subcommittee
- Ontario Traffic Conference
- Peel Police Services Board Nomination Ad Hoc Committee
- Peel Housing Corporation

Region Standing Committees

- Regional Council
- Regional General Committee
- Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Committee

Community Organizations

- Meadowvale Community Partnership
- Friends of Lake Wabukayne

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Who does what?

Government Services link on ward9.ca



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



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



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Cell Towers in our Neighbourhoods

Mississauga is starting to see more telecommunication towers as the demand for wireless service increases.

As these towers are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Department of Industry Canada, the City has no control over where they are located. As these can sometimes have a very negative impact on a neighbourhood, Council has implemented a protocol that calls for public consultation for towers of any height as well as notification to a larger area. As it is a federal process, we have asked the MPs to undertake this role along with the applicant.

In addition, we asked the Minister for a six month moratorium on new cell towers while we work with the federal government to get a better handle on how to manage this new infrastructure. Unfortunately, the federal government has indicated in writing they have no plans to make any changes to the present process.

At this time Industry Canada only requires public consultation if a tower is taller than 15 m (49.2 ft) and notice is only required within a radius of three times the height of the tower. No public consultation is required by Industry Canada for towers less than 15 m (49.2 ft) above ground level.

Our protocol increases the notification distance and asks that notice be given even if the shorter tower is planned. My concern is that if an applicant does not wish to go through the notification process, he/she can install a shorter tower with no input from anyone except approval by the ministry. This could result in more towers in the middle of neighbourhoods with no control over locations.

This in fact is happening in our Ward in Central Erin Mills. An applicant has informed the city he will install a 14.9 m (48.8 ft) tower at the Longos plaza at Glen Erin and Thomas to service this neighbourhood. Under existing legislation, this is his right to do so.

If you feel that residents should have a say in where towers are installed and would like to see the present system changed, I encourage you to contact your MP and let him know how you feel. North of Britannia, your MP is Brad Butt (905) 812-1811 and south of Britannia it is Bob Dechert (905) 897-1952.

Draining Your Pool or Spa

Make sure when you drain your pool or spa this summer that you are aware of the restrictions and by-laws you must follow. Water entering the storm drain goes into Lakes Wabukayne and Aquitaine before entering the creeks and rivers to Lake Ontario. Excessive chemicals impact wildlife and our streams.

Chlorine or Bromine Treated Pools and Spas
Treated water may be discharged to the storm drain ONLY if the water meets these conditions:

- It is free of chemicals in toxic amounts;
- It is free of debris, vegetation or algae;
- It has a pH of between 6 and 9;
- It has a chlorine concentration of no more than 1 ppm (1 mg/L).

To help to reduce chemical concentrations, stop adding chlorine and bromine 7-10 days before pumping down the pool and leave the cover off to allow exposure to sunlight.

Anyone found discharging water that does not meet these criteria is subject to a fine under Mississauga Debris and Anti Littering By-law (219-85) and Storm Sewer Use By-law (259-05).

Saltwater Pools and Spas

Saltwater from pools and spas should be discharged to sanitary sewer connections. Please contact Peel Region Environmental Control at 905-791-7800 ext. 3101 with any questions regarding sanitary sewer discharge.

For more information visit mississauga.ca/poolbrochure.

Licensing of Pets

Many Ward 9 residents are pet owners and consider their pet to be part of the family. We all want our pets to be safe and secure but too many are lost and picked up by Animal Services.

It is mandatory that all dogs and cats in Mississauga be licensed. Licensing not only allows quick and easy identification of pets to reunite them with their owners, but also reduces the length of time animals stay at the shelter. It also reduces the number of animals needing to be adopted or euthanized and the related costs associated with each. The fine payable by owners of unlicensed pets is \$250.

Playground Replacements

I have been asked why and when we replace our playgrounds. Our local playgrounds are an important part of the neighbourhood and are used by many children. The city has to ensure that the playground equipment is safe and meets all regulatory requirements.

Standards can change during the lifespan of equipment and while we do not make changes immediately, we monitor the equipment for the rest of its lifecycle. We change it when it is prudent to do so - generally when there are equipment issues. By doing this, the city brings playgrounds up to current CSA standards.

Sometimes playgrounds remain well beyond their lifecycle because others are a greater priority. We do not spend money that we do not absolutely need to and I review the Parks budget annually to ensure that what is being fixed or replaced is necessary.

If you have concerns over any equipment please let me or Parks staff know about it so we can check it out.

Dealing with Wildlife

Wildlife such as coyotes, foxes and racoons are in most cities and there have been more recent sightings of coyotes in Ward 9 and other parts of the city. Coyotes are an important part of our ecosystem as they control rodent and rabbit populations. According to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources they flourish in cities across Canada and they are here to stay.

The city held a public information session in early April with a biologist from the Ministry of Natural Resources to address this issue and to educate residents on how to deal with them.

The removal of wildlife is governed by the Provincial Government's Ministry of Natural Resources. Mississauga's Animal Services is not responsible for managing or trapping wildlife but rather handles domestic animals like cats and dogs. While our staff cannot remove the wildlife, they will advise residents on what they can do.

Residents with wildlife on their property may wish to enlist the help of a professional wildlife removal service. These are also governed by provincial regulations which states that any one trapping and removing wildlife must release them within one kilometre of the capture site. As the animal must by law be released close to where it was found, this means there is a greater chance it will return to the original location.

Trapping therefore is not an effective method of wildlife control. It is often used as a "band-aid" solution and only temporarily deals with the problem. Animal Services staff urges you to employ deterrent methods which can be found at mississauga.ca/citywildlife to help solve conflicts with wildlife.

New Ward 9 Businesses

A warm welcome to the following new businesses which have recently opened in Ward 9:

- Back Nine HD Golf (West Credit Ave)
- Buffalo Wild Wings (Argentia and Winston Churchill)
- CIBC Bank (Argentia and Winston Churchill)
- Jack Astor's (Argentia and Winston Churchill)
- Regus Business Centre (Syntex Dr)
- Toys R Us Express (Erin Mills Town Centre)



Pat cutting the ribbon at the opening of the Regus Business Centre, from left to right: Wayne Dawe, Centre Manager of Brookfield Place Regus Centre, Stephen Hartley, Area Sales Director, Susan Michie, Centre Manager and Karen Dsouza, Customer Service Representative.



Pat cutting the ribbon at the opening of Buffalo Wild Wings with from left to right, Sheldon Leiba, President & CEO of the Mississauga Board of Trade, Robert Stewart, Regional Director of Buffalo Wild Wings, Jason Lower, Kitchen Manager and Shaun Abergel, Hospitality Manager.



Pat presents a certificate at the opening of the Regus Business Centre, from left to right: Stephen Hartley, Area Sales Director and Susan Michie, Centre Manager.



Pat with Buffalo Wild Wings staff from left to right, Dee, Bobby and Kelsey.





Pat with members of the Meadowvale Youth Freeway unveiling the mural the group painted at the Meadowvale Community Centre Seniors/ Youth Room. **Back Row (L-R):** Jémaul Jones, Matt Song, Kaitlyn Medcalf, Julia McDonald, Talysha Bujold-Abu, Stephanie Willson, Shawntée Hooper, Viktoriya Griksayeva, Jacquelyn Arrigo. **Front Row (L-R):** Rebecca Cassidy, Novan Gray, Madison Piette, Paul McClacken, Sean Ovas, Nick Plati.

Keeping Safe this Summer

As the warm weather approaches, the potential for crime increases. We are all in and out of our homes more frequently with more chance of unlocked doors and many people will be on vacation, leaving their homes vulnerable.

As a founding member and board member of Safe City Mississauga, I work closely with Peel Regional Police and our Safe City staff to make sure you know how to keep you and your family safe. Simple measures like keeping your garage door closed will protect you and your property. The Peel Regional Police website at peelpolice.on.ca/en/crimeprevention.asp has many other tips to help keep our neighbourhoods safe.

The Neighbourhood Watch program is expanding in the city and I encourage you to talk to your neighbours about starting or restarting one in your neighbourhood. Information is available at safecitymississauga.on.ca. I would be pleased to facilitate a Neighbourhood Watch meeting if you wish. Please contact my office for more information.

Zero Tolerance on Graffiti

The City of Mississauga and Peel Regional Police (PRP) have a zero tolerance on graffiti. These acts of vandalism impact the health of our community and cost taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Finding new ways of dealing with graffiti has been a priority for me. Several years ago, I insisted that we require utility companies to respond within 24 hours to remove or cover graffiti and this has been successful.

Over the past few years I have worked closely with residents, Peel Police, local schools and City staff in a concentrated effort to address specific problem areas.

As a board member of Safe City, I am working closely with staff to develop a citywide graffiti strategy.

This is an ongoing battle but we have had many successes. Peel Police worked with the community and my office to combat graffiti in Meadowvale and Central Erin Mills resulting in numerous arrests. In March of this year, our Corporate Security staff initiated action that resulted in the police arresting three people for graffiti in the Meadowvale Business Park.

As we continue our fight against graffiti, I encourage residents to report it. Call the City hotline at 905-896-5655 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

Please remember to help those who are in need.

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



Pat gathering food for the Eden Community Food Bank during the Cram-A-Cruiser food drive held at the Argentia Superstore by Peel Regional Police 11 Division's Community Liaison Committee.

West Nile Virus

Peel Public Health will again be monitoring locations of positive mosquito batches as well as any human cases of West Nile virus (WNV).

Peel Health will continue to decrease numbers of mosquitoes by larviciding municipal roadside catch basins and surface water sites located on public property and will continue our public education campaign.

To find out how to reduce mosquito breeding sites on your property and how to prevent mosquito bites and reduce the risk of WNV illness please visit peelregion.ca/health/vbd/whatis-wnv.htm.

Lyme Disease

Lyme disease is an illness spread through the bite of infected ticks. It can affect both humans and animals and can, in some cases, be fatal if not treated. Ticks are mainly found low to the ground in shrubs or high grasses although they can be found in treed areas.

Ticks can be picked up indirectly or transported on animals in Ontario. Lyme disease is spread by the black-legged tick, also known as the deer tick. Peel Public Health will identify ticks submitted by the public. If the tick is a black-legged tick, Peel Health will send it for testing for the bacteria that causes the disease. To date, an established black-legged tick population has not been found in Peel.

Residents in areas most impacted by ticks are reporting higher than usual numbers this spring due to weather conditions. **In Ontario, black-legged ticks are most commonly found in areas along the north shores of Lake Erie, Lake Ontario, and the St. Lawrence River.**

Take steps to prevent tick bites and reduce the risk of Lyme disease, by visiting canlyme.com for more information.



Pat and Bill Crawford, Executive Director of the Eden Community Food Bank with the delivery truck donated to the Food Bank by Ward 9's Purolator.

Summer Safety Tips for Drivers and Pedestrians

With the start of summer and end of school, I would like to remind pedestrians and drivers of the need to be vigilant in order to prevent a tragedy.

During this time of year, with young children playing outdoors, drivers and pedestrians alike are reminded that road safety is a shared responsibility.

To assist drivers and pedestrians, Road Safety Mississauga has developed awareness programs.

Visit mississauga.ca/roadsafety.

More information is also on the Peel Regional Police website at peelpolice.on.ca.

Emerald Ash Borer

Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that has proven to be fatal to all species of ash trees in North America. It has spread quickly throughout Ontario, since its discovery in 2002.

EAB was first identified in Mississauga in 2008, with the City being added to a federally regulated quarantined area, which includes most of south western Ontario in March 2011. The movement of ash forest products including firewood out of quarantined areas is prohibited in an effort to reduce the spread of the insect.

In Ward 9, ash trees are on both private and public lands. Public ash trees are located in our streets, woodlots, parklands, green belts and natural areas.

City staff is actively monitoring the spread of EAB on city-owned property and will be adding additional monitoring traps in 2012. Staff are working in conjunction with Canadian Forest Service, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency and a leading expert on EAB in Ontario, to develop an EAB management plan. Council is reviewing options to deal with EAB, one of which is treatment which could cost millions of dollars.

Information on the City's plan will be posted on the City website at mississauga.ca/pestmanagement this summer. Residents with ash trees on private property are encouraged to monitor their trees and speak with a certified arborist for advice.

To learn more about EAB and its impact on ash trees, visit emeraldashborer.info. For more information on EAB in Mississauga, contact 311.



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