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Councillor's Report

Ward 9

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Dear Neighbour:

Welcome to the Fall/Winter 2011 edition of the Ward 9 newsletter highlighting services and programs provided by the Region of Peel.

We are just starting the Regional budget process and as always, I welcome your input and suggestions as to what your priorities are related to Regional services. Many of the programs we provide such as health, ambulance/paramedics and social services are mandated by the province and we get partial funding for them. Others such as garbage collection and disposal, policing, regional planning and road maintenance are paid for through taxes; or in the case of water/sewer, from utility rates.

As you have seen this past year we have been replacing many of the watermains throughout the older parts of the Ward and I thank you for your patience as this work proceeds. I have suggested to staff that we need an earlier notification period when we plan these projects so that residents can make decisions on driveway replacements based on knowing when their property may be disturbed. I expect to have a five year schedule in place on the Ward 9 website in the coming months, so please check it to see if your street will be impacted in future years.

We are also reviewing the Seniors Dental program. This is a program that Regional Council decided to provide as it was desperately needed but which should be a

provincial responsibility. To date the Province has not taken over funding and we continue to deal with an increasing demand on a limited budget. Staff are reviewing ways to provide the program without incurring ongoing cost increases and impacts on the budget, and we continue to lobby the Province to provide this service to our seniors. Your input and support to our MPPs would be appreciated.

There is a great need for residents to help out those who are unable to handle snow shoveling this winter. This includes seniors and disabled persons, as well as those whose health may make this work difficult. If you know of someone near you in this position, please think about helping them out. The City will also be providing our usual subsidy for those who qualify.

There are many wonderful events taking place in the Ward this winter. I encourage you to support the many events and concerts that are held to raise funds for those in need and to celebrate the Christmas season.

I hope your Christmas will be filled with peace and joy for you all, and that the New Year will bring happiness to you and your family.



Pat Saito, Councillor, Ward 9

Beautifying Our Community, One Mural at a Time

As you walk around Meadowvale, visit one of three new murals that were painted this year by our residents. This "facelift" to our community underpasses was a partnership between Volunteer MBC and the City of Mississauga funded through the United Way of Peel Region Neighbourhood Development Grant.

Led by two dedicated city staff, Hazel McColl and Andrew Wight, over 370 volunteers put in 2,440 hours priming and painting three beautiful murals. This was a true collective community effort with participation by residents as well as local companies RX Media, Ciba and PepsiCo, youth from Peel Alternative School (PAS West), and local schools St. Teresa of Avila and St. Elizabeth Seton.

The creativity and vision of artist, Anna Ferguson helped inspire participants to see the meaning and relevance of this volunteer experience. I, and the many volunteers enjoyed the experience of painting the murals – secure in the knowledge that we were not only contributing to beautifying our community, but creating something we can all enjoy for many years to come.

The three murals are located in the Glen Erin Drive underpass to Lake Aquitaine by the Meadowvale Community Centre, the Glen Erin underpass to Lake Wabukayne near Inlake Court, and the Montevideo underpass to Lake Aquitaine near St. Teresa of Avila. I encourage you to take a walk and admire the beautiful paintings which have turned dreary underpasses into works of art.

Each one tells a story of the neighbourhood or the community, and I know you will recognize many of the symbols and landmarks unique to Meadowvale.



Helping Those in Need

The Region of Peel is responsible for administering financial assistance to residents in need through Ontario Works. Based on your income and needs, Ontario Works can provide you with money to help cover costs for basic needs such as food and housing.

The Preventing Homelessness in Peel program provides one-time assistance to those at risk of losing their home. Call 905-793-9200 to apply, or visit peelregion.ca/ow

Council has long been urging the Province to update its social assistance system which is very complex with as many as 800 rules. In its 2008 Poverty Reduction Strategy, the Ontario government committed to reviewing social assistance with a

focus on removing barriers and increasing opportunities for people to work.

In July 2011, the Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee held a forum to consult community members about changes to Ontario's Social Assistance review. The result was a position paper of recommendations submitted to the Commission for the Review of Social Assistance in Ontario. The Commission's report will be released in June 2012.

Among its requests, the Region of Peel is asking the province to give municipalities that administer the program greater flexibility to apply their knowledge of local conditions, needs and opportunities in supporting social assistance recipients.

Did you know? 7,500 families are able to access subsidized child care spaces



Pat at the Fronius Canada Inverter Assembly Open House with Fronius Managing Director, Romuald Gouré; MPP Brad Butt; and Emily Wood, Policy and Research Analyst for CanSIA.

ImmigrationPeel.ca

A Resource for Newcomers to Peel

Recycle More, Recycle Wise

Mississauga residents recycle an estimated 1,100 tonnes of Blue Box material each week which is processed at our recycling facility.

Last year, we generated approximately \$11 million from the sale of recyclable items. This money is used to offset the operating costs of the Blue Box program.

The Blue Box program is integral to support a healthier, sustainable community – and we all have a role to play. The full benefits of the program can only be realized by the quality of the material that is set out for collection.

'Contamination' (the term used to describe material that is not recyclable and incorrectly placed in blue boxes), is a costly issue to manage. It impacts the Region's ability to market the material, and increases the operating costs of the recycling facility. These materials must be removed (largely by hand) to keep the integrity of the recyclable material that is shipped for future manufacturing. Contaminated material currently accounts for 18% of the weight of the total number of recyclables collected. With your help, we hope to reduce this figure to 10% by 2012.

Visit wheredoesitgo.ca to help make garbage day easy.

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

wheredoesitgo.ca

Canada Learning Bond

Did you know that you could get \$500 now to help you start saving early for your child's education after high school, and an extra \$100 each year up to age 15. That's up to \$2,000 (plus interest) in bonds for your child's education. And you don't have to put any of your own money into the RESP to get this bond.

The bond can be used to pay for full or part-time studies in an apprenticeship program, a CEGEP, trade school, college or university.

Your child can get the \$500 Canada Learning Bond if:

- Your child was born after Dec. 31, 2003; and
- You get the National Child Benefit Supplement as part of the Canada Child Tax Benefit commonly known as "family allowance" or "baby bonus."

For more information:
1-800-O-Canada (1-800-622-6232)



Protecting Our Lake

Several years ago, the community around Lake Wabukayne came together to take action when oil was poured into the sewer, contaminated the lake and harmed wildlife. Since then we have had ongoing occurrences of spills, and in spite of the fact, we have been successful in laying charges.

The outfalls at Lake Wabukayne are inspected by Environmental Services staff on a weekly basis and absorbent booms are replaced as required. These have been generally clean since September.

As a result of the community action, a committee called Friends of Lake Wabukayne was formed, and I have worked with them to ensure the lake is monitored for pollutants and that the wildlife is protected. This group of dedicated local residents have hosted several events to encourage the entire community to learn more about our lake, and how they can help protect one of Meadowvale's most important natural assets.

At my request, Meadowvale Rotary Club applied for and received a Trillium grant for \$85,000 to be used in this project. Money from the grant will be used for planting, benches, a floating island, interpretative signage and other educational programs. In addition, I directed funds from the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund which will be used for construction of a new dock and other enhancements.

If you are interested in participating in this ongoing project, visit wabukayne.com

Did you know? The Mississauga Furniture Bank receives used furniture to distribute to needy residents. You can help.

Visit:
MississaugaFurnitureBank.org

Got Skates?

I am pleased to announce that the "Got Skates" program has come to Ward 9 at Meadowvale Four Rinks.

This program meets the Region's goals for healthy activity in children by giving them the opportunity to learn a great Canadian pastime in a friendly and safe environment.

Through a partnership with Enersource Corporation, the City of Mississauga offers FREE skating lessons which includes the FREE use of our skates and helmets. Grade 3, 4 and 5 students can have four visits to the arena where they will receive FREE lessons from certified instructors and pro skaters during school hours. Students will also receive a coupon for a free skate and rental for them and a family member to be used at a later date.

For more information, go to gotskates.ca or email gotskates.info@mississauga.ca or call Meadowvale Four Rinks at 905-615-4730.



Young Moms Program

The Dam's Young Moms program provides a safe community for young moms and their children, helping them grow into healthy individuals and families. Pregnant and parenting youth find support, resources, friendships, and community at The Dam.

Many of the girls in our community are not in the position to provide gifts for their children this Christmas. This year, you can make a difference by adopting a young mom and her family! Upon

receiving her package, one 2010 Adopt-a-Family participant said: "This is amazing. My kids will be so excited to wake up and see these gifts under the tree! I can't wait to see their faces! Thank you so much!"

By providing gift cards and gifts, you can make Christmas Day special for a young family in The Dam's community.

For information, contact jill@thedam.org or call 647-968-5118.

Water Projects

Plum Tree Crescent and Vanderbilt Road

- Anticipated completion date end of June 2012

Meadowvale North Feedermain

Construction of 1,200 mm (4 foot) diameter feedermain is ongoing on Millcreek Drive, Highway 401 tunnel crossing and Argenta Drive, Meadowpine Boulevard and East Danbro Crescent. Construction on these streets is expected to be complete by the end of the year.

Tunnel crossing of Derry Road and Canadian Pacific Rail line will start in spring 2012 and be complete by the end of summer 2012.

Streetsville Pumping Station

- Erin Mills Parkway (north of Erin Centre Boulevard)
- Phase 1 expansion of reservoir continues

Clear the Way This Winter On-street Parking Restrictions

Roads without parked cars are plowed faster.

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



Extended parking and boulevard parking are exempt.

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

For information on the Snow Removal Subsidy for low income seniors (65 or older) and low income physically disabled persons:

Visit mississauga.ca/snow
Call **905-615-SNOW (7669)**
TTY **905-896-5151**



For updates on snow clearing, follow us on twitter.com/MississaugaSnow

For information on Regional Roads:
Visit peelregion.ca/roads
Call **905-791-7800, ext. 4409**

Did you know?

The Region of Peel manages 486,629 tonnes of waste annually

Taxi Scrip Program

The Region of Peel offers a Taxi Scrip program (subsidized taxi fare) to Peel residents living with a disability. Taxi Scrip booklets contain \$40 worth of scrip for only \$25.

To register, get more information, or find out which taxi companies are participating, visit peelregion.ca/transhelp or call **905-791-1015**.

New TransHelp Buses

New bus designs recently added on a pilot basis to the Region's TransHelp fleet provide a smoother and more comfortable trip for passengers. The shuttle model seats up to 14 passengers and can assist large groups for charter outings.



The low floor model offers an air ride suspension and knees to eliminate the need for a lift.

For rates and information, visit peelregion.ca/transhelp or call **905-791-1015**.

Be a Good Neighbour This Winter

Each winter, some residents find it difficult to clear their snow on their driveways. This may be because of age, a disability or health reasons. The City provides a subsidy for those who meet income criteria, but the difficulty is finding someone to do the work.

Our community is built upon strong neighbourhoods and at the heart of this is neighbours helping neighbours. So if you know of someone near you who needs help and you are able to assist, consider helping to clear their driveway. If you own a snowblower, put it to extended use. If you have a student who needs community hours at school, ask them to pitch in and make sure they get their contribution recorded.

Lets make sure everyone can get around this winter, and be a good neighbour.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Region of Peel's Human Services office at 6715 Millcreek Dr. in Ward 9 is now located at **7120 Hurontario St.** (905-791-7800)

Services include:

- apply for child care spaces and subsidies, housing, financial assistance, rent supplements
- new Employment Resource Centre
- make rent payments for Peel Living, bill payments for child care, TransHelp, water and wastewater
- purchase recycling boxes, garbage tags, green bins, kitchen containers and composters
- pay food handler certification registration fees

For transit information: mississauga.ca/portal/miway



Pat stands in front of the new smoke tower at the Garry Morden Centre. The new fire training facility opens in spring 2012.

Did you know? 580 million litres of municipal water is treated, transmitted, and distributed each day to over 292,000 retail and wholesale customers

Save Water/Save Money on Toilet Program

Your toilet uses the most water in your home. You can save money and reduce water usage by installing a Peel-Approved water efficient toilet.

In addition, when you purchase a Peel-Approved water-efficient toilet you are eligible for a \$60 rebate. The rebate applies to single flush toilets that use 4.8 litres of water or less, and dual flush toilets that use 6 litres of water or less for a full flush and 4.1 litres or less on the reduced flush.

Visit watersmartpeel.ca for full program details and a list of Peel-Approved toilets.

For residents who have already participated in the program, thank you! In 2010, the Region of Peel provided 22,000 rebates, which has saved over two megalitres of water per day.



Recycling old electronics? Help The Dam

If you get some new electronic equipment for Christmas and wonder what to do with your old equipment, The Dam Youth Drop In has the answer.

The Dam will be collecting old, obsolete or broken electronics for recycling on Jan. 6 - 7, 2012 in the Meadowvale area.

Check the thedam.org for details.



Start a Neighbourhood Watch Today!

How do I start a Neighbourhood Watch?

- Contact Safe City Mississauga
- Option to canvass your neighbours or have us send postcards to your neighbours requesting participation
- Set up meeting in your community with Safe City Mississauga and Peel Regional Police
- Training and signage provided

Member Benefits?

- Neighbourhood Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Survey completed
- Civilians liaison to Peel Regional Police
- Neighbourhood Watch Signage and decals to warn criminals "We're Watching"
- Support to host your neighbourhood's national Neighbours Night Out – 3rd Tuesday in June!

Neighbourhood Watch is a community mobilization program designed for people to easily implement in their neighbourhoods to prevent crimes of opportunity using techniques that increase the risk a criminal would have to overcome and reducing the rewards.



Neighbourhood Watch at Safe City Mississauga is now on Twitter! Follow us at [NWMississauga](https://twitter.com/NWMississauga) for our latest information.

KEEP YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD SAFE - JOIN A WATCH!
safecitymississauga.on.ca • email: nw@safecitymississauga.on.ca

Low-income Dental Programs Help Peel's Children and Seniors



Pat celebrating National Seniors Day with Bernard and Lois Jordaan and others.

Untreated dental issues such as a toothache or broken teeth can result in problems eating, sleeping and concentrating, as well as low-self-esteem. The Region of Peel offers three dental programs aimed at low-income residents who do not have dental insurance and cannot afford the cost of dental care.

The Healthy Smiles program provides access to basic preventive, non-emergency dental care – including cleanings, fillings and x-rays – to children 17 and under. Healthy Smiles was just introduced late last year and hopes to reduce the need for urgent treatment.

If urgent care is needed, the Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) program provides basic care – including fillings, extractions and scaling – to children 17 and under. Last year, close to 8,000 children received dental treatment from this program.

Since its introduction in 2008, the Seniors' Dental Program has provided more than 5,000 seniors (65 years of age and older) with basic care, including fillings, extractions and dentures. Demand for this program is very high – more than 5,000 seniors are currently on the waiting list.

Call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit peelregion.ca/health for more information.

Pat's Committees

City of Mississauga:

Accessibility Advisory
Advertising Review Panel
Budget Committee
Citizen Appointment Nominating Committee
Economic Development Advisory Council
Enersource Board of Directors
Governance Committee
Mississauga Celebration Square Committee
Mississauga/Toronto West Tourism Advisory Board, Chair
Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board
Road Safety Mississauga Advisory Committee
Safe City Mississauga
Shark Finning Committee, Vice-Chair

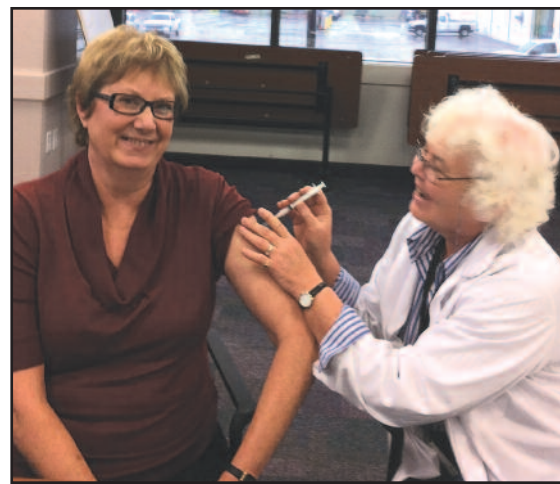
Region of Peel:

Arterial Roads Review Ad hoc Steering Committee, Chair
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 Committee
Peel Housing Corporation
Waste Management Committee
Youth Violence Prevention Advisory Committee, Co-Chair

Other:

Meadowvale Community Partnership
Friends of Lake Wabukayne

Get Your Flu Shot



Pat getting her flu shot.

Between September 2010 and April 2011, almost 600 residents in Peel were ill due to influenza. Getting the flu shot each year will help prevent and minimize effects of the flu.

Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. Some people, such as older people, young children, and people with certain health conditions are at high risk for serious flu complications. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting vaccinated each year. The flu is spread easily through coughing, sneezing or through touching contaminated surfaces or objects like unwashed hands, toys and eating utensils.

For more information, visit peelregion.ca/flu or call 905-799-7700, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

Peel Public Works Now on Twitter

Peel Public Works is committed to keeping you up to date. If you have a mobile Twitter app on your phone, receive our Tweets while on the go!

We will Tweet on:

- Emergency road closures and watermain repairs
- Construction and project announcements
- Updates on service changes and emergencies
- Waste collection delays and holiday schedules
- New programs and promotions
- Notices and public meetings

Follow us at twitter.com/peelpublicworks



Pat reading for Literacy Month at the Meadowvale Ontario Early Years Satellite Parent Child Centre.

Did you know? 13,899 families and individuals receive Ontario Works financial assistance and job support



Please remember to help those who are in need. For more information, visit edenfoodbank.org, call 905-785-3651 or email info@edenfoodbank.org.

Christmas Tree Collection

Place your Christmas tree at the curb on your scheduled collection day during the week of Jan. 9, 2012.



Peel Parents:
Find us on Facebook
facebook.com/parentinginpeel

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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**



When you don't know where to turn.™

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