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WARD 8 REPORT
FALL & WINTER 2009



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Dear Residents,

I'm pleased to provide you with the first edition of my 2009 Fall and Winter Region of Peel Newsletter. I have highlighted issues and information I hope you will find informative and interesting.

As your Councillor, I am elected to serve on both the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel councils. Regional government provides services and programs that are delivered over a larger geographic area. Some

programs and services that the Region of Peel is responsible for include garbage collection and recycling services, health services, social services, TransHelp, construction and maintenance of arterial roads, and water and wastewater. I encourage you to visit the Region of Peel website at www.peelregion.ca to find out more.

Thank you for your ongoing support as I continue to work with you – and on your behalf – to provide the best services both at the city and regional levels of government.

As always, it is my pleasure to serve as your Councillor and I invite you to share your thoughts, suggestions or questions. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or issues that affect you.

As we look forward to a new year I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of my husband Steve and our family, to wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday season.

H1N1 in Peel Region

The Peel community has responded with interest to the H1N1 vaccine. Heading into December, Peel Public Health and community physicians have vaccinated over 200,000 Peel residents.

As the H1N1 landscape changed frequently throughout the fall, residents of Peel were extremely patient as high-risk groups were vaccinated first and intermittent long line-ups were

ongoing challenges to receiving the H1N1 vaccine.

Peel Public Health opened its H1N1 vaccine clinics to the general public on November 19.

Basic flu and cold prevention measures can help us all stay healthy:

- Wash hands often with soap and warm water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer – especially after sneezing or coughing and after touching surfaces others may have touched

- Cough and sneeze into your upper sleeve, elbow or a tissue
- Clean surfaces at home or work regularly
- Stay home if you experience flu-like symptoms

For more information on H1N1 and the flu, visit www.peelregion.ca or call Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700**.



MAKING A GREAT PROGRAM EVEN BETTER

Some of you may remember when the Region of Peel started recycling in the late 1980s... back when we accepted only a few items such as paper and plastic, and they had to be separated into blue and grey recycling boxes.

Today we accept many items in our Blue Box Program and you can mix all of them in one recycling box. The program has a 90 per cent participation rate, which is a great testament to the success of recycling in Peel.

Once collected, recyclable items are brought to our state-of-the-art recycling facility and separated by type (aluminum, glass, paper, etc.). The separated material is then sold to companies that recycle it into new products.



In 2008, our facility processed 111,000 tonnes of recyclable material, which generated more than \$11 million in revenue.

For our program to work effectively, it's critical that you only place recyclable items in your blue box. Currently, 13 per cent of the material at our facility is non-recyclable – that's almost 15,000 tonnes annually.

Find a list of acceptable recyclable material in your Waste Management Guide or at www.peelregion.ca/waste. The website contains a waste disposal search engine that I encourage you to use - just type in an item and click "Search" to find out how to properly dispose it.

The Blue Box Program is an integral component of our long-term waste diversion goals, and I thank you for your participation.

Councillor Mahoney keeps library open in Sheridan community

Over the past 30 years, the Sheridan Branch Library has become a trusted and appreciated Ward 8 resource accessed by 8,500 residents in our Sheridan community. The library has partnered with local Mississauga schools to offer class visits and outreach programs, as well as provide hands-on workshops on basic internet and e-mail skills for seniors.

Over the years, branch support for this valuable resource has declined, leaving it in jeopardy of closing due to overhead costs, low attendance and limited funding.

I am aware of how essential this branch is for our community. City Council has reviewed my claim that the library's location and services are crucial for those with and without transportation. It is home to both established families and newcomers to Canada. I am committed to keeping these services available to the community.

By insisting that Council support a community meeting, I was able to provide a platform where concerned citizens – led by the Sherwood Forrest Resident Association and Oakridge Public School – could give their input and voice their support for keeping this branch open.



Lease negotiations are underway, and while more public consultation about needs assessment is required, I am proud to let you know the library will be open for business as usual.

Mayor McCallion and I promise that every attempt will be made to keep the Sheridan Library operating in our Ward 8 community.

3rd Annual Diversity Cup Basketball Tournament



Councillor Katie Mahoney joined by Ian Orchard, Vice President and Principal of University of Toronto Mississauga, along with representatives from Peel Regional Police, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada at the 3rd annual Diversity Cup Basketball Tournament.

The Diversity Cup hosted 12 men's competitive basketball teams. A new addition was a women's game, which had not occurred in the past.

Our local youth presented their school spirit and talents during a new half-time show before the women's game –

featuring cheerleaders, step dancers and cultural demonstrations.

The participants represented both police officers and members of the diverse cultural/racial/religious and ethnic public. This event affords a positive environment for our police personnel to interact with the public, and for our youth and citizens to gather to promote the unilateral acceptance and rewards of diversity.

DISPOSING OF LARGE METAL APPLIANCES AND FIXTURES

Large metal appliances and fixtures are collected from the curb or your apartment set-out area by appointment only. The cost for collection is \$15 for the first item, and \$10 for each additional item collected on the same day.

Schedule an appointment by calling the Region of Peel at **905-791-9499** or online at www.peelregion.ca/waste

Payment methods include:

- Credit card over the phone
- Credit card online at www.peelregion.ca/waste
- Debit card, cash or cheque at Access Peel, located at 10 Peel Centre Dr., Suite B in Brampton
- Cheques payable to the Region of Peel are also accepted at Mississauga City Hall

When setting out your items for collection, please do so before 7 a.m. on your scheduled day and not before 7 p.m. the night before. For safety reasons it's also important to remove all appliance doors and place them beside the appliance for collection. Appliances must also be empty of food and waste.



Acceptable large metal appliances and fixtures

- Air conditioners
- Dehumidifiers
- Dishwashers
- Empty hot water tanks
- Empty heating oil tanks (cut in half)
- Freezers
- Furnaces
- Heat pumps and exchangers
- Large metal safes
- Metal fireplaces
- Metal bathtubs
- Metal shower enclosures
- Pool heaters, pumps and metal filters
- Refrigerators
- Stoves
- Washers and dryers
- Water coolers

You may also drop off your large metal appliances and fixtures, free of charge, at the Battleford Community Recycling Centre (2255 Battleford Rd., Mississauga) or the Fewster Community Recycling Centre (1126 Fewster Dr., Mississauga). Both facilities operate seven days per week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Have you discovered Riverwood yet?

A hidden gem nestled in the centre of the city is waiting to be discovered by Mississauga residents. Riverwood, a 150-acre park, is an all-season destination familiar to many as an urban wilderness. Stroll along the 3.5 km of quiet, wooded trails through the spruce alley and along the Credit River on the Culham Trail. Birds (over 150 species have been observed), White-tailed Deer and other wildlife abound in Riverwood's wetland, meadows, forest and stream-carved ravines.

Riverwood is located at Burnhamthorpe Road West and The Credit Woodlands, on the east bank of the Credit River.

Cultural heritage is well represented by the Arts & Crafts style Chappell House and gardens, MacEwan Field Station and MacEwan Barn. Riverwood is home to The Riverwood Conservancy (TRC) and Visual Arts Mississauga (VAM) who work in partnership with the



City of Mississauga and Credit Valley Conservation to provide programs and manage the site.

TRC has done much to enhance the beautiful Chappell House gardens. The gardens awaken each spring with a blaze of 5,000 bulbs and continue through the season with a diversity of perennials, annuals, flowering shrubs, containers and a pond filled with koi, hardy lilies and lotus. Later, the gardens continue to be filled with colour surrounded by fiery autumn leaves.

TRC's stewardship volunteers improve wildlife habitat and enhance Mississauga's understanding of environmental issues. The community has enjoyed birding along the Scotts Wild Bird TREK, a 1 km hike featuring many bird feeders.

Founded in 1985, The Riverwood Conservancy is a volunteer- and member-based charity that provides programs and services to the community in stewardship, gardening and nature, and environmental education with particular emphasis on youth, including those with



special needs. Interpretive nature walks and programs are scheduled regularly and are open to the public.

Volunteers are always welcome. Opportunities are available to engage in gardening, assist in education classes, or participate in clean-up days, tree planting, office work and many other activities.

Permits for wedding photography at Riverwood are available by contacting the City of Mississauga at **905-615-4100**.

For more information, visit www.TheRiverwoodConservancy.org or call TRC at **905-279-5878**.



Teaching children about hospital care

Recognizing the need to educate children about hospital care, the Credit Valley Volunteers provide a program which brings the hospital right to the community's children. "The Travelling

Suitcase" and "Road Show" teach elementary students about health care, calming children's fears to give them a better understanding of the hospital and what is required of them when visiting.

For more information, call the Credit Valley Hospital's Volunteer Services Department at **905-813-1585**.

Multicultural Community Resources in Ward 8

The Brampton Multicultural Community Centre and Muslim Community Services have partnered to create a dynamic network of diverse professionals. They enhance community potential by unlocking the knowledge and talents of Canadian newcomer communities.

Established in 1987, Canadian newcomers are provided with a wide range of settlement services and engagement opportunities. Newcomers to Peel have access to English classes, translation and interpretation, family support, supportive counselling, settlement services (onsite, in libraries

or schools), support for children exposed to family violence, computer classes, seniors programs, job search assistance and training, and information, orientation, and referral to local community services.

For more information, contact the Mississauga office at **905-828-1328**.

Oakridge Public School Terry Fox Event



Councillor Katie Mahoney was a special guest in support of the 2009 Terry Fox Run at Oakridge Public School. Oakridge staff and students successfully raised approximately \$1,300 towards cancer research. Students were rewarded with extra recess, a student-versus-teacher basketball game, and seeing their teachers dye their hair blue, green, red and purple.

Thanks to staff, students and parents who supported this initiative.

Trustee Sharon Hobin attended the closing event. They saw the outdoor art produced by the campers, and sampled peach ice cream sundaes prepared by the Leaders in Training participants.

The Leaders in Training (LIT) participants are using some of the skills they learned while participating in the EMYOP After School programs, to make a contribution to the community. Several of the LITs were employed as summer camp counsellors. Others enhanced their future employability by gaining volunteer experience.

Volunteers are an important part of our programs. If you enjoy working with youth and would like to volunteer in any of our programs, contact Cathy Hughes at **905-820-3577** or youth@emuc.ca.

Erin Mills Youth Outreach Program (EMYOP)

Throughout the summer, up to 100 children a day enjoyed Oasis Day Camp based at Erin Mills United Church on The Collegeway. This year the camp was expanded to two additional sites. For July, Garthwood Public School was the second site, and in August it moved to All Saints Catholic School. In addition to the weekly excursions to swim at various community pools, the campers enjoyed field trips to Royal Botanical Gardens, Kelso and Bronte Creek

Conservation Areas, a Blue Jays baseball game, African Lion Safari, and Wild Water Works. The summer camp program was supported by the United Way of Peel Region, the Ontario Trillium Foundation and the Region of Peel.

To celebrate the end of summer and another successful year of camp, a community barbecue was held during the second last week of camp. Councillor Mahoney and Peel-Dufferin Catholic District School Board



WATERMAIN PROJECTS

These projects are funded through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF), where both the federal and provincial governments have partnered with the Region of Peel for the completion of approved infrastructure projects. As per ISF guidelines, projects must be completed by March 31, 2011.

ISF watermain projects

STREET	FROM	TO
Deer's Wold	King Forrest Drive	Sherwood Forrest Circle
Erin Mills Parkway	Leanne Boulevard	North Sheridan Way
Fountains Abbey	Sherwood Forrest Circle	End
Fowler Drive	Erin Mills Parkway	Knights Court
Lincoln Green	Erin Mills Parkway	East of Robin Drive
Redstart Drive	Dundas Street	Sir John's Homestead
Sir John's Homestead	Redstart Drive	Dundas Street West
Solitaire Court	Sir John's Homestead	End
Colter Court	Sawmill Valley Drive	End
Coppersmith Court	Folkway Drive	End
Grindstone Court	Sawmill Valley Drive	End
Musket Court	Folkway Drive	End
Ploughshare Court	Sawmill Valley Drive	End
Stonemason Crescent	Sawmill Valley Drive	Sawmill Valley Drive
The Collegeway	Winston Churchill Blvd	Council Ring Road

2009 capital watermain projects

STREET	FROM	TO
Doulton Drive	Blythe Road	Blythe Road
Doulton Place	Doulton Drive	End
Hornbeam Crescent	Chokecherry Crescent	The Collegeway
The Chase	Eglinton Avenue	Credit Valley Road
The Chase	Aldermead Road (East Leg)	Credit Valley Road

ERIN MILLS PARKWAY: traffic signals

Erin Mills Parkway is a Regional Road within Ward 8.

The Region's Transportation Division works co-operatively with the City of Mississauga to cross-coordinate the traffic signals along Erin Mills Parkway and other roads in the City.

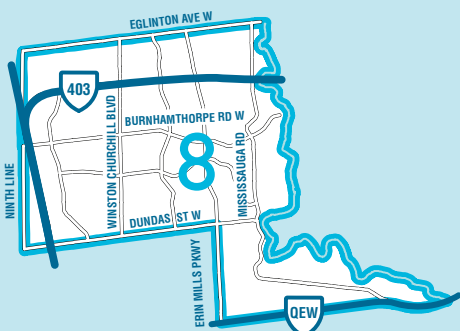
Transportation analysts time and configure the traffic signals for coordination. Traffic flow at each intersecting municipal road is taken into consideration. The Region partners with Mississauga to solve traffic issues.

The Region operates four red-light cameras along Erin Mills Parkway, three in Ward 8:

- Britannia Road
- Folkway Drive (Ward 8)
- The Collegeway (Ward 8)
- Credit Valley Road (Ward 8)

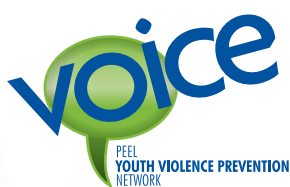
WARD 8 PROFILE

Population and growth



Between 2001 and 2006, Ward 8's population grew by 6.3% or 4,060 residents – up from 64,235 residents in 2001 to 68,295 residents in 2006. This was the fourth-largest per cent increase among Mississauga's 11 wards. In comparison, Mississauga's entire population grew 9.1% between 2001 and 2006.

Source: Peel Data Ctr. / Statistics Canada 2001 & 2006 Censuses. Visit www.peeldatacentre.ca for more information.



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RIGHT TO
A SAFE
HOME
SCHOOL
AND
COMMUNITY**

Help prevent youth violence
in your community, visit
www.voice4peelyouth.ca

WINTER ROAD MAINTENANCE

With winter approaching, the Region's snow clearing crews are ready to go!



The Region's proactive winter maintenance program ensures road safety and routes you can count on. The Region provides a high level of service for winter control including a full anti-icing program and a 24-hour immediate response bare pavement policy on all regional roads. For pedestrian accessibility, the area municipality (City of Mississauga) is responsible for sidewalk snow removal and maintenance.

For more information, visit
www.peelregion.ca/pw/roads/winter-maint/



INFORMATION

– on violence and violence prevention

HELP

– for victims of violence

SHARE

– your opinion through blogs, surveys and polls

EVENTS

– relating to violence prevention in Peel

VIDEOS

– by *Keshia Chante, Donovan Bailey, Mike Bullard* and others

GET INVOLVED! – Visit
www.connect2ENDviolence.ca



3-1-1 Council Liaison Committee and Municipal 3-1-1 Team Back Row (from left): Shawn Slack, Roy Wiseman, Councillor Richard Paterak, Carroll Francis-Hoyes, Darlene Publow Front Row (from left): Rob Meikle, Councillor Gael Miles, Rhonda Tsingos, Councillor Katie Mahoney, Nancy Major, Karla Hale

A new telephone service



The cities of Brampton and Mississauga, and the Region of Peel are working together to provide residents with simple 3-digit access to municipal information and services.

Launched in October 2009, the 3-1-1 telephone service provides residents, businesses and visitors with easy access to City and Regional information, programs and services – from garbage and recycling, to tax payments and water bills, to recreation programs and building permits. To use the service, call 3-1-1 from a landline, cellular or pay phone when within City of Mississauga boundaries. There is no associated cost for using 3-1-1, however standard cellular airtime rates may apply. For more information about 3-1-1, visit www.peelregion.ca or www.mississauga.ca

3-1-1, 2-1-1, 9-1-1... What's the difference?

- 3-1-1 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Peel
- 2-1-1 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel
- 9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes; please call your community police station for non life-threatening situations

The Region of Peel is one of the few municipalities to administer all three phone services for its residents.

9-1-1: Don't misuse it

9-1-1 is the emergency telephone number in the Region of Peel to link callers to the appropriate emergency service – police, fire or ambulance. Please make sure your house or apartment number is visible. Calling 9-1-1 helps ensure you reach the emergency service you require as quickly as possible.

What is an EMERGENCY?

An emergency is a situation where the safety of people or property is at risk. For example:

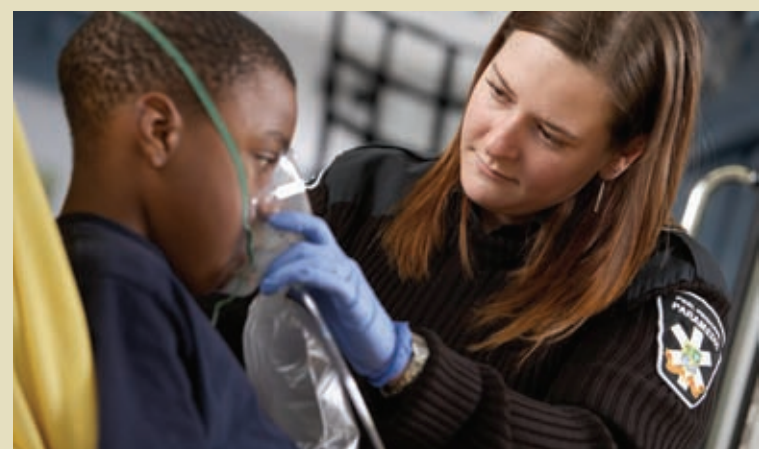
- a fire
- a crime in progress
- a medical crisis

What is NOT an emergency?

It is not an emergency when the situation is not dangerous and immediate action is not necessary. For example:

- an automobile accident where an injury has not occurred
- a crime has been committed and the offender has left the scene
- follow-up on an auto theft report

For a non-emergency, call **905-453-3311**.



Frequently called numbers

Councillor Katie Mahoney	905-896-5800	katie.mahoney@mississauga.ca	www.mississaugaward8.ca
Angela DiLegge Executive Assistant	905-896-5800	angela.dilegge@mississauga.ca	
Debbie Thomson Administrative Assistant	905-615-3227	debbie.thomson@mississauga.ca	
Region of Peel	905-791-7800	info@peelregion.ca	www.peelregion.ca
Water Billing	905-791-8711		www.peelregion.ca/finance/waterbills
Water; Region of Peel (24 hrs.)	905-791-7800		
Waste Management	905-791-9499		www.peelregion.ca/waste
Peel Heritage Complex	905-791-4055		www.peelheritagecomplex.org
Peel Public Health	905-799-7700		www.peelregion.ca/health
Peel Regional Police	905-453-3311		www.peelpolice.ca

Councillor Mahoney sits on the following Regional committees:

- Grants Ad Hoc Committee (Vice-Chair)
- Peel Advisory Working Group on Older Adults' Housing
- Peel Housing Corporation Board of Directors
- Peel Youth Violence Prevention Steering Committee

Watch Regional Council meetings live on Rogers Cable television.

Visit www.peelregion.ca for dates and times.



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