

Councillor Patricia (Pat) Saito
Ward 9
City of Mississauga/Region of Peel

Pat Saito was first elected to Council in the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel in 1991.

Having had a long history of community involvement that included serving on the local residents' association and bringing recreational and social programs to her community, Pat's focus during her long career in politics has been on community development.

As a volunteer and now as Councillor, Pat dedicates much of her time to crime prevention, traffic safety, health and youth and children's issues. She initiated various crime prevention organizations including the very successful Peel Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design; Mississauga Crime Prevention Association, now Safe City Mississauga and the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network.

In 2006, Pat's contributions were recognized by Peel Regional Police who awarded her the prestigious Robert Boyne Award for Crime Prevention. In 2013 she was further honoured with the Crime Prevention Ambassador Award by the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners.

Pat is also an advocate for safe streets and initiated the Road Safety Mississauga committee which has implemented many safety programs for pedestrians and motorists. She works with both city and regional safe routes to school committees and advocates for students walking to school and being active.

Pat believes that designing communities to encourage walking and cycling is important and was instrumental in designing an entire community of 40,000 people to be pedestrian and transit friendly as well as safe. She introduced the first outdoor fitness circuit around a manmade lake in her community. This has provided opportunities for more people of all ages to be active and healthy and she has similar projects in the works.

Pat's priorities in the coming term include advocating for improved regional transportation services, dealing with intensification applications in her community and reviewing all city and regional services to ensure efficient use of tax dollars.