

Dear friends and neighbours,

I am pleased to bring you my 2019 Regional Newsletter! It is filled with information on operational initiatives as well as projects happening within the Region of Peel, the City of Mississauga and right here in Ward 8.

Thank you for allowing me the privilege to represent your interests on both the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel Councils.

Please take time to read through this newsletter as there is always something happening at the City of Mississauga and at the Region of Peel. I also encourage you to visit my website mattmahoney.ca where you can get help with any inquiries you have and be kept up to date on community events and Ward 8 projects.

As we head into the winter months, please consider assisting your elderly neighbours with snow clearing. This is also a reminder the city's on-street parking regulations change during the winter season. Please assist our plows to safely and efficiently clean our roads.

As always, my staff and I are here to help you with any City or Regional issues. Please send me an email at matt.mahoney@mississauga.ca or feel free to call my office anytime at **905-896-5800**.



On behalf of my staff and I, we wish you all a very happy and healthy 2020.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Mahoney'.

Matt Mahoney
Regional and City Councillor, Ward 8

Climate change affects everyone, including us

Did you know by 2050, if we continue to release global greenhouse gas (GHG) at our current rate, we will experience the following impacts:

- double the number of days above 30 degrees Celsius
- 4 times more nights above 20 degrees Celsius
- up to a 50% increase in extreme storms
- spring and fall will be longer by up to 20%

We take our role in addressing our corporate GHG emissions seriously; that's why it's one of our Term

of Council Priorities to adapt to and lessen the effects of climate change.

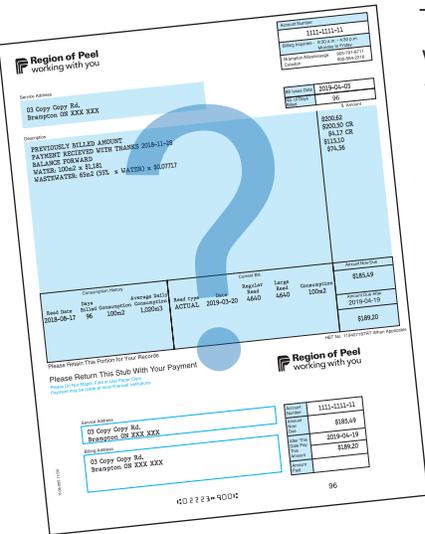
Steps that we are planning to take include, "greening" our buildings and vehicle fleet, procuring sustainable goods and services, and accounting for climate change in our budget planning decisions.

Visit peelregion.ca/climate-energy for more information about our plan for climate change.



Understanding your water and wastewater bill

6 ways
to pay
your bill



The Region of Peel provides water and wastewater services to residents and businesses in Peel. Every time you turn on the tap, you can enjoy drinking water that has been treated and quality tested.

You receive a bill from the Region based on your water and wastewater usage. This bill is based on meter readings of water used at your property.

Ways to lower your water bill

- **Replace old toilets** with water efficient models that flush with 4.8 litres of water or less.
- **Avoid long showers** – the average 15-minute shower uses 300 litres of water.
- **Fix dripping faucets and other leaks** – a faucet that drips once per second will waste about 10,000 litres of water in a year.
- Only **run your dishwasher when it is full**.
- **Use a rain barrel** to collect rainwater to water your gardens and/or practice **Fusion Gardening** which relies on less water.



Epost

A free electronic service to manage your water bill securely online.



Telephone or online banking

Contact your bank to arrange these options.



Pre-authorized payment

Complete a **pre-authorized payment form (PDF)** and fax it to **905-791-2178** or mail it to the address listed on the form.



At your bank

Most banks will accept your payment before the due date.



By mail

Mail your water bill and payment using the return envelope sent with your bill.



In person

Payments can be made or dropped off at:

- Region of Peel offices
- Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives (PAMA)
- Brampton City Hall
- Mississauga City Hall
- Caledon Town Hall

Erin Mills Parkway construction

Construction work has started on Erin Mills Parkway from Sheridan Park Drive to south of Highway 403 and will be completed by next summer.

What are we doing? The work includes:

- removal and replacement of asphalt pavement on Erin Mills Parkway;
- removal and replacement of concrete sidewalk and bus landing pads;
- new asphalt multi-use path along the west side of Erin Mills Parkway from Sheridan Park Drive to Burnhamthorpe;
- updates to the pedestrian underpass;
- intersection improvements and traffic signal modifications;
- landscaping, top soil and sod restorations.

We know this activity may cause traffic disruptions and delays for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. We are committed to minimizing its impact, while maintaining a safe work environment.

Please remember to use caution when travelling through the work zone.

The work we do today will provide a safe, reliable road network where everyone can move smoothly in and through our community.

For more information on all Peel construction projects, visit peelregion.ca/construction



Peel is investing to increase affordable housing

More and more households in Peel struggle to get and keep a home they can afford.

Housing prices and rental rates are continuing to rise, leaving more families and individuals at risk of being unable to find stable housing they can afford or becoming homeless.



Affordable housing is vital to our quality of life, and to keeping our economy strong.

17% live in poverty

Almost 1 in 5 people in Peel live in poverty .

1.4% vacancy rate

Extremely low rental vacancy rate in Peel.

13,597

of households on the wait list for a housing subsidy.



70% can't afford housing

70% of low-income households live in housing they can't afford.



We're building!

- **1,000** new units since **2012**.
- **965** units in development in Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga.
- Maintain existing non-profit and government homes in a state of good repair.

We help residents keep their homes

- Oversee **17,595** subsidized and affordable units with **48** housing providers.
- Provide **11,568** households with housing subsidies in **2018**.
- Manage **13,726** households on the wait list.
- Placed **903** households in affordable housing from the wait list in **2018**.
- Develop technology to help people get the services they need to get and keep housing.

How the Region is increasing affordable housing

The Region is focused on helping people to get and keep housing.

This work includes:

- Keeping existing affordable housing in a state of good repair.
- Working with other governments and non-profit and private sectors to create new affordable housing.
- Finding solutions to help prevent people from becoming homeless.

We have a 10-year plan to increase affordable housing and prevent homelessness. The plan includes incentives for the private sector to build more housing that meets the needs of low and middle-income households.

Visit peelregion.ca/housing to read our 10-year plan.



965

Affordable housing units in development

13,519

Visits to our shelters

11,568

Households received subsidies in 2018



We provide emergency shelter to help people in need

- **13,519** visits to Region-owned shelters (between **January and September 2018**).
- **156** clients in transitional housing (between **January and September 2018**).
- We provide funding to prevent eviction to help people stay in their homes.

For more information on the Region's housing services, finding a shelter or applying for a housing subsidy, visit peelregion.ca/housing or contact the Region at **905-791-7800**.

Convenience at your fingertips

Ever missed a waste collection or put the wrong bin out on the wrong day? The Region of Peel has a new service that will give you waste collection reminders by text message, email or phone call. This includes reminders for special collections like batteries and Christmas trees.

To start getting your reminders:

- Visit peelregion.ca/waste/calendar and enter your address.
- Select **Get a reminder**.
- Choose how you want to get your reminders: email, text message, or phone call.
- You're all set!



The 2020 personalized waste collection calendar will be available to residents by November 2019. Residents can view or download the calendar at peelregion.ca/waste.

Drop-off toys, clothes and dishes for free at a CRC

Did you know that you can take used toys, clothes and dishes that are still in good condition to a Peel Community Recycling Centre (CRC) rather than put them in the garbage?

We have six CRCs that accept recyclable materials, reusable items and household hazardous waste (like paint and electronics) at no charge plus extra garbage or renovation waste for a fee.

For CRC hours and to see what else you can drop off, visit peelregion.ca/waste



Mississauga CRCs

Battleford CRC 2255 Battleford Rd.	Fewster CRC 1126 Fewster Dr.
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Important phone numbers

Mississauga

By-law Enforcement	311 *
Fire	905-615-3777
Mississauga Animal Services	905-896-5858
Mississauga Property Taxes	311 *
Mississauga Transit	905-615-4636
Parking Enforcement	905-615-4311
Snow removal – city streets only	311 *
Traffic signal inquiries	905-615-3022

Peel

Peel Public Health	905-799-7700
Peel Regional Police	905-453-3311
Recycling, garbage pick-up	905-791-9499
Region of Peel – after hours dispatch	905-791-7800
Region of Peel water (24 hours)	905-791-7800
Region of Peel water billing	905-791-8711
Water and sewer problems	905-791-7800

Other

GO Transit	416-869-3200
Poison Control Centre	416-813-5900
* If calling from outside city limits	905-615-4311

Garbage exemption period changes

The Region of Peel's winter Garbage Exemption Periods are changing.

Old Dates	New Dates
December 2019 (Christmas/New Year)	January 27–31, 2020
	February 3–7, 2020

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