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Welcome to our Region of Peel Newsletter!

Enclosed is valuable information and updates on operational initiatives and projects provided by our Regional Government. In collaboration with the City of Mississauga Ward 8 office and our community, the Region of Peel has been proactive in providing sustainable services and exciting new projects to enhance our quality of life.

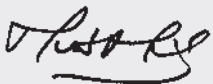
It has been a long cold winter. As we move into the summer months we are all looking forward to seeing the sun shine and the days become longer. I encourage everyone to be active in our community and enjoy the summer months. We are very fortunate in Ward 8 to have many beautiful trails, parks and activities to enjoy. Familiarize yourself with all the different cultural celebrations, attractions and events that our great City and Region has to offer.

It is my privilege to advocate on behalf of the residents of Ward 8 and I encourage you to share your thoughts, input and suggestions with me.

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 at **905-896-5800**.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Regards,



Matt Mahoney
Regional and City Councillor, Ward 8

Bi-Weekly, Cart-Based Waste Collection is Coming!

Beginning January 4, 2016, those of you who currently receive curbside waste collection services will be moving to bi-weekly, cart-based collection which means:

- Garbage and recycling will be picked up every other week (one week garbage, the next week recycling) but organics will continue to be picked up weekly;
- You will be required to use carts (rather than bags and bins) for your waste.

The majority of homes will receive three new carts, free of charge: one for garbage, one for recycling and one for organics. The carts will be delivered in the fall of 2015.

You can go to peelregion.ca/carts to learn more about bi-weekly, cart-based waste collection.

Key Dates to Remember:

- Carts will be delivered from September through mid-December of 2015.
- You start using the new carts during the week of January 4, 2016.

Please note that a few locations in Ward 8, primarily condominium townhouse complexes, will be on a bag-based program instead of using carts. More information about the bi-weekly, bag-based program can be found at peelregion.ca/bags.



Beware of Door-to-Door Water Treatment Sales Agents

Residents have told me that they have had people coming to their door asking to test their tap water, collect tap water samples or install water equipment. Please be aware the Region of Peel does not employ or authorize other companies to test municipal tap water or to collect water samples on the Region's behalf. Peel Region's Public Works staff carry photo ID cards and drive regional vehicles.

The only exception is for the water meter replacement program currently taking place in Mississauga. Neptune Technologies Group Canada Ltd. has been authorized to replace water meters that are 20 years old or older. Residents of homes that have been identified for the program will receive a letter from the Region asking them to schedule an appointment and a uniformed, ID

carrying Neptune Water Meter Installer will conduct the meter replacement. The Region advises residents to view the installer's identification before permitting entry to your home.

Peel water operators are certified to conduct health-related tests to confirm water safety, and accredited and licensed laboratories are used to analyze all drinking water tests. The Region of Peel is responsible for the treatment and distribution of your water supply and its quality meets the Ontario drinking water quality standards.

Should you have any concerns about water safety or quality, Regional staff would be happy to assist you. Please call **905-791-7800**, ext. **4685**, or email WaterQualityInquiries@peelregion.ca.

2015 Regional Budget

In February, Peel Regional Council in its commitment to meet the needs of Peel residents and businesses approved the 2015 Operating and Capital Budgets. The 2015 budget included a 0.8 per cent property tax increase, representing an annual increase of \$33 on the average residential home (assessed at \$452,500) and a \$58 increase for the average small business (assessed at \$534,300). Peel Regional Council also approved a 7.0 per cent increase in utility rates representing an annual increase of \$39 for the average household and \$98 for the average small business. Peel utility rates are still the lowest in the Greater Toronto Area.

The 2015 budget followed the principles established in the Region of Peel's Long-Term Financial Planning Strategy. This strategy provides a consistent lens to help evaluate the long-term financial impact of proposed changes to services and service levels to the community in addition to identifying and managing the risks to the Region of Peel's long-term financial sustainability.

Regional Council sought to minimize the burden of tax, so that any potential increases remain affordable. Peel's commitment to being citizen-focused, fiscally-responsible and financially stable ensures that our 2015 Budget helps maintain our Triple A (AAA) credit rating and continues to meet our growing operational and service demands.

For more information on the Regional budget please visit peelregion.ca/budget.

Highlights of the 2015 Budget include the following service-level increases:



19,500 more Regionally controlled trips for accessible transportation services each year



300 additional child care subsidies per year



100 additional housing rent subsidies annually



2,555 additional paramedic service hours each year to address an increase in 9-1-1 calls

Extended operation hours at Battleford and Brampton Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. from May through October



Intersection Improvements in Ward 8

Intersection improvements are planned for Erin Mills Parkway/Burnhamthorpe Road and Erin Mills Parkway/Dundas Street. The designs incorporate the City of Mississauga's vision to transition this area from "suburban" to an "urban" node. Good urban design promotes health by creating a "healthy built environment" that provides safe places for walking and cycling.

The plans:

- support planned Transit upgrades in the area
- support a more urban environment in future land planning
- prioritize pedestrian and cyclist safety and connectivity
- upgrade the existing sidewalk to a multi-use trail
- upgrade existing right turn islands to be safer for pedestrians
- improve accessibility with audible signals, detectable warning surfaces and curb ramps

Erin Mills Parkway and Burnhamthorpe Road improvements include:

- new bus-only left turn lane to assist buses leaving the South Common Mall Transit Depot to go northbound on Erin Mills

Parkway to the future GO station at Highway 403

- new dual left turn lane from westbound Burnhamthorpe to southbound Erin Mills Parkway
- extend existing left turn lanes

Construction is anticipated in 2017

Erin Mills Parkway and Dundas Street improvements include:

- Providing transit queue jump lanes in all directions
- Extending existing left turn lanes
- Upgrading the existing entry to Erindale Secondary School to a signalized access with pedestrian crossing

Construction is anticipated in 2016

The projects have moved to the detailed design stage.

For more information:

peelregion.ca/pw/transportation/envirom-assess/erin-mills-int-impro.htm



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PAN AM GAMES
JULY 10-26

PARAPAN AM GAMES
AUG 7-14



2015 will be a momentous year for Mississauga, a host city of the Toronto 2015 Pan Am Games (July 10–26, 2015) and the TORONTO 2015 Parapan Am Games (August 7–15, 2015).

More than 10,000 athletes, coaches and officials from 41 countries will participate in the games which are expected to attract an estimated 50,000 visitors to our city.

The games will be the largest international multi-sports event ever hosted in Canada and the largest of its kind in the world behind the summer Olympics.

Mississauga Sports Centre (Hershey Centre) will be the venue for the

TORONTO 2015 Pan Am sports of judo, karate, taekwondo and wrestling and the TORONTO 2015 Parapan Am sports of goal ball, powerlifting, and wheelchair rugby. Expect to see the highest level of competition!

The excitement and energy of the games will go beyond the events as Mississauga celebrates its passion for sport with a variety of events, festivals and concerts across the city starting with an Opening Ceremonies viewing party at Mississauga Celebration Square.

Visit discovermississauga.ca for a listing of exciting Games events, tickets and transportation information.

Sheridan Villa's Day Programs Provide Support to Caregiver

Sheridan Villa's low-cost Adult Day Service (ADS) programs help seniors and adults with physical or cognitive disabilities get out of the house and interact with others in a safe and supportive environment. The program also allows caregivers the opportunity to rest or to take care of other matters.

ADS programs include up to 10 hours of daytime or evening supported programming and care from professional and caring staff including assistance with eating, dressing, toileting, bathing, physiotherapy, recreation programs, on-site health clinics, access to on-site nurses and lunch or dinner for \$20.20 per day.

Sheridan Villa also offers professional, trained support workers to provide personal services like baths and showers for seniors who cannot bathe safely in their own homes. The cost for this service is only \$5 for a one-hour appointment.

Throughout the year, Sheridan Villa hosts free exercise and fall prevention classes funded by the Local Health Integration Network. These drop-in classes run Tuesdays and Fridays at 9, 10 and 11 a.m.

To book a tour of Sheridan Villa or to register for these ADS programs or services, call **905-791-8668** ext. **2915**.

Regular ADS program hours

Monday to Friday 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Saturday 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Evening ADS program hours

Monday and Wednesday 3 – 9 p.m.

Bathing program hours

Monday and Wednesday 3 – 8 p.m.
Saturday Noon – 4 p.m.

Bolton Camp Redevelopment Update

Last summer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), with the support of the Region of Peel, hired 70 high school and post-secondary school students to assist with the first phase of redevelopment for Bolton Camp. The students spent the summer transforming the abandoned camp site by restoring two kilometres of trail, clearing overgrown vegetation, repairing and painting select cabins and designing a website.

“This has been an amazing opportunity for me and the best summer job” says Matt Pavusa, a grade 11 student. “We’ve received mentorship opportunities, learned how to use



tools, build things to standard code, overcome obstacles and work on a team to get things done.” Based on the success of this program, TRCA will once again be hiring high school and post-secondary school students to work

on several restoration projects at Bolton Camp throughout summer 2015.

To learn more about the Bolton Camp Redevelopment Project, visit the project Facebook page: www.facebook.com/BoltonCampProject

Peel Living – Working to Meet the Housing Needs of Our Community

Peel Living is committed to providing quality affordable housing to Peel residents. Earlier this year, we asked residents with an interest in affordable housing to join our volunteer Board of Directors. Working with six Regional Councillors, these five residents will play an important role in leading Peel Living in a new direction. The new Board will provide effective governance, set policy and develop a strategic plan. The new Board held its first meeting in March and they are committed and passionate about the well-being of our community and affordable housing.

In 2013, Peel Living initiated several service enhancements, specifically the inclusion of Tenancy Support Agents – or TSAs - who now spend time in Peel Living buildings to meet with residents. This initiative has allowed staff to develop better relationships with residents and to discover ways to improve the overall quality of our buildings. A great example of this was at our Glenway facility where tenants initiated the installation of several flowerbeds that they maintained throughout the summer. At Springfield, two tenants started a garage sale in an effort to encourage residents to rid themselves of goods they no longer needed – helping clear the site of unwanted clutter.

To learn more about Peel Living, or to view the Board of Directors meeting schedules and agendas, visit peelregion.ca/housing/peel-living/

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2-1-1 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services

3-1-1 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government and programs and services

9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes

Spring into Seasonal Clean Up

After the winter months, milder spring temperatures provide an opportunity to start seasonal household and yard clean up.

An efficient way to properly dispose of household yard waste is to use a Region of Peel Community Recycling Centre (CRC). Residents can drop off their gently used reusable items in good working condition, household hazardous waste, recyclable material, excess garbage and yard waste at any of the Region’s six CRCs. Disposal fees may apply.

Also, from the week of March 30 ending the week of June 22, the Region’s weekly Yard Waste Program will be in effect. During this time residents in the City of Mississauga can place unlimited amounts of acceptable items, such as tree trimmings, branches, leaves, grass clippings and household and garden plants (soil removed), at the curb for pick-up on their regularly scheduled collection days.

When preparing yard waste for collection follow these guidelines:

- Cut tree limbs, branches and trunks larger than 10 cm (4 in.) in diameter into 1.2 m (4 ft.) lengths.
- Using string or twine to securely tie brush in bundles up to 1.2 m (4 ft.) long and 76 cm (30 in.) wide.
- Put your yard waste in labelled, rigid, reusable containers, bushel baskets or paper yard waste bags.
- Ensure your reusable containers, bushel baskets or paper yard waste bags do not exceed 20 kg (44 lbs) each when full.

Visit peelregion.ca/waste for more information.