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SUMMER 2016

Dear friends and neighbours:

I am very happy to bring you my 2016 Regional Summer Newsletter! It is filled with information on operational initiatives as well as many exciting projects happening within the Region of Peel, the City of Mississauga and right here in Ward 8.

There is always something going on at City Hall and the Region of Peel. I encourage you to visit my City of Mississauga website page mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/ward8, where you will find connections to issues that will keep you up to date. Additionally, on my Ward 8 page you can request to "Join our Mailing List". By adding your email to our list, you will receive our monthly e-newsletter and be kept up to date on all activity in the Ward.

As another school year comes to a close, the start of summer vacations will begin. I encourage everyone to go out to explore and seek activity and enjoy the summer months. We are very fortunate to have many beautiful trails,

parks and activities to enjoy. Familiarize yourself with all the different cultural celebrations our City has to offer.

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

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

Ridgeway Community Court – COMING SOON

New Facility Expands Sports and Recreation Opportunities for Youth

MLSE Foundation and Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities have granted \$225,000 to the City of Mississauga to support the construction of a new multisport court.

Located at the Colonial Terrace complex (3570 and 3590 Colonial Drive), the new court will give youth in the area access to a safe space to play sports including basketball, soccer and hockey. The Erin Mills Youth Centre will also utilize the court to help neighbourhood youth develop valuable life skills like teamwork and leadership.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Mississauga West for their generous donation of \$50,000 to the MLSE Foundation to support this project. The Rotary Club of Mississauga West has been a long-term partner within the community and their dedication to youth and families having access to sport, recreation programs and facilities through their Clubs 50th Anniversary Fund has been commendable.



2016 REGIONAL BUDGET

To address the diverse and growing needs of the Region of Peel, Regional Council approved the 2016 Capital and Operating budgets. The 2016 Budget included a property tax increase of 0.8 per cent and a utility rate increase of 9 per cent. Peel utility rates are still the lowest in the Greater Toronto Area.

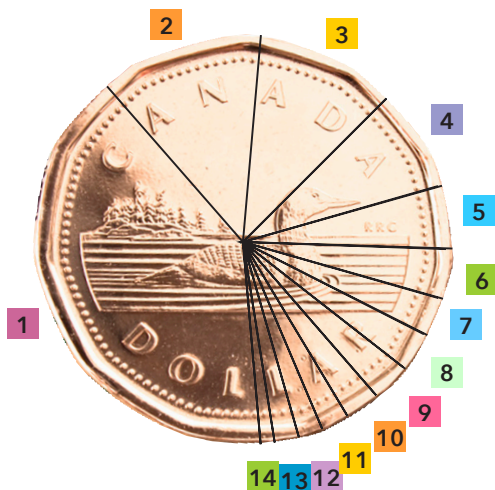
The average residential property and small business will see an increase to their property tax bill of \$35 and \$61 respectively. Additionally the average home will see a \$47 increase to their utility bill, while the average

small business will see an increase of \$120. These increases will ensure that the necessary resources are in place to support existing service levels and growing service demands.

Along with meeting the Capital and Operating needs of the Region, the budget provides funding to the three local conservation authorities (Credit Valley Conservation Authority, Halton Conservation Authority and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority), Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police.

CAN YOU SHOW ME WHERE MY DOLLARS ARE GOING?

From waste management to long-term care to the roads you use each day, the Region of Peel touches the lives of residents every day. The chart shows how your tax dollars are allocated.



1	Police Services 40¢
2	Housing 13¢
3	Waste Management 11¢
4	Transportation 8¢ (Roads and Accessible Transportation)
5	Paramedic Services 5¢
6	Social Assistance and Employment 4¢
7	Capital Infrastructure 3¢
8	Public Health 3¢
9	Seniors Services 3¢
10	Enterprise Programs and Services 3¢
11	Conservation Authorities 2¢
12	Early Years and Child Care 2¢
13	Other 2¢*
14	Community Investment 1¢

*Includes: Development Services, Operations Support and Assessment Services

NEW 2016 INVESTMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS

20 front-line Peel Regional Police officers

3 additional paramedic satellite stations and operation of a new reporting station

142 new housing subsidies to help our community and families obtain affordable housing

38,000 more TransHelp trips

2 additional ambulances, operating 24 hours a day seven days a week, to address an increase in 9-1-1 calls

Additional support to the not-for-profit sector

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

Bring it home



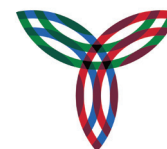
The Summer Games are coming. **August 11-14**

Mississauga Brings Home the 2016 Ontario Summer Games

For many young athletes, the Ontario Summer Games is the highpoint of their sporting career, while for others the Games are a stepping stone for the Pan Am Games or even the Olympics. The City of Mississauga is the official host for the 2016 Ontario Summer Games, taking place August 11 to 14, 2016. Athletes, ages 13 to 17, from all regions of Ontario will compete against their fellow provincial athletes to bring home the gold.

This is the first time Mississauga will host the Games. The Mississauga 2016 Ontario Summer Games are the largest in history, boasting 34 sport events hosted throughout Mississauga and a few other sporting neighbouring cities. We will welcome more than 3,500 athletes, 500 officials, 700 coaches and managers, in addition to visitors and spectators to the city.

The Games provide athletes with development and competitive opportunities that will prepare them for national and international sports competitions. It also gives everyone – the local community and volunteers – a chance to celebrate and bring home the spirit of sport in Ontario. The Ontario Summer Games will kick off with a grand Opening Ceremonies celebration at the Hershey Centre on Thursday, August 11 at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale June 2016.



**Mississauga
2016**

Ontario Summer Games
Jeux d'été de l'Ontario

For more information visit osgmmississauga.ca and follow @OSGMississauga and #bringithome on Twitter.

Don't Be 'Bugged' This Summer

The Region of Peel is once again preparing to battle the bugs as we creep closer to the summer season. This year, in addition to West Nile Virus, we'll focus on Lyme disease and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). All three of these diseases are transmitted to humans or animals by mosquitoes or ticks.

You can protect yourself from West Nile Virus and EEE by:

- wearing light colours, long sleeves, long pants and a hat;
- avoiding areas with high mosquito populations, and taking extra precautions at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active; and
- removing objects around your home that can hold standing water.

You can protect yourself from Lyme disease by:

- wearing long sleeves and tucking long pants into boots or socks;
- staying on hiking trails and avoiding overgrown bush and long grass; and
- checking yourself, your children and pets for ticks when returning home from the outdoors.



In 2015, there were two cases of West Nile Virus and two cases of Lyme disease reported in Peel (both cases of Lyme disease were not acquired locally). Beginning in June, Regional staff will trap and test mosquitoes to monitor for West Nile Virus and EEE, and treat municipal roadside catch basins and certain surface water sites with larvicide. The Region will also continue to examine ticks sent by residents and send the black-legged ticks, which can transmit Lyme disease, for testing.

For more information on mosquito or tick-borne diseases, or to sign up for email alerts about confirmed cases of West Nile Virus, visit peel-bugbite.ca or call the Region of Peel at 905-799-7700.

Affordable Housing Needs and Homelessness in Peel



Being able to afford housing is dependent on many factors including housing supply, employment, affordable child care, transit and food security. Not having access to these supports and services affects an individual or family's ability to find or keep housing. That's why the Region, the City of Mississauga and our community partners continue to invest in ways to increase affordable housing and reduce poverty in Peel.

Peel's Housing Needs:

- Demand for rental housing continues to outpace supply
- Peel's unemployment rate (7.7%) is above the provincial average (6.8%)
- Many jobs are precarious, including low wage, part time or temporary work
- Peel's rental vacancy rate is 1.5%, making it difficult for people to find affordable rental housing
- 11,747 households are on the Region's wait list for subsidized housing
- The Region provided 13,131 housing subsidies to residents in 2015

We've been able to make significant progress over the last year to address our community's affordable housing needs, in collaboration with our community partners:

- We continue to implement Peel's 10-year Housing and Homelessness Plan with the goal that "everyone has a home and homelessness is eliminated". Our annual update is available at peelregion.ca/housing/housinghomelessness/
- There are fewer households waiting for housing subsidy in Peel today than there have been in the last 13 years
- We've increased the affordable housing supply through a partnership with Supportive Housing in Peel (SHIP) to build 205 affordable housing units ready for occupancy in fall 2016, and we acquired 40 condo units to provide affordable housing for 40 households on the wait list
- Regional Council implemented a new housing investment framework that supports a continuum of services from homelessness prevention to home ownership

Youth homelessness also continues to be a priority. The Region and our community partners are working together to respond to the needs of our vulnerable youth, both within the shelter system and through outreach teams. Currently, Mississauga has only one youth homeless shelter and transitional shelter. In April, Regional Council directed staff to create a new youth shelter in Brampton as an interim approach to a longer term strategy addressing youth homelessness. Regional staff and community partners are developing program supports and community engagement plans, targeting fall 2016 to open the shelter.

As we learn more about our community and the specific needs of our residents, the Region will continue to build community partnerships to coordinate expertise, resources and funding to address current and emerging affordable housing needs in Peel.

For more information on housing and homelessness in Peel, visit peelregion.ca/housing/

Escape – to your own backyard – Create a Fusion Garden Oasis

Do you want to create an eco-friendly garden that is both beautiful and uses less water? Our Region of Peel staff can help you. We offer a Fusion Landscaping Design® consultation program from May to August to help residents create a stunning and functional outdoor space. Fusion landscaping is an innovative trend in garden design that brings together the splendor of traditional gardens with modern, eco-friendly plants, flowers and colours. The result is a lush, affordable and easy to maintain garden that need less water.

Consultations are free and take approximately 45 minutes.

To sign up visit us at watersmartpeel.ca.

Your Fusion garden oasis awaits.



Region of Peel
Working for you

Do you want to build a beautiful garden?

Sign up for a Fusion Design consultation or Fusion Garden workshop.

Bi-Weekly Waste Collection – Six Month Update

The first six months of bi-weekly waste collection have been a great success thanks to the enthusiastic participation and effort of Peel residents.

Beginning January 2016, waste collection changed and now garbage, along with organics is collected one week, while recycling and organics is collected the next. Thanks to the efforts of residents, the Region has already seen a 50 per cent increase in Organics Program participation.

During this change, you have worked together with Peel staff, reported any problems you experienced online, set your items to the curb on the correct day, followed set out guidelines, and adopted the new program within the first few collection cycles. Thank you for your efforts in making bi-weekly collection a success!

Cart Exchange

Also, currently the Region continues to deliver different sized carts to residents who requested an exchange. The Region appreciates your ongoing patience and understanding while they continue to deliver different sized carts to residents who requested to exchange.

Yard Waste

Not only has the Region launched the new bi-weekly program, but they also have offered you a longer yard waste collection season. This year, the yard waste season is two weeks longer, continuing to December 12, 2016. Be sure to visit peelregion.ca/waste to find your personalized collection calendar.

The longer yard waste season means that there are more opportunities to 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 your regularly scheduled collection day.

When preparing yard waste for collection follow these guidelines:

- Cut stumps/tree trunks and large branches over 10 centimetres (4 inches) in diameter to 1.2 metres (4 feet) lengths and drop them off at a Peel Community Recycling Centre
- Use string or twine to securely tie brush in bundles up to 1.2 metres (4 feet) long and 76 centimetres (30 inches) wide.
- Put your yard waste in labelled, rigid, reusable containers; bushel baskets or paper yard waste bags, and ensure your reusable containers, bushel baskets or paper yard waste bags do not exceed 20 kilograms (44 pounds) each when full.

A great re-use option for old blue boxes, grey bins or garbage cans is to label them “Yard Waste” and use them as a container to set out your acceptable material on your scheduled collection day.

If you are unsure if your item is acceptable in the Yard Waste Program visit peelregion.ca/waste and use the How to Sort Your Waste tool; it provides proper disposal instructions for more than 600 items.

Out In The Community

Councillor Mahoney, Environment staff and the Mississauga Litter Bug met at Living Arts Center Park to join thousands of participants across Ontario who volunteered 20 minutes to pick up litter around their workplace, school or community.



Launch of Earth Days 2016, in partnership with Ecosource and the Forest Glen Public School Child and Family Learning Centre at the Forest Glen Community Garden.

Ward 8 Watermain Update

Watermain replacement work has started on Windjammer Road and Woodhurst Crescent, and should be complete by the end of the year, weather permitting. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Durdle, Project Manager, Region of Peel at 905-791-7800, ext. 5052.

This work is to maintain, improve, and plan for future growth of existing water services as part of the Region's service commitment to provide safe, clean drinking water.

Gypsy Moth

The European Gypsy Moth found in Mississauga is a defoliating insect that is considered to be a pest throughout North America. The caterpillar eats the leaves of hardwood trees (most commonly oak species), which can have a detrimental impact on the overall health of the tree.

Trees can withstand some damage from the leaves being eaten and will recover if they are healthy. If leaf damage occurs over the whole tree and for several years in a row; the tree may experience a decline in health. Gypsy moth will always be present in the City of Mississauga. Mitigation measures will not eradicate the population, but instead minimize population levels reducing damage to trees.

Monitoring conducted city wide in 2015 shows that gypsy moth populations have remained relatively constant throughout the City since 2013. City staff and contractors implemented Integrated Pest Management measures on numerous City street and park trees in the spring/summer/fall of 2015. City staff and contractors continue to implement these measures on City property where the population is established as well as monitor 2016 population levels City wide.

What can you do to help protect your tress?

Residents are encouraged to monitor their property for signs of gypsy moth egg masses. The following Integrated Pest Management measures have proven effective in the control of gypsy moth:

- pick caterpillars off foliage/tree trunks and branches and soak them in soapy water (May - July)
- place sticky bands on tree trunks (May - July)
- install burlap wraps around tree trunks and then collect and destroy the caterpillars (May - September)
- use pheromone traps to capture and confuse male moths (June - August)
- scrape off and destroy egg masses (August - May)
- water trees (as needed)

Learn more about Gypsy Moth: visit mississauga.ca/portal/residents/parks-gypsy-moth send an email to gypsy.moth@mississauga.ca or call 3-1-1.



Tomorrow's *TransHelp* will soon be here

You may have heard TransHelp is realigning its operations to accommodate ridership growth so service can continue to be delivered for the long term to customers.

TransHelp is responding to changes mandated by the Ontario Government so that the service is compliant with AODA (Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act). As a result, a new review process will be introduced in the upcoming months to qualify new and existing passengers. Applicants who are currently not eligible for TransHelp may become eligible under the new criteria.

TransHelp is committed to keeping you updated on its progress and actions. Please visit the TransHelp website regularly (peelregion.ca/TransHelp) for news, updates and materials related to the transition. Staff will work to ensure any changes occur as smoothly as possible.



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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