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SUMMER 2017

Dear friends and neighbours:

I am pleased to bring you my 2017 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.

In 2017, Canada marks its 150th anniversary of Confederation. Join the celebration of our rich cultural diversity and heritage; our exceptional parks, trails and waterfront spaces; and Mississauga's commitment to excellence that makes great things happen. From main stage events in Mississauga Celebration Square to neighbourhood block parties and public art installations, there are countless ways to celebrate Canada in Mississauga.

I encourage everyone to get out there 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 anytime at **905-896-5800**.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable summer.

Regards,

Matt Mahoney
Regional and City Councillor, Ward 8

Celebrating Peel's 150th Which is older – Peel or Canada?

Did you know?

The Region of Peel is older than Canada? We're both celebrating our 150th anniversaries this year, but Peel was born six months earlier than Canada.

Our regional government actually began 16 years earlier – in 1851 – when the United Counties of York, Ontario, and Peel were created. Ontario County – which is now much of Durham Region – separated three years later and Peel also began to explore if it could become its own county.

Before it could, Peel had to build a courthouse with a council chamber and

jail and a majority of Peel voters had to agree to the separation. On January 1, 1867, the independent County of Peel was born. The courthouse and jail were also opened in 1867.

Peel County lasted for another 107 years before it was dissolved and replaced by the Regional Municipality of Peel in 1974. Today, Peel is still carrying on its 150-year tradition of being an independent, upper tier municipality.

We still use Peel County's 150-year old courthouse and jail?

Today, the courthouse and jail are home to the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA), which also includes



the registry office, built in 1890, and the county office building, built in 1959.

For more details, check:

- **The Birth of Peel County:** inthehills.ca/2014/03/departments/the-on-again-off-again-birth-of-peel-county/
- **About Peel:** peelarchivesblog.com/about-peel/

2017 Regional Budget

The Region of Peel's annual budget outlines how tax dollars and utility fees will be invested to help provide the services we value, such as the operations and maintenance of transportation systems, waste and water services and police services.

The 2017 Budget includes a property tax increase of 0.9 percent. The average residential property and small business will see an increase in their property tax bill of \$42 and \$73 respectively. Additionally, the average

home will see a \$29 increase to their utility bill, while the average small business will see an increase of \$76.

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.

Where Your Tax Dollar Goes

This chart shows the service areas where your tax dollars are allocated.



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| 1 | Police Services 40¢ |
| 2 | Housing 12¢ |
| 3 | Waste Management 10¢ |
| 4 | Transportation 8¢ (Roads and Accessible Transportation) |
| 5 | Paramedic Services 5¢ |
| 6 | Capital Infrastructure 5¢ |
| 7 | Seniors Services 4¢ |
| 8 | Social Assistance and Employment 3¢ |
| 9 | Public Health 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 2017 Investments and Improvements

The 2017 Budget provides the resources to enable the Region's 2015 – 2035 Strategic Plan, which has three areas of focus — **Living, Thriving and Leading**. This chart highlights some of the new 2017 investments and improvements in Peel Region.

LIVING

People's lives are improved in their time of need

New youth shelter in Brampton

2 new ambulances for additional **5,500** 911 calls

Assist **205** clients on the affordable housing waitlist

THRIVING

Communities are integrated, safe and complete

Waste collection services for **3,550** new households

22,500 more TransHelp trips

Additional policing staff to maintain our safe communities

LEADING

Government is future-oriented and accountable

Improving resident and client access

Sustainability of Peel's Infrastructure

Maintaining Peel's **Triple A** (AAA) rating

Public and Private Sector Leaders Collaborate to End Homelessness in Peel

More than 250 leaders from public, private and not-for-profit organizations and government came together as "One United Voice for Peel" at the Region's Housing and Homelessness Summit on April 4th to share ideas about how to increase affordable and accessible housing in Peel.

"The Region of Peel is recognized as a leader in affordable housing and it's important for us to bring the right people to the table to continue to advocate for solutions and find innovative ways to create more housing for families and individuals in desperate need," said Regional Councillor and Human Services Section Chair Martin Medeiros.

Keynote speaker Avi Friedman, Professor of Architecture at McGill University, provided compelling examples from



Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey, Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson and Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie discussed the importance of affordable housing in their communities

around the world of cities that have adopted innovative solutions for high-density and mixed use spaces.

Learn more about the Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan at: peelregion.ca/housing/housinghomelessness.

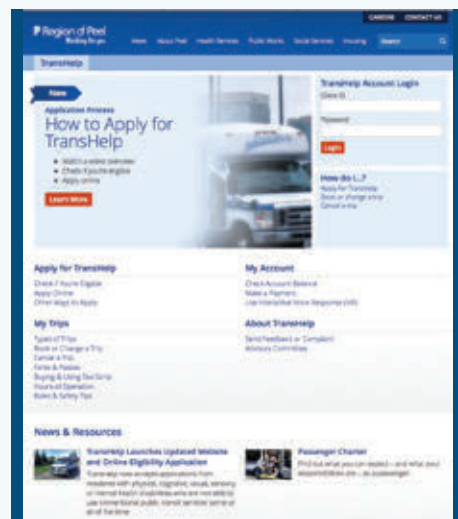
TransHelp's New Website and Online Eligibility Application

Transhelp has expanded its transportation service to be compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). As of January 2017, TransHelp now accepts applications from individuals living in the Region of Peel who have a physical, cognitive, visual, sensory or mental health disability and who experience barriers to using conventional public transportation services some or all of the time.

The Region of Peel has launched a new website that will support Peel residents in learning about, applying for and riding TransHelp.

The website is designed to better serve potential applicants to TransHelp through supportive and transcribed videos, an online form (or PDF application), and up-to-date user information for passengers, all in a mobile-friendly and accessible format. Applicants can continue to contact the Region of Peel at any time to request alternate formats.

For more information or inquiries, please visit peelregion.ca/transhelp. Applications can be filled out online, or a PDF download is available.



2017 Grown in Peel Guides Now Available



With everything from apples to watermelons and beets to pumpkins, Peel farms are a great place to pick up fresh and delicious produce. Learn about all the varieties of fruits and vegetables that grow right here in Peel. Pick up a copy of the 2017 Grown in Peel guide available now, or check out GrownInPeel.ca

"The Region of Peel is committed to improving the health and wellbeing of all residents by encouraging

the consumption of fresh, flavourful vegetables and fruits," said Dr. Lawrence Loh, Acting Medical Officer of Health. "We've created a handy guide that makes it easy and fun to discover the variety of produce grown right here in our community."

The Guide features 30 farms, retailers and farmers markets in Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga, as well as an easy-to-read map with information on the seasonal

availability of local fruits and vegetables. Pick up a copy of the guide free of charge at Peel libraries, fairs and municipal buildings or, request a copy by emailing growninpeel@peelregion.ca.

GrownInPeel.ca features an interactive map, which lists events happening at your local farms and farmers markets and provides the seasonal availability of nearly 50 fruits and vegetables.

Important Information about Household Medical Waste

Please remember that household medical waste supplies are not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage. Items such as casts, catheters, IV bags and tubing, incontinence products, etc., should be double-bagged and disposed of in the garbage.

Sharps, including needles and syringes, are also not recyclable. They should be placed in biohazard containers and taken to one of Peel's Community Recycling Centres (CRC) or to a pharmacy for disposal. Biohazard containers are available free at Peel's CRCs.

Let's all do our part to put household medical waste where it belongs.

For more information, visit peelregion.ca/medicalwaste



Let's Play in the Park



Introduced in Mississauga parks in 2014, "Let's Play in the Park" is a free, no registration, drop in playground program for children ages 6 to 12. This supervised play program is operated by qualified leaders trained in the HIGH FIVE® principles of healthy child development. Children participate in physical activities like cooperative games, sports, arts and

crafts in a naturally beautiful environment.

With only 5% of children meeting the Canadian Physical Activity Guidelines of 60 minutes of physical activity every day, play is one of the easiest, most affordable and fun ways for our children to get moving. The City of Mississauga is committed to supporting the benefits of play through this

free playground program for healthier and happier children, parents and caregivers.

We are pleased to offer this program again this summer at Brookmede Park, 2254 Council Ring Rd. Monday to Friday from 1 – 4 pm, July 3-September 1. For more program and location information, visit www.mississauga.ca/play

Peel Thanks Residents for Recycling

The Region of Peel would like to thank residents for helping us divert one million tonnes of recyclable material from landfills over the last decade.

"Thank you for participating in our recycling program," says Norm Lee, Peel's Director of Waste Management. "Because you chose to put recyclable materials in your blue box instead of in the garbage, we've achieved some great environmental and economic outcomes."

Peel's Material Recovery Facility (MRF), in Brampton, reached this major milestone in mid-December 2016, when it diverted one million tonnes of recyclables from landfills since it opened in 2005.

Collecting and recycling material uses far less energy than extracting raw resources. It also leaves raw resources for future generations. By recycling one million tonnes, we saved:

- 3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions,
- 15 million trees,
- 18 million gigajoules of energy – which equals 500 million litres of gasoline, and
- 21 billion litres of water.



Recycling material also generates more economic activity and creates more jobs than disposing of material. By recycling one million tonnes, we:

- generated \$115 million in total revenue for Peel,
- created 73 full-time equivalent jobs, and
- invested over \$25 million in local infrastructure.

"Thanks for your commitment," says Lee to Peel residents. "We're looking forward to your continued support as we work toward 75% diversion from landfill."

Have Your Say Help Develop Peel's Sustainable Transportation Strategy

Did you know the Region of Peel will grow by 40 per cent, from 1.4 million people to 2 million, in the next 25 years?

Help us develop our Sustainable Transportation Strategy (STS), an action plan to build a transportation system that is safe, efficient, and healthy for all users. We want to enable and encourage more people to walk, cycle, take public transit and carpool. What would motivate you to choose these modes more often? Share your ideas at STS@peelregion.ca

The Sustainable Transportation Strategy is being developed as a part

of our Long Range Transportation Plan, which also includes our Goods Movement Strategy and our Transportation Safety Strategic and Operational Plan.

This past January, we hosted public information centres to receive feedback from residents. We will be hosting additional sessions soon to present our findings and we want you to have your say. Please visit letsmovepeel.ca for upcoming consultation opportunities, or to provide feedback.

Help us build a better Peel with



improved safety, cleaner air for better health, and environmentally sustainable solutions.

Peel Region Lobbyist Registry Now Live

As part of Regional Council's commitment to enhance accountability and transparency, all Lobbyists must now register online prior to or within five days of lobbying a Region of Peel Public Office Holder. All Regional Councillors and Regional staff are Public Office Holders. Registration is a simple process and must occur before or within five business days of lobbying commencing.

The Lobbyist Registry allows the public to access a record of lobbying activity that occurs with Regional Public Office Holders.

What is Lobbying?

Lobbying is any communication with a Public Office Holder by an individual who is paid or represents a business or financial interest with the goal of trying to influence any legislative action. These actions include:

- Development, introduction, passage, defeat, amendment or repeal of a by-law, motion or resolution
- Development, approval, amendment, application or termination of a Regional policy, program, directive or guideline
- Outcome of a decision on any matter before Council, a Committee of Council or a Councillor or staff member acting under delegated authority

For more information, or to register as a Lobbyist, please visit our Lobbyist Registry page at peelregion.ca/registry

Out In The Community



Councillor Mahoney at John C. Pallet Park for Earth Day 2017

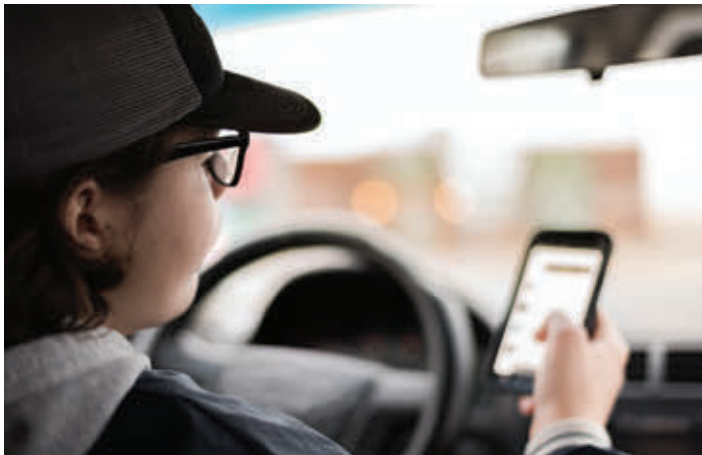


Safe City Luncheon 2017



Councillor Mahoney volunteers with Meals on Wheels

Road Safety Strategic Plan Being Developed



The Region of Peel's population continues to grow and is currently the second highest in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. The significant increase in population has resulted in heightened demand on the Region's transportation network. To prepare, the Region of Peel is currently developing a long term road safety strategic plan (RSSP) with partnership from various stakeholders.

The RSSP will set out the goals, objectives, and action plans to guide the Region and its road safety partners towards creating safer roads and reducing the number of collisions, serious injuries and road fatalities. Eliminating fatalities and serious injuries is a shared responsibility

between road users and those who design and maintain and enforce our roadways.

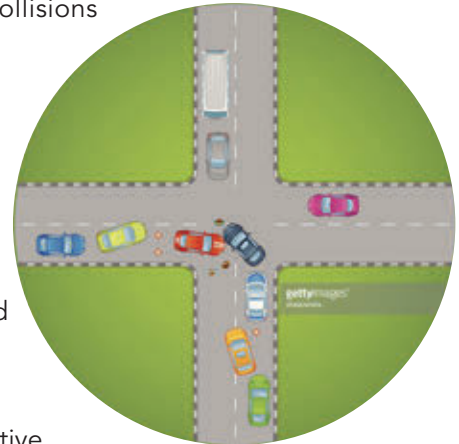
Through collision analysis and extensive public opinion consultation, the RSSP has determined six areas the Region will target:

1. Intersection related collisions
2. Aggressive driving
3. Distracted driving
4. Pedestrian collisions
5. Cyclist collisions
6. Impaired driving

Public consultations identified school zones and heavy trucks as concerns that need additional awareness. The actions developed will have a positive impact on these areas.

The next step is to identify actions to improve safety for each of the areas, through activities such as engineering modification, enforcement, and education.

We hope to begin implementing the RSSP plan in 2018.



Do You Want a Beautiful Garden?

The Region of Peel can help make it happen.

Fusion Landscaping is a trend in landscaping and garden design that creates textured, colourful gardens using eco-chic flowers, plants and trees. This environmentally-friendly form of landscaping is easier to maintain than traditional gardens and helps you use less water, reducing the cost of your summer water bills.

Visit our website for:

- Inspirational gardening ideas

- A list of Fusion plants
- A step-by-step guide on how to build a beautiful Fusion garden
- Calculators to help estimate the cost of a new garden

Get additional advice from Frankie Flowers – Check out his new videos

Frankie Flowers provides advice on mulch, easy and beautiful native plants and how flood-wise landscapes make good use of rainwater.

Visit watersmartpeel.ca and start planting!



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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

