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Councillor's message

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2016!

I am very happy to bring to you my City of Mississauga Winter Newsletter! Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your representative here at the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel.

This past year has been extremely busy and I'm grateful to the residents of Ward 8 who have been open to dialogue and have offered suggestions as to how we can improve our great Ward.

Please take the time to read through this newsletter as it has been designed to assist our residents with updated information that will affect you, your family and our neighbourhoods.

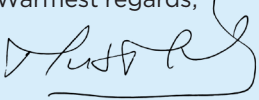
With so much happening in the coming months, I encourage you to visit the City of Mississauga website at mississauga.ca for direct accesses to numerous online services, as well as on our Ward 8 page you can request to 'Join our Mailing List'. By adding your email to our email list, you will receive our monthly e-newsletter and this will assist with being on top of all activity in our Ward.

With the winter months ahead, I encourage you to assist our elderly residents with snow clearing. This is also a reminder to pay attention to the city's on-street parking regulations during the winter season. Please assist our plows to safely and efficiently clean our roads.

I would like to thank everyone that came out to our Ward 8 Family Skate at the Erin Mills Arena. It was a great afternoon and it was wonderful to meet so many residents. Eden Food for Change was on hand to accept non-perishable food items, which were greatly appreciated, especially just before Christmas. Thank you again for your donations and being a part of the day!

On behalf of my staff and I, we wish you all a very happy and healthy 2016.

Warmest regards,



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Winter Fun on Ice

Did you know there are three outdoor community ice rinks in Ward 8? The City works in cooperation with volunteer residents from the neighbourhood or community to provide the Natural Ice Rink Program. The program provides free pleasure skating in our parks. Please find below a list of the Natural Ice Rinks in Ward 8:

- BRUCE REYNOLDS PARK**
2173 Springbank Road
- GARTHWOOD PARK**
3170 Garthwood Drive
- SHERWOOD GREEN PARK**
1864 Deer's Wold



Did you know?

2016 CITY BUDGET – Mississauga's annual Business Plan & Budget process completed in early December. Learn more about the City's 2016 budget at mississauga.ca/budget

Waste Management Changes:
Cart-Based Bi-Weekly Collection Starts January 4, 2016

Waste collection in the Region of Peel is changing to a two-week (bi-weekly) alternating schedule and cart system. You will have received your new carts and can begin using them in January 2016. The Region of Peel will collect your old blue box and green bin on designated collection dates in Spring 2016. Carts can be exchanged for free from April 1 to 30, 2016.

What bi-weekly collection means:

- Garbage and organics will be picked up one week
- Recycling and organics will be picked up the next week
- Change from garbage bags and recycling bins to carts
- Yard waste collection will not be affected

Benefits to you:

- Carts are easier to wheel to the curb
- Carts prevent blowing litter to keep your neighbourhood clean
- Carts are pest-resistant
- Continued weekly green bin collection

Benefits to the Region:

- Waste collection cost-savings
- A reduction of the amount of waste sent to landfill
- A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions since fewer collection vehicles are on the roads
- A reduction in worker injuries
- Neater and tidier streetscapes on collection day with less wind-blown litter

For more information, contact the Region of Peel: **905-791-9499** or visit their website: peelregion.ca/waste



Recycling Cart

Garbage Cart

Organics Cart

Mississauga Weather Alerts



Via Twitter

Mississauga residents can now receive real-time weather alerts on Twitter by following [@ECAIertON4](#).

Environment Canada developed the service to help keep residents informed about breaking weather information in a timely and accurate manner. It ensures that those using Twitter can stay up-to-date on severe weather in their area.

Interested in signing up?
For more information, visit [Canada.ca/weather](#) and search for “Twitter Weather Alerts”.



Community Safety

Safe City Mississauga is a registered charity dedicated to making Mississauga safer for all residents. They work closely with the police, the City and other partnering agencies to deliver youth and neighbourhood programs, events and awareness campaigns to the community. One of Safe City Mississauga’s programs is Neighbourhood Watch.

What is it?

Safe City Mississauga’s Neighbourhood Watch Program is a fantastic way to increase community safety and cooperation by inspiring residents to look out for their neighbours, and their neighbours’ property. This program is offered at no-cost to residents of Mississauga.

How Effective Is It?

Nearly all studies show that Neighbourhood Watch areas are associated with lower levels of crime, and research indicates that implementing a Neighbourhood Watch can reduce neighbourhood crimes by up to 26 per cent (Bennett, Holloway, & Farrington, 2008).

In 2015, Safe City Mississauga contracted Social Impact Squared to conduct a social impact study on the program. It was determined that our Neighbourhood Watch streets decreased their property crime by 36 per cent within their first year in comparison to streets with no watches. The decreases seen in a second study shows that our program’s decrease of property crime is not due to random chance alone.

More than that, Neighbourhood Watch inspires residents to take back their neighbourhood from crime; and while the program has been shown to reduce criminal activity, one of the greatest benefits is that it brings people closer together, forming a stronger community.

For More Information, Contact Safe City Mississauga:
905-615-4155 ext. 4479
neighbourhoodwatch@safecitymississauga.on.ca
safecitymississauga.on.ca



Back Row: Melisa Djebbari - Bell, Lena DeMarco - Bell, Councillor Mahoney, Larry Petovello - Safe City Mississauga
Front Row: Stella Ambler - Former MP, Chief Jennifer Evans - Peel Regional Police, Ashley Lyons - Safe City Mississauga, Ralph Hunter - Safe City Mississauga

Winter Maintenance in Mississauga

The City of Mississauga is prepared for the winter season. There are many operations and steps the City takes to help people travel safely during the winter months including:

- clearing roads, priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings
- removing snow
- salting and brining of roads
- offering a windrow program for seniors and persons with disabilities

Keep Up-to-Date on Plowing and Salting

- download the Mississauga Roads App (from the Apple Store or Google Play) to track plows/salters travelling routes and receive alerts
- follow us on Twitter [@MississaugaSnow](#) for current conditions and progress
- visit [mississauga.ca/snow](#) for live updates, details, routes and maps
- call the information Snow Line **905-615-SNOW (7669)** to hear recorded information about plowing and salting during a snow event, available 24/7

If there are concerns with road conditions 12 to 24 hours after a snowstorm ends please contact **3-1-1 or 905-615-4311** (outside city limits).

Snow Clearing and Salting

The City uses a priority route system to clear and salt roads, bus stops, priority sidewalks and pedestrian crossings. Following a snowfall the City’s priority is to ensure that emergency vehicles and transit buses have safe access to routes on major roads.

During a snowstorm, priority roads (major roads, arterial roads) and local collector roads such as Burnhamthorpe Rd. or Dundas St. are cleared first. These roads are salted if the snow is less than eight cm (three inches) or plowed and salted if snow is more than eight cm (three inches).

Following the clearing of priority roads, local residential roads, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and priority sidewalks (those around hospitals, schools and major transit routes) are cleared.

Levels of Service

- priority roads are cleared within 12 to 24 hours after the end of a snow storm (back to back storms will extend this timing)
- local residential roads, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and priority sidewalks (those around hospitals, schools and major transit routes) are cleared (bare pavement is not guaranteed)
- priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings are cleared within 24 to 36 hours after the end of a snowstorm. Back to back storms will extend this timing
- cul de sacs, roads with 90 degree bends and dead end streets are at the end of the snow clearing operations

Snow Season Parking

Roads with parked cars take longer to plow or salt. Please remove vehicles from roads during heavy snowfalls. A winter on-street parking restriction is in effect in Mississauga from November 1 to March 31 between 2 to 6 a.m. This restriction will be enforced in accordance with the Traffic By-law and vehicles left on city streets will be issued a penalty notice and are subject to towing and storage fees at the expense of the owner.

During snow removal, temporary parking permits (parking considerations) will not be issued and current ones will be cancelled.

Winter Maintenance Service Standards for the City of Mississauga				
Snowfall accumulation of	Less than 8cm (3")	8cm to 15cm (3" to 6")	15cm to 30cm (6" to 12")	More than 30cm (12") of back to back storms
Major/Priority Road	Salting Only	Plowing & Salting Cleared within 12hrs after the end of a snowfall	Plowing & Salting Cleared within 24hrs after the end of a snowfall	Plowing & Salting More than 24hrs after the end of a snowfall
Residential/ Secondary Roads Priority Sidewalks Bus Stops Pedestrian Crossings		Plowing & Salting Cleared within 24hrs after the end of a snowfall	Plowing & Salting Cleared within 36hrs after the end of a snowfall	Plowing & Salting More than 36hrs after the end of a snowfall

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Did you know?

Holcim Waterfront Estate is the newest wedding, conference and event venue in Mississauga. Visit [mississauga.ca/holcimestate](#) to book your next event.

Update Stormwater Charge

What is Stormwater?

Stormwater is the rain and melted snow flowing from our properties on to our streets and down into more than 40,000 storm drains. This water flows through a large and complex network of pipes and waterways directly into Lake Ontario.

Our stormwater drainage system protects water quality and lowers the risk of flooding that can damage your property and the environment. To keep our system in good working order, the City invests in planning, design, construction, operation, maintenance, renewal and by-law enforcement activities.

Our Challenge

Mississauga is a growing city. With more people living here and more businesses operating here, the amount of water running off hard surfaces such as roofs and parking lots is increasing. In addition, changes to our climate can bring heavier rainfalls and rapidly melting snow. These changes mean there is more stormwater entering our system than ever before, causing costly wear and tear on our already aging infrastructure. We want to minimize potential risks to residents, their property and the environment. We need to invest more money in our stormwater system to keep it in good working order and to avoid costly repairs in the future.

Our Solution

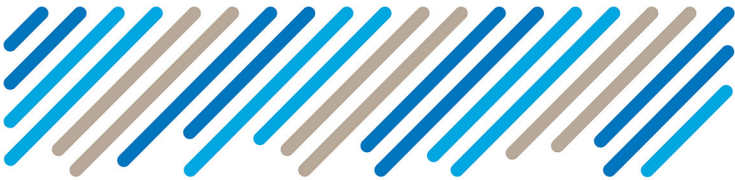
The City did a study with input from the public in 2012 to find the best solution for Mississauga. This study found a stormwater charge to be a fair and dedicated source of funding that is needed to manage stormwater now and in the future.

What is the Stormwater Charge?

The stormwater charge is a new, dedicated source of funding that will be added to the Region of Peel water bill in 2016. Different types of properties have different amounts of stormwater runoff. Property owners will be charged based on the amount of hard surface area on their properties. The more hard surface you have, the more water runoff you are creating and the more you will be charged. The less hard surface you have, the less you will pay.

Currently, stormwater is funded through the property tax and as a result, residential properties are paying a higher percentage (69 per cent) for stormwater than non-residential properties (31 per cent). This is because property taxes are based on land value. Under the new Stormwater Charge, residential properties will pay less (40 per cent) for stormwater and non-residential properties will pay a higher percentage (60 per cent). This is because the stormwater charge is based on the amount of hard surface area on a property. The relative amount of tax (land value) and stormwater charge (hard surface area) is unique to every property.

Learn more about the stormwater charge at stormwatercharge.ca



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Please visit stormwatercharge.ca



City of Mississauga's Mobile App Powered by Pingstreet

Connect with the City of Mississauga using Pingstreet - a free mobile app that provides relevant information in one convenient place. Residents and visitors can access real-time information from the City including latest news, upcoming events, committee meetings, Mayor and Councillor's contact information and waste collection information.

Newest Features

The following City service requests may be submitted through the app 24/7:

- request a temporary parking permit for a residential street
- report a problem with graffiti, sidewalk or road damage (pot holes), illegal signs and shopping carts

The Pingstreet mobile app is available for download at the following online stores: Apple Store, Google Play, BlackBerry World and Windows Phone Store.



Sign up for Ward 8 news

Interested in receiving email updates about your community? Email me at matt.mahoney@mississauga.ca to sign up for monthly Ward 8 news delivered right to your inbox.



Did you know?

MiWay is forecasting 53 million boardings by the end of 2015.

Visit miway.ca for more information.



Pan Am Games Leaves a Lasting Legacy for Mississauga

The TORONTO 2015 Pan Am / Parapan Am Games are over and there is a lot to celebrate. Residents, businesses, volunteers and City staff hosted the largest international multi-sport event in Ontario's history. As a host venue city, Mississauga is proud to be part of this lasting legacy. Here are just some of the highlights:

- The Hershey Centre was showcased as a multi-sport event venue.
- Mississauga residents and businesses carpoled, cycled, used transit walked and/or used alternative work arrangements during the Games. All efforts helped to alleviate traffic congestion and get athletes and officials to their events on time.
- More than 15,000 community members joined local festivals and concerts across the city.
- The City distributed 650 Pan Am and Para Pan Am event tickets to local sport and community groups including Mississauga's youth, families and volunteers.
- Mississauga was one of five Parapan Am host cities for the largest Parapan games in history. Committed to accessibility, the City initiated and developed a three year plan to incorporate para sport into community programs.
- Residents watched as 17 local athletes showcased their skills in a variety of sports during the Games. Visit mississaugapanam.ca for a full list of Mississauga athletes who competed in the Games
- An astounding 4,300 residents volunteered at all Pan Am venues.
- Mississauga welcomed 50,000 visitors, 1,800 national media and 950 athletes from 41 nations visiting Mississauga for the Games.
- The City's revamped tourism website discovermississauga.ca had 50,000 unique visits in the two months spanning the Games.

What's next

Mississauga is hosting the 2016 Ontario Summer Games, an event that will welcome more than 5,000 athletes, officials, friends and family. Next year, from August 11 to 14 Mississauga will showcase 20 venues across the City hosting more than 30 sports from lacrosse to archery to soccer and basketball.

KNOW WHO TO CALL



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

- garbage pick up
- water billing
- recreation programs

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

- employment leads
- doctors accepting patients
- social housing resources

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

- a fire
- a crime in progress
- a medical emergency

Visit mississauga.ca for more information.

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