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Councillor's message

**Dear friends and neighbours:**

Thank you for once again allowing me the privilege of being your representative at the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel.

I'm grateful to all the residents of Ward 8 who have been open to dialogue and have offered suggestions on how we can improve our great ward.

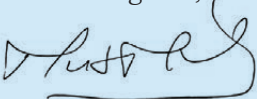
Please take the time to read through this newsletter as it has been designed to assist the residents with relevant information on: what's going on in our community, important City issues and updates on exciting projects that are transforming not only Ward 8, but the City of Mississauga.

Since the beginning of 2019 the Ward 8 office has been busy with budget and committee meetings and events such as the Annual Ward 8 Family Fun Skate at Erin Mills Twin Arena. It was a fantastic afternoon and I enjoyed chatting with long-time residents and meeting the new residents to Ward 8. Thank you to the Erin Mills Twin Arena team for all their assistance in making the event a great success!

I encourage everyone to get out there to explore and seek activity and enjoy the upcoming summer months after our very long and cold winter. Ward 8 is very fortunate to have many beautiful trails, parks and activities to enjoy.

As always, my staff and I are here to assist you with any City or Regional issues. For the latest news and information, please visit my website at [mattmahoney.ca](http://mattmahoney.ca).

Warmest regards,



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**New Council Term 2018 - 2022**

I am pleased to once again have the privilege of representing your interests as the Councillor for the Ward 8 community. On December 3, 2018, our inaugural council meeting was held and I, along with my colleagues on Council, were officially sworn in by the City Clerk for the 2018-2022 Council term.

# Dealing with Tall Grass and Nuisance Weeds

Not sure when to cut the grass? According to Mississauga's Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass by-law, grass on private property cannot be more than 30 centimetres high. Property owners are responsible for cutting any tall grass on their property.

Owners must also maintain their boulevards and keep them free from nuisance weeds. Any nuisance weeds and weed seeds you find must be destroyed on the property.

- The list of the most common nuisance weeds in Mississauga includes:
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| • Buckthorn, European | • Thistle, Canada  |
| • Hemlock             | • Thistle, Nodding |
| • Poison ivy          | • Thistle, Russian |
| • Ragweed             | • Thistle, Scotch  |
| • Sow-thistle         | • Garlic Mustard   |
| • Thistle, bull       | • Creeping Charlie |

If City staff receives a complaint about nuisance weeds or grass that is too tall they will send the property owner a notice informing them of the by-law violation. The owner will then have 10 days to fix the issue.

Learn more about tall grass, nuisance weeds and your responsibilities by reading the Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass By-law on the City's website at: [mississauga.ca/bylaws](http://mississauga.ca/bylaws).

## Annual Ward 8 Family Fun Skate at Erin Mills Twin Arena





# 2019 Budget Approved

## Mississauga City Council recently approved the 2019 Business Plan and Budget.

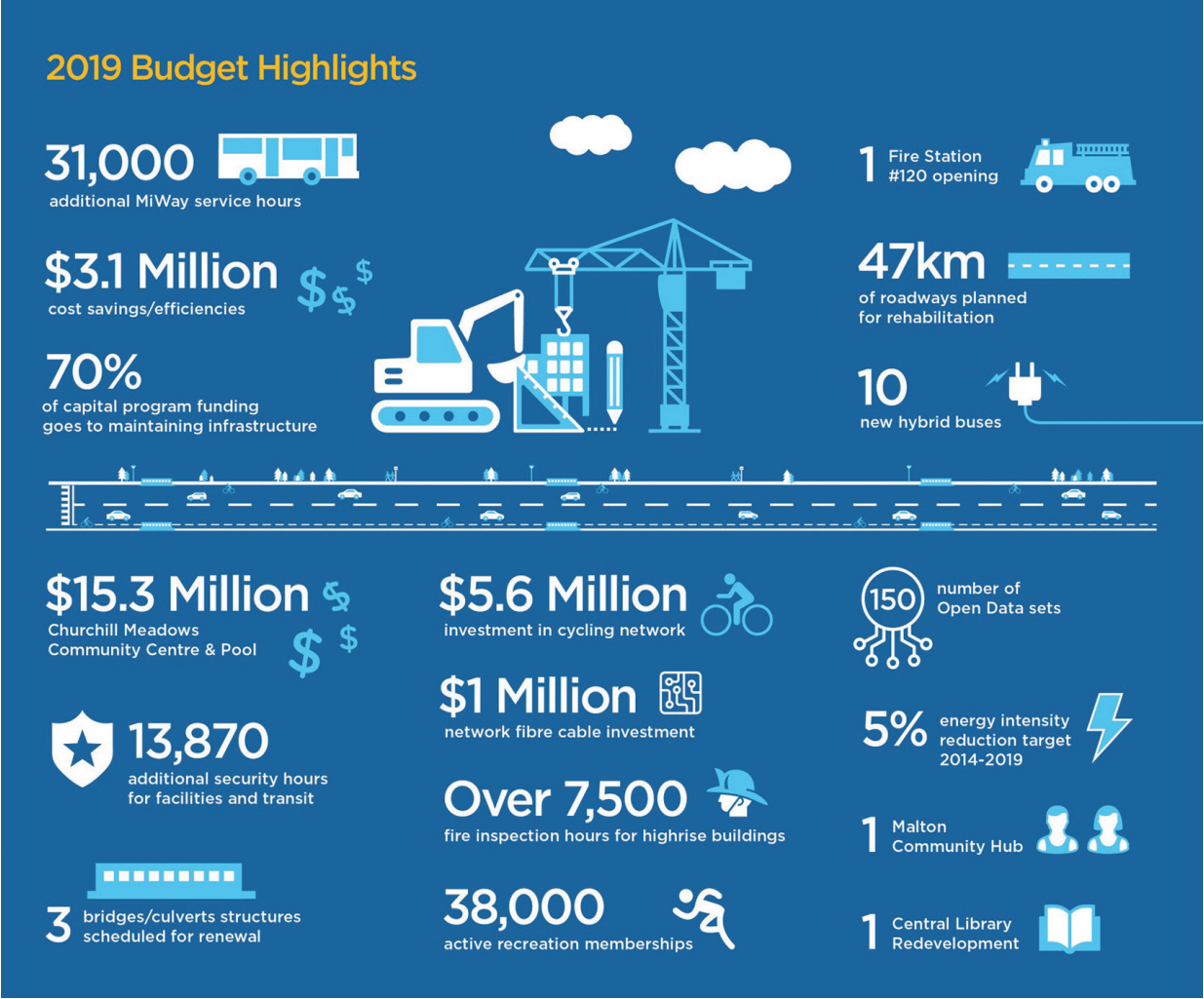
The City’s Business Plan and Budget tries to achieve a balance between meeting pressures and impact on the property tax bill. Our city is facing many pressures such as inflation, delivering on our strategic goals, maintaining our aging infrastructure, expanding transit services and preserving our tree canopy from invasive and destructive species such as the Emerald Ash Borer, gypsy moths and fall cankerworms.

The detailed business plan is informed by the valuable input received from residents. It assists me and my Council colleagues in making sound decisions regarding your tax dollars. When compared to taxes paid to other levels of government and other household expenditures, your property taxes represent good value for money; providing for the services you use every day.

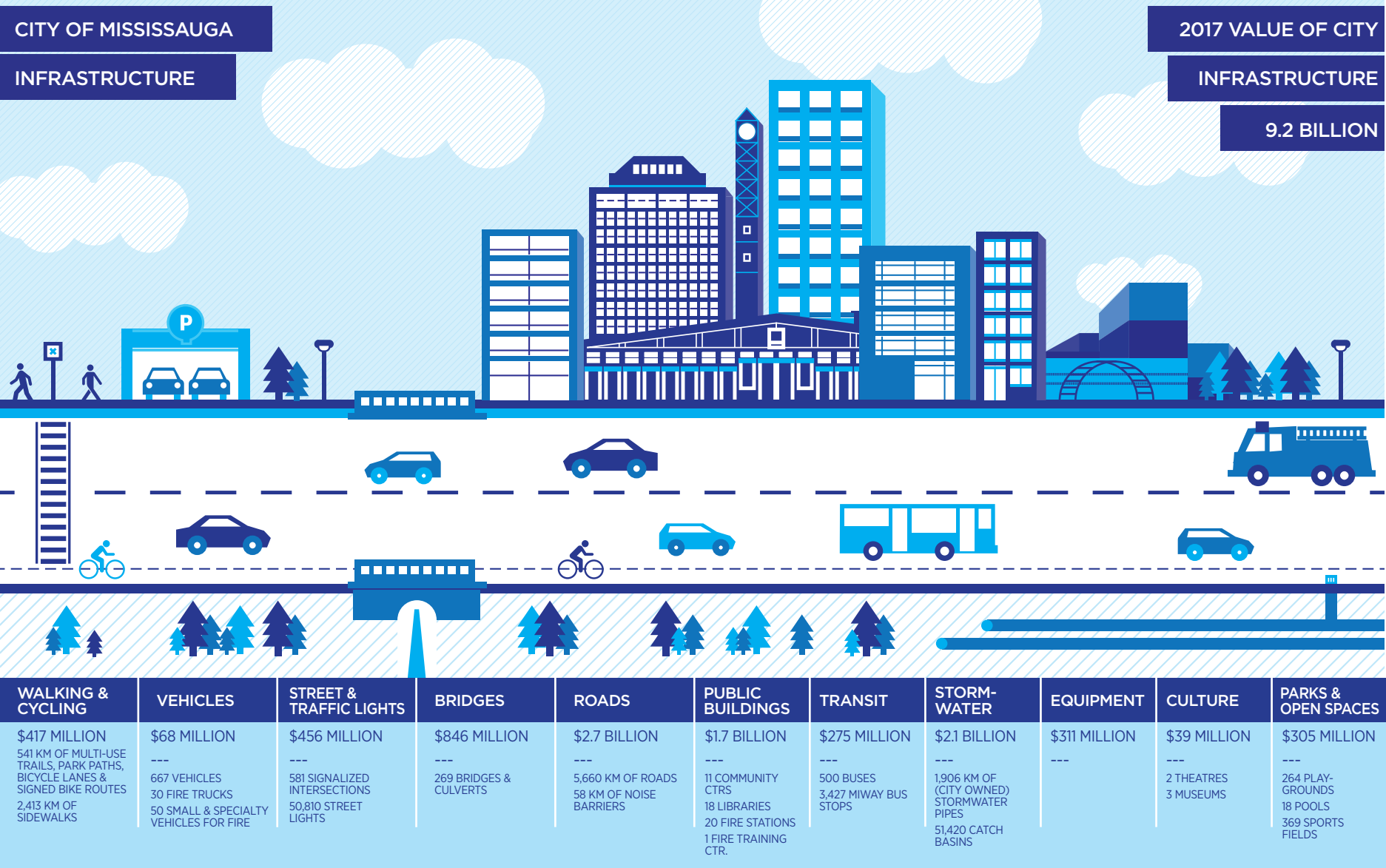
With the approval of the 2019 Budget, you will see a total increase of 2.90 per cent on your residential property tax. The increase includes 1.56 per cent for City services and 1.34 per cent for Region of Peel services. The impact of the budget is an \$83.08 increase on the City’s portion of the property tax on an average residential property valued at \$645,000 or \$12.88 per \$100,000 of assessment.

### Key highlights from this year’s budget:

- Advancement of our Strategic Plan in 2019 by adding approximately \$9.9 million worth of new services, including:
  - 31,000 additional MiWay service hours



- increased investment in transit enforcement and public safety
  - continued redevelopment of the Small Arms Inspection Building, the City’s newest arts and cultural facility
  - Council did not approve the University of Toronto Mississauga (UTM) Capital Funding Levy of \$1 million in the 2019 Budget.
- You can learn more about the City’s 2019 Business Plan and Budget by visiting [mississauga.ca/budget](http://mississauga.ca/budget).





# Pheasant Run Park Expansion Update

Please see an update on Pheasant Run Park including the schedule and park improvements.

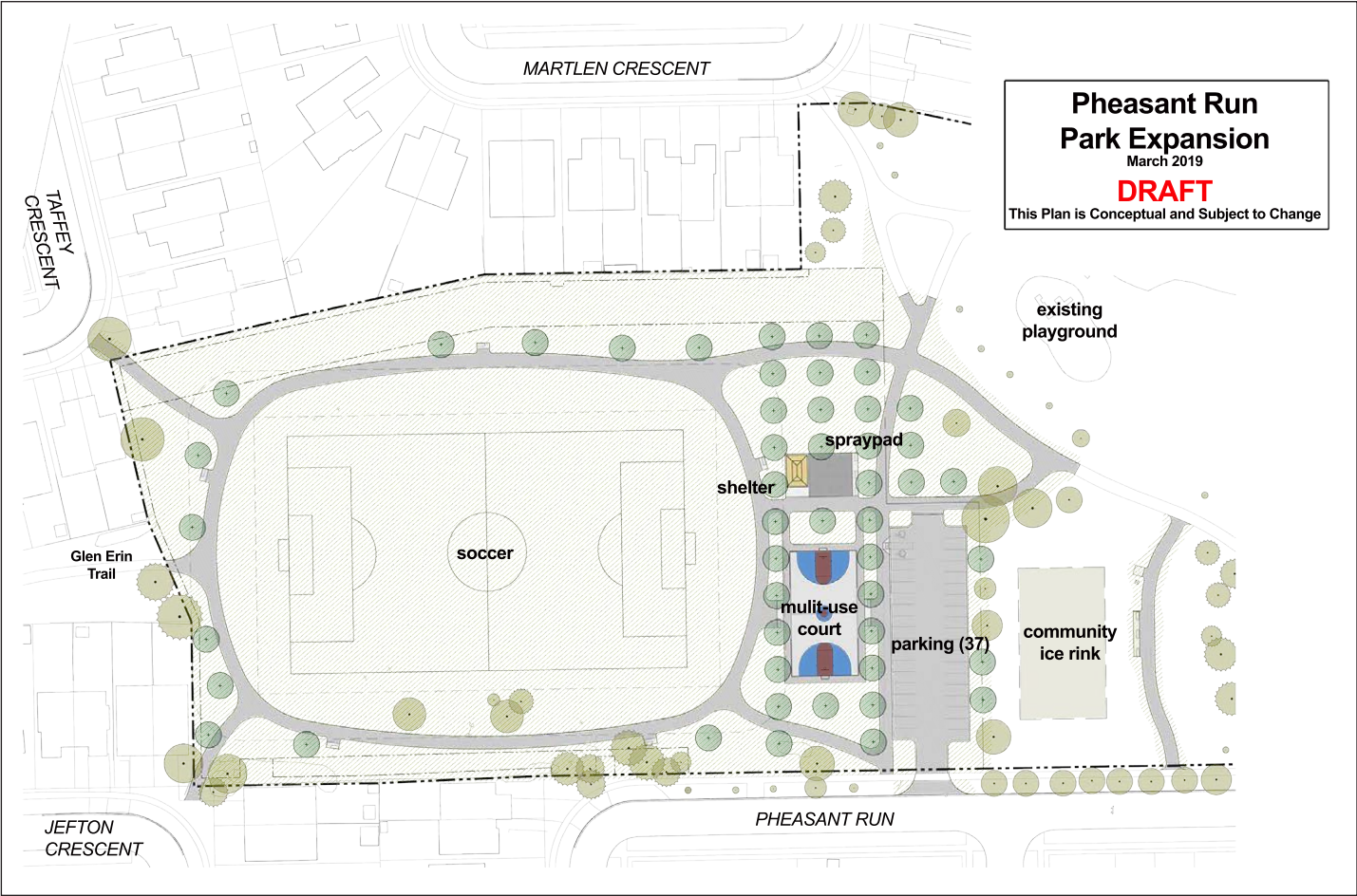
Looking forward to enjoying these new features in our community.

**Schedule:**

- Concept design is complete
- Detailed design is underway
- Construction start : August 2019
- Construction to be completed: July 2020

**Park improvements include:**

- Soccer Pitch
- Multi-use Court
- Spray Pad
- Shelter
- Parking Lot
- Community Ice Rink
- Walking Loop with bench fitness stations
- Benches/Picnic Tables
- Lit trails
- Landscaping & tree planting
- Accessibility



## Follow Your Park Rules

Parks are public spaces that we all share.

It’s up to each one of us to do our part to care for these spaces and keep them clean for everyone to enjoy. If we all follow some simple rules and etiquette, our parks and trails will be enjoyable for everyone.

**Park Etiquette**

Follow the rules posted on signs (the rules protect you and the park).

- Use the waste and recycling bins provided, especially after using a picnic area or sports field. Clean up after yourself and leave the area as clean as you found it.
- If you use a BBQ, completely extinguish coals before leaving. Do not dump them as this is a fire and safety hazard.
- Keep dogs on leashes unless in a leash-free zone. Always pick up after your dog.
- Stay to the right on trails, pass on the left and remember that pedestrians always have the right-of-way.
- Cyclists on trails follow the same rules: keep to the right, pass pedestrians on the left and use a warning bell.
- If parking lot(s) are full, be considerate when parking on nearby streets, obey street signs and park in designated areas only. Please do not park on the grass.
- It’s illegal to smoke within 20 metres of children’s playgrounds and public sports areas in Ontario.
- In case of heavy rain, keep away from trails, creeks and rivers with high water levels.



## Stay Active All Year

Is the spring weather tempting you to skip your regular fitness routine? Or maybe you need a fresh routine. Either way, make a plan to stay active this summer and every season of the year by participating in regular leisure and recreational activities.

Find programs that fit your lifestyle and schedule at [activemississauga.ca](http://activemississauga.ca). The site is easy to use, mobile-friendly and provides simple search, bookmark and registration features.

In addition to the website, in-person customer service support is available from knowledgeable staff at all local community centres and the Recreation Customer Service Centre.

### Councillor Mahoney– Committee List

**City of Mississauga**

- 2021 Ontario Parasport Games/ Host Committee
- Advertising Review Panel
- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Budget Committee
- Environmental Action Committee, Chair
- Mississauga Public Library Board

**Region of Peel**

- Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Credit Valley Conservation
- Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee



# New MiWay Route 100 Airport Express

**MiWay’s Route 100 - Airport Express** is now operating every 16 minutes, Monday to Friday, along the city’s dedicated bus-only Mississauga Transitway.

MiWay riders can travel from Winston Churchill Station to Renforth Station and express to Toronto Pearson International Airport Terminals 1 and 3. Route 100 operates between 4 a.m. and 7 p.m. and stops at all 12 transitway stations. It offers connections to the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), GO Transit bus service and Brampton Transit.

This new express route is part of the MiWay Five Transit Service Plan from 2016-2020. The plan is moving Mississauga’s transit system to a grid network allowing more frequent buses along main corridors, improving connectivity to surrounding municipalities and making travel to Toronto Pearson International Airport easier.

Route 100 - Airport Express provides you and our business community with an efficient way to travel to the airport from Mississauga’s downtown core and the Mississauga Airport Corporate Centre.

You can plan your next MiWay trip on Route 100 - Airport Express or other MiWay routes, by visiting [miway.ca/planatrip](http://miway.ca/planatrip) or by calling **905-615-INFO (4636)** for customized route and schedule information.



# Youths Ride MiWay and Enjoy Activities for Free with Freedom Pass

Did you know that youth ages 12 to 14 years can travel on MiWay for free this summer?

With the Freedom Pass youth can ride MiWay for free anywhere within Mississauga. The pass also allows them to engage in various leisure activities such as swimming for free at public indoor and outdoor pools.

There are many other free activities available in Mississauga this summer to help the youth in your family experience the freedom.

Here are some places to go and things to do with a Freedom Pass:

- Multi-Use Ramp Parks for Skateboarding/Biking/Scooters/Inline Skating
- Mountain Bike Park
- Basketball Hoops
- Dirt Jump Parks
- Celebration Square

To learn more, visit [mississauga.ca/freedompass](http://mississauga.ca/freedompass).

# Pets Need Licences Too!

Under Mississauga’s Animal Care and Control By-law, every dog and cat in Mississauga needs to be licensed.

A pet licence comes with benefits. It’s your pet’s ID and has important information that can help Mississauga Animal Services return them to you if lost.

- Pet owners are responsible for buying a pet licence and renewing it annually or bi-annually.
- You can buy an annual pet licence online, by phone, by mail or in person at the City’s Animal Services shelter.
- You can buy a two-year pet licence by phone, mail or in person at our Animal Services shelter; two-year licences aren’t available online.
- Pet licences must be visible on the pet’s collar. Owners of unlicensed pets may be subject to a \$100 administrative penalty.



# Yard Waste Collection Resumes

Yard waste collection by the Region of Peel has resumed. Yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on a resident’s collection day. It must be placed in acceptable bins, containers and/or bags.

**A bin/container used for yard waste collection must be:**

- clearly labelled “yard waste”,
- rigid and reusable with handles that are attached or molded to the exterior,
- smaller than 60 cm (24 in.) wide and 95 cm (38 in.) high, and,
- less than 20 kg (44 lbs.), when full.

**A Kraft brown paper bag used for yard waste collection must:**

- support a maximum weight of 20 kg (44 lbs.) when lifted, without tearing,
- securely close when full, and,
- be smaller than 66 cm (26 in.) wide and 90 cm (35 in.) high.

Residents can use their old garbage container or blue/grey box to set out yard waste for collection. To learn more, check <http://www.peelregion.ca/waste/yard-waste>

# On-Street and Overnight Parking Regulations

Unless otherwise posted, you can now park on city streets for up to five hours instead of three. In addition, overnight parking is no longer allowed on city streets daily from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m. The new parking rules are in effect all year round.

For more information, visit [mississauga.ca/portal/residents/parkingbylaw](http://mississauga.ca/portal/residents/parkingbylaw).



## KNOW WHO TO CALL

**3-1-1** for direct access to municipal government programs and services in Peel:

- garbage pick up
- water billing
- tax information

**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** for life-threatening emergencies or crimes:

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

Visit [mississauga.ca](http://mississauga.ca) for more information.

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