

Sue McFadden

Regional Councillor



300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, ON • L5B 3C1 • 905-896-5010
sue.mcfadden@mississauga.ca • mississaugaward10.ca

Region of Peel
working with you

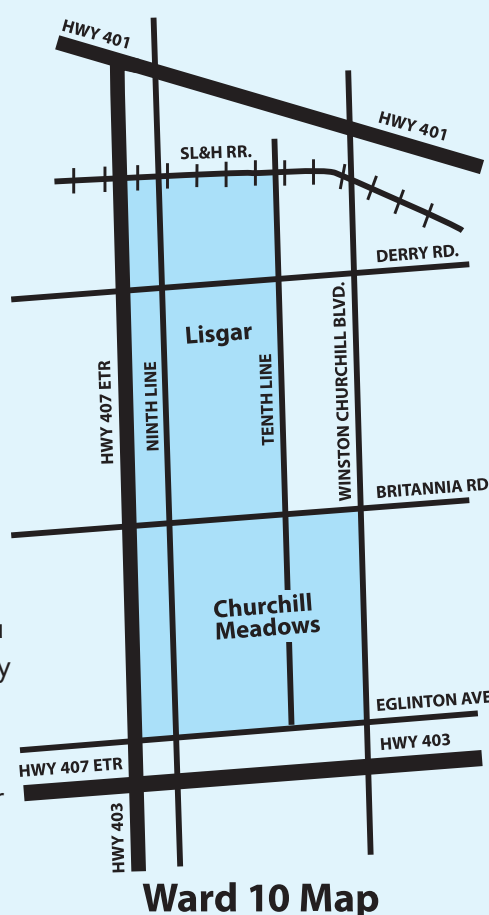
Hello Neighbours!

Through this newsletter, I am pleased to share with you some of the new, revised and existing programs that the Region of Peel and City of Mississauga offer to you, a resident and taxpayer, to provide a high quality of life for you, your household and our community.

Two key programs I want to draw your attention to in this newsletter are Traffic Safety and Property Standards. I have devoted a page to each, though much more can be said on these topics. There are also articles on new parking regulations, and updates on my three priority issues for this term of Council: the Ninth Line lands, the new community centre, and flooding.

These articles represent only a small sample of what's happening in our community as I have limited pages and limited funds to share more at this time. I would encourage you to stay informed with timely news, events, projects and more by subscribing to my e-Newsletter that comes free to your Inbox. The details on how to sign up are in the column to the right.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. As your advocate and elected representative, I am always available to connect with you on any municipally-related matter – just call, e-mail or set up an appointment through my office.



Subscribe today... and win!



Did you know that the schedule for yard waste collection changes in the summer? Or that a community garden has been installed at Churchill Meadows Community Common? You can be informed about our community news, events and projects by subscribing to **Sue's eNews**, my Ward 10 e-Newsletter delivered straight to your Inbox. For new subscribers, I am giving away 50 sets of four activity passes good for a complimentary drop in visit to a community centre (pool, arena, fitness class). Winners will be the first 25 new subscribers beginning March 12 and the remaining 25 will be randomly selected from among those who sign up between March 12 and 31, 2018. You must be a Ward 10 resident to win. Go to mississaugaward10.ca to subscribe.

Construction begins on community center

By the time you're reading this newsletter, the tender for building our beautiful, award-winning community centre situated in the Ninth Line corridor opposite to Tacc Dr., will have been awarded, with construction expected to begin in April. Phase One of the park project includes a 65,000 square foot indoor facility (with aquatic centre, triple gymnasium, meeting rooms and more) and two full size, lit, turf soccer fields, one of which will be domed for indoor play during the winter. A trail network and grading of the entire 55-acre site is also part of Phase One. With a favourable bid, I hope we can include some of the additional amenities like the playground, splash pad, skate park and basketball court too.

I continue to meet regularly with the project team to discuss detailed plans for the building and surrounding park. In early February, among other things, I reviewed drawings and concept images for the protected, covered transit link that will provide a safe and aesthetically-pleasing connection for transit users to make their way across the parking lot from the bus stop to the building entrance. In mid-February, I discussed options around the look and placement of the 700 tiles that were lovingly painted by members of the community last Canada Day to form a public art installation within the new centre. A new web page is being launched by the City dedicated to the Centre and Park capital project.

You can follow the construction progress online at mississaugaward10.ca/park459.html



In November, together with fellow Councillors Matt Mahoney and John Kovac and project team staff with the City of Mississauga, I was thrilled to break ground on the long-awaited community centre that will be built over the next few years on 55 acres of greenspace along Ninth Line opposite Tacc Drive. Construction begins early this spring!

Municipal impact on road safety



Mississauga’s Traffic Operations Section contributes to the safe movement of pedestrians, cyclists, transit users and motorists throughout the City by, setting speed limits, reviewing the safety of intersections and implementing traffic calming measures among other things.

Under the Highway Traffic Act, the City can set speed limits ranging from 40 to 80 km/hr in 10 km/hr intervals with a default municipal speed limit of 50 km/h on roadways within cities. In reviewing speed

limits a number of factors are considered such as: vehicle operating speeds, adjacent development, collision history, pedestrian activity, driveway spacing and the location of signalized intersections.

Stop signs are designed to regulate vehicular and pedestrian right-of-way at intersections, and are not intended for use as speed control devices. Installation of All Way Stops are recommended based on satisfaction of criteria related to traffic volumes and/or collision history with consideration also given to sightlines and road geometry.

Traffic calming uses physical devices or design features to change driver behaviour. It aims to improve public safety by reducing excessive speed, discouraging short-cutting traffic and minimizing conflicts between all road users. Implementation is an extensive process that involves data collection, evaluation, plan development and consultation with stakeholders prior to construction.

Safety tips for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists

The reduction of fatal and serious injury collisions continues to be a high priority for officers in the Region of Peel. Members of the public, drivers and pedestrians alike, are reminded that road safety is a shared responsibility. Drivers are being asked to give their full attention to driving safely and obeying the rules of the road. Pedestrians are reminded that their safety is in their hands, and that they need to be fully aware at all times, of the movement of vehicles in their vicinity. It is imperative that cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike be extra vigilant around school zones, intersections, crosswalks and public transit stops.

To assist drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, Peel Regional Police offers these safety tips:

Drivers

- Avoid any handheld electronic devices while driving;
- Avoid other distractions and give driving your full attention;
- Double check blind spots before changing lanes;
- Drive within the posted speed limits and adjust according to the weather and traffic conditions;
- Pay extra attention to pedestrians;
- Keep your vehicle in good condition. Make sure your brakes are in good working order and ensure your windshield is always clear.

Pedestrians

- Pedestrian safety is in your hands. Be alert at all times to your surroundings;
- Don’t rely on traffic signals or stop signs. Ensure that it is safe to cross the road before crossing;
- Whenever possible use a crosswalk to cross the street. Avoid “jaywalking” or crossing the street between vehicles;
- After dark, drivers cannot see people in dark clothing until it’s too late. Wear reflective clothing or carry a lit flash light so drivers will see you.

Cyclists

- Obey the rules of the road including all traffic signs and signals;
- Wear bright coloured clothing. At night or in inclement weather, it is important to use reflective lights in the front, side and rear that make you visible from all directions;
- Do not run stop signs or red lights or use the wrong side of the street. It is best and safest to ride single file;
- Clearly communicate your intentions by using hand signals;
- Wear a helmet. This is smart for everyone and is the law for all cyclists under 18.

Source:
peelpolice.ca/roadsafety



Safety around schools

The City of Mississauga takes student safety seriously and has established an advisory committee called the Traffic Safety Council (TSC) that has a mandate related specifically to the safety of students in school zones. The committee makes recommendations to Council intended to protect students from the dangers of vehicular traffic and other hazards. It also promotes the Walk to School program and provides safety education to both drivers and walkers.

I have been a member of TSC for 18 years and have attended countless site inspections at schools throughout Ward 10 and beyond. I have witnessed the erratic driving behaviour and unsafe practices of a small minority of parents/guardians who are rushing to drop their children off in these congested school zones without any regard for the safety of others.

- Do not park in a fire route, or in a no parking or no stopping zone;
- Do not get out of your vehicle in the Kiss and Ride;
- Do not stop to let your child out in a live lane of traffic;
- Do not make a U-turn in a school zone;
- Do not block or park in someone’s private driveway to drop off, wait for, or pick up your child;
- If the drop off process isn’t working perfectly, do not honk your horn, do not yell or swear at a teacher or other parent – remember, your child is watching you.

Police and parking enforcement are often called to issue fines for non-compliance, but they cannot come every day. Let’s not resort to that anyway. **Together, we can make our school zones safer for our most precious and vulnerable citizens – our children!**

- Do walk to school, if possible;
- Do use the Kiss and Ride if available;
- Do smile and thank the teachers, crossing guards and volunteers who are out every day, rain or shine, to ensure a safe arrival for students;
- Do leave early so you don’t feel rushed when dropping your child off at school;
- Do pay attention, slow down and have patience for the safety of all students. You’d want your neighbour to take such care around your child.



Road Safety Committee

The City re-established its Road Safety Committee (RSC) last year with the goal of reviewing issues related to safe driving and making recommendations on ways to address aggressive driving and other unsafe driving and pedestrian behaviours. Programs that the RSC reviews include: Road Watch, Neighbourhood Speed Watch, Red Light Cameras and Photo Radar, Community Safety Zones, and more. One of the more recent campaigns the City launched is its “Please Slow Down” sign, available from the Transportation and Works department or directly from me or any City Councillor. Send me an e-mail with your address to request a sign for your front lawn:
sue.mcfadden@mississauga.ca

PROPERTY STANDARDS

The City of Mississauga’s Property Standards by-law includes a wide range of regulations designed to, among other things, ensure homeowners maintain their properties to an acceptable standard so that the value of neighbouring properties is not negatively impacted. These regulations are enforced by Municipal Law Enforcement Officers on a complaint basis.

Changes to the nuisance weed and tall grass by-law

Get your lawnmowers and weed whackers ready! When we take pride in the look and maintenance of our properties, everyone wins! A few months ago, Council approved changes designed to enhance the City’s property standards with respect to yard maintenance.



The proposed amendments to the City’s Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law will:

- Decrease the maximum permitted height of tall grass from 30 centimetres to 20 centimetres;
- Reduce the time required to resolve tall grass and nuisance weed complaints from 10 to seven days; and
- Update the list of 12 noxious weeds to 25.

These changes will ensure the City’s regulatory standards are consistent with other municipalities and help contribute to a safe and healthy environment. According to a staff report, nuisance weeds and long grass may contribute to allergic reactions or health problems, disrupt ecological systems and pose a risk to fire and community safety by impairing visual sightlines.

Getting along together

Many of the City’s by-laws are designed to arbitrate when one resident feels negatively impacted by the actions of another resident in their neighbourhood. My hope is that these by-laws are used only as a last resort when other resolutions can’t be achieved. A proven “best practice” approach to avoid neighbour-to-neighbour disputes is by getting to know one another, perhaps even lending a hand or generally being friendly and looking out for one another. I know we can do this, house by house, street by street, and neighbourhood by neighbourhood. Let’s make our community better and stronger.



By-laws related to residential properties

A sampling of regulations in the Property Standards By-law (654-98):
10 (3) – All roof flashing, gutters, valleys, eaves troughs and downpipes shall be secured, free of rust and maintained in a serviceable condition.

24 – Whenever landscaping, parking area, walkways, steps, hedges, trees, fences, curbs, or similar changes to property have been required by the City as a condition of development or redevelopment and are listed on the most current Site Plan filed with and approved by the City, such works shall be undertaken and maintained so as to ensure continuous compliance with the City requirements.

40 – All compost, pet food and animal feed shall be stored and kept on a property in a reasonable manner so as not to allow offensive odours to effect the surrounding neighbourhood or attract rodents, vermin, pests, or other animals to the property.

A sampling of regulations on parking: The Heavy Vehicle Section 14(1) of the Traffic By-law 555-00, as amended, states that “no person shall park, stop or stand a heavy truck on any highway in a residential zone.” The purpose of this section of the Traffic By-law is to maintain the safe and clear flow of traffic, to prevent damage to paved road

surfaces and to maintain the aesthetic aspects of neighbourhood communities.

No person may park a vehicle on the paved or grass portion of the city boulevard, unless otherwise signed. The boulevard is the portion of the driveway between the property line or sidewalk and the road. No person may park a vehicle in such a way as to partially obstruct or block any part of the sidewalk from pedestrian traffic (Traffic By-law 555-00). Obstructed sightlines can be dangerous for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

No parking is permitted on a landscaped soft area (ie: no parking on your grass/lawn) as noted in the Zoning By-law -225-2007 (4.1.9.2.2). Doing so is aesthetically displeasing.

A sampling of regulations related to swimming pools: must be kept in good repair (Zoning By-law 0225-2007 Sec. 23), must not discharge water to another property without permission (Debris and Anti-Litter By-law 219-85 6.2), must have an enclosure around the entire swimming pool (Swimming Pool Enclosure By-law 191-11 III 6).



By-laws on storage of waste carts

In Mississauga, waste carts should be stored in the back yard, side yard, garage or carport. But, if it’s not practical to store your carts this way, the Property Standards Officer may accept alternative measures, which may include carts being placed in the front of your home. Read about Mississauga’s Property Standards by-law at mississauga.ca/bylaws



Thank you, Peel residents

In October 2015, Regional Council set a waste diversion goal of 75 per cent by 2034. By late 2015, 900,000 carts were delivered to residents in the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon, in preparation for the start of bi-weekly waste collection.

Immediately there was an increase in organics carts being put at the curb. Peel doubled the amount of green bin material collected when it implemented bi-weekly garbage collection in 2016. The new waste collection vehicles use compressed natural gas rather than diesel fuel. The switch has reduced greenhouse gases by 30 per cent.

In 2016, Peel generated just over 500,000 tonnes of residential waste. This includes blue bin recyclables, green bin organics, leaf

and yard waste, and garbage. Half of that waste was recycled or composted and the other half was sent to landfill.

To move Peel’s 3Rs (reduce, reuse, recycle) waste diversion rate from where it currently stands at 50 per cent to the target of 75 per cent by 2034, there needs to be a significant increase in the amount of resources recovered from waste.

The most important thing residents can do to make a positive contribution to the Region of Peel’s waste diversion target is simply put waste in its proper bin. When in doubt about what goes where, use the Region’s handy Where Does It Go sorter tool at peelregion.ca/waste. Share the knowledge.

The switch to bi-weekly, cart-based collection has had great results so far. Thank you for your participation. Keep up the good work.



Yard waste collection

Yard waste collection starts again during the week of Monday, March 12. Visit peelregion.ca/waste and use When Does It Go to check your waste collection calendar, or download your schedule to a personal electronic device.

Yard waste must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on a resident’s collection day. It should 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
- Weigh 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.

You can use an old garbage can or blue/grey box to set out yard waste for collection. Just make sure that all repurposed containers are in good condition and clearly labelled “yard waste.”

I have “yard waste” stickers just for this purpose. Send me an e-mail with your name and address and I can mail you one or two: sue.mcfadden@mississauga.ca



Recycling 101: What to do with plastic shopping bags

When it comes to recycling, shopping bags are tricky. Here’s what to do: throw your recyclables into your cart **LOOSE**. Don’t tie them in plastic shopping bags. Do plastic shopping bags go in the recycling cart or not? If you have lots of plastic shopping bags to dispose of, gather them up in one plastic shopping bag, tie that bag and put it in your recycling cart. A bag of bags is permitted. Use the handy Where Does It Go tool for your waste sorting needs at peelregion.ca/waste

What to do if your garbage, recycling and/or organics waste hasn’t been collected

If trucks are running late, a notice will be tweeted [@PeelPublicWorks](https://twitter.com/PeelPublicWorks). Follow the Region of Peel’s Public Works account on Twitter for up-to-date news. When there’s a collection delay, leave your carts at the curb. Crews are coming. If crews don’t come by day’s end, report your missed collection at peelregion.ca/waste



Investing in the community with the 2018 Regional Budget

The Region’s annual budget process involves serious discussion and prudent and responsible decision-making. In November 2017, Regional Council approved the 2018 Budget driving the achievement of our vision of a Community for Life with investments balanced between the needs of residents and businesses and the infrastructure needs of the broader community. It also balances the current Term of Council Priorities, the Strategic Plan’s long-term objectives and the overall consideration of affordability.

Community investments in the 2018 Budget include:

- Providing accessible transportation so residents can travel without barriers with 39,000 more accessible transportation trips;
- Expert, reliable pre-hospital care with two additional ambulances and more paramedics to address 6,000 additional 9-1-1 calls;
- Providing reliable, safe and environmentally friendly service to 4,000 new households for waste collection and safe, reliable and high quality drinking water to 4,750 new water customers;
- Delivering quality, person-centred care for residents with complex needs with additional caregivers for Peel Manor Long Term Care residents;
- Additional police staffing to maintain our safe communities.

The 2018 Budget invests in better outcomes for residents and businesses as we continue to build a healthy, safe and connected community, strengthening a solid foundation to build a Community for Life.

For more information on the 2018 Budget, visit peelregion.ca/budget

Safe and specialized transit, when you need it

The Region of Peel’s TransHelp buses and contracted vehicles provide specialized transportation for eligible residents with physical, cognitive, visual, sensory and mental health disabilities. This door-to-door service is:

- Pre-paid
- Pre-arranged
- Shared with other passengers

Eligibility is based on an individual’s barriers to using conventional public transit, due to his or her disability. If a barrier is preventing you, or someone you know, from being able to travel using Brampton Transit or MiWay, please fill out an application online at peelregion.ca/transhelp



Chair of the Board

I was honoured to be elected chair of the Peel Police Services Board this past January, and look forward to an exciting year ahead as our Board works collaboratively with Peel Police Chief Jennifer Evans and police services to ensure the men and women of Peel Regional Police are provided with the tools and support to best protect and serve the residents of Peel.



Pictured from left: Vice-Chair of Police Services Board, Norma Nicholson; Peel Police Chief, Jennifer Evans; and Chair Sue McFadden.

Preparing for an emergency

Emergencies happen when we least expect them, and when they do, they can be frightening. It is critical to take steps to be prepared in case emergencies happen and to learn ahead of time about the programs and services that are available to help during the emergency. To learn more about emergency preparation, and programs and services available in Peel, please contact Regional Emergency Management at 905-791-7800 or visit our website at peelregion.ca/prep

In order to be prepared, it is very important to create a family emergency plan and an emergency kit. Every household should have an emergency plan outlining what their family should do in case of an emergency. Your emergency kit should contain basic items such as food, clothing, and anything else you will need to take care of your family for at least three days immediately after or during an emergency. Remember to keep your kit in an easy-to-reach location, and make sure everyone in your household knows where to find it.

What to include in an emergency kit

Your emergency kit can be unique to your household. Here are common items you should consider having in your kit:

- Flashlight
- Radio
- Batteries
- Important documents (identification)
- Non-perishable foods
- Utensils
- Bottled water
- Clothing and footwear
- Hygiene products
- Blanket



Did you know?

Brampton Transit and **MiWay** offer a high level of accessibility, including:

- Fully accessible fleets with low floor, kneeling buses equipped with ramps and two wheelchair/scooter securement areas;
- Both voice and visual announcements at all stops;
- Shelters at accessible stops have large entrance openings and platform areas to ensure sufficient room for maneuvering wheelchairs and scooters.

Preparing for development along Ninth Line lands

The Region of Peel and City of Mississauga continue to make great strides in advancing the Land Use Plans and Policies that will help guide development within the Ninth Line lands. This narrow section of largely undeveloped land between Ninth Line and Highway 407 stretches from Eglinton Avenue to Highway 401 and encompasses about 350 hectares (865 acres).

Last October, my colleagues on Regional Council held the statutory public meeting for the draft Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA). In February 2018, the City of Mississauga held its public meeting to receive comments on its draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA). The City continues to work on advancing the OPA towards final adoption by Council subject to approval of the ROPA by the Province which is anticipated to occur later this year.

While adjustments continue to be made to the plans and policies throughout the public engagement process, the overall vision of creating a welcoming, transit oriented and complete community remains the same. There is so much to look forward to. I know both new and current residents will make great use of the extensive multi use trail network that is planned to run along the corridor and connect to existing trails and pathways on the east side of Ninth Line. Residents can also expect significant improvements to local public transit and a carefully planned



reconfiguration of the road network in the area to better manage the flow of traffic. Mixed use development will include some retail and commercial/office options, bringing with it new job opportunities closer to home. And of course, the crown jewel of development in these lands will be the new community centre and sports park on 55 acres just north of Erin Centre Boulevard (see story on page one).

I'm looking forward to what we can build together for the current residents of Ward 10 and those who will soon be moving in! Follow along online at mississaugaward10.ca/ninthline.html

On-street parking regulations revised

City Council recently revised some regulations to the Traffic (Parking) By-law 555-00 with respect to on-street parking. I am providing a summary of those changes here, and taking the chance to remind residents about existing options for them around on-street parking.

As of Jan. 1, 2018, parking is now permitted for up to **five hours** (previously three hours) on any street in the City, unless otherwise signed. Typical corner parking, fire hydrant parking and similar prohibitions still apply. Parking is now prohibited between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. nightly **year round** (previously only between Nov. 1 and March 31). Signs advising the public of these parking regulations are posted at the major entrances to the city.



The five hour parking limit is lifted on all statutory holidays from 7 a.m. to midnight to allow residents to have guests over for extended periods without having to have them move their vehicles during their visit.

Parking considerations (permits) are available to residents to temporarily extend on-street parking in special situations such as overnight guests or driveway repairs. Residents can have up to **14 short-term temporary parking permits in a year per address**, with a five day maximum for five cars where there are no prohibited parking signs. Visit the City's parking web page for all the details. Note that these considerations can be suspended during snow clearing operations and vehicles parked on the road are subject to tickets and/or towing in such circumstances.

Residents may request changes to the parking regulations on their street. These requests can include:

- Extensions to the 5-hour parking limit to 15 hours;
- Lower driveway boulevard parking (LDBP);
- Parking prohibitions.

The process for making changes to the existing parking regulations is outlined in the **Resident Parking Petition Information Package**. This is a petition process and requires canvassing of neighbours on the street to ensure the majority are in favour of the change. The final decision regarding any revisions to the parking regulation is made by City Council.

For more information, visit mississauga.ca/parking

Sump pump subsidy expanded

I have worked closely with staff to expand the City's Sump Pump Subsidy program as a way to assist homeowners that live on streets serviced by the municipal foundation drain collector (FDC) system and provide an additional safeguard against basement water infiltration. The City is offering a financial subsidy to install a sump pump with up to 100 per cent of the cost, to a maximum of \$6,000 per household. Almost every home in Lisgar and most homes in Churchill Meadows are serviced with the FDC. To check your eligibility for the program and to find out more, click on the links on my flooding web page at mississaugaward10.ca

Canada Day in Ward 10

Make plans to celebrate Canada Day right here in Ward 10 again this July 1. For the third straight year, we'll be lighting up the sky above Churchill Meadows Community Common with spectacular fireworks as part of the Canada Day Together Festival. Ahead of that, be sure to take in an amazing line-up of entertainers, fun activities, and great food. The excitement begins at 4 p.m. with fireworks scheduled at 10 p.m.

Visit the festival website to see the latest plans and performers: canadadaytogether.ca

Contact Us

Councillor Sue McFadden	
Sue.McFadden@Mississauga.ca	
MississaugaWard10.ca	905-896-5010
 @Sue_Ward10	 facebook.com/sueward10
David Raakman	
Executive Assistant	905-615-4610
Joanne Lebold	
Administrative Assistant	905-896-5010
Region of Peel	
10 Peel Centre Dr., Brampton, ON L6T 4B9	
peelregion.ca	905-791-7800 or 3-1-1
City of Mississauga	
300 City Centre Dr., Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1	
mississauga.ca	905-896-5000 or 3-1-1

Non-emergency calls for community, health and social services in Peel

