Mississauga **WARD 10** Fall 2019

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Region of Peel working with you

Dear Friends and Neighbours

Thank you for allowing me into your home and taking a moment to read this newsletter. I can't count the number of times I've heard people say they weren't aware of something going on in our community and city. This is your opportunity to stay informed, but not just through this newsletter that comes to your door once or twice a year; I've made it much easier, more timely and cost-effective than that. You can subscribe to "Sue's eNews" – my monthly eNewsletter and occasional eBlast alerts that come straight to your Inbox with news, information and events taking place right here in our neighbourhood. Best thing is, it's free for you, and incurs only a fraction of the expense compared to the newsletter you're holding in your hand, and that saves tax dollars. I invite you to take a moment right now to sign up at **MisssissaugaWard10.ca**

As an added incentive, I'll give the first 200 new subscribers to Sue's eNews a complimentary pass to a drop-in activity at a city-run community centre or arena.

My **eNews** list is my primary way of communicating with residents and the best way for you to stay informed. You can also connect with me and our community through my website or by following me on social media:

Web: **MississaugaWard10.ca**
Facebook: **/sueward10**
Twitter: **@sue_ward10**
Instagram: **@mcfaddenward10**

By the time you're reading this, reports are being sent to and reviewed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark and Ontario Premier Doug Ford regarding the possible restructuring of Regional governments across the province, including the Region of Peel. A decision is expected later this year and we are anxiously awaiting what changes, if any, will come out of this review.

Further in this newsletter, you'll read about many of the services the Region provides, some new initiatives in the Region and City, as well as useful tips and information that affect you, your family and your property. Please take a moment to read the article to the right and find out how you can advocate to ensure our Region continues to deliver the quality services needed for a thriving community. Thanks again for reading, and let's stay in touch.

Kind regards,

Sue

Community centre set to open next year

Progress continues on the construction of the city's newest community centre and sports park in Ward 10. Located at 5320 Ninth Line, just south of Tacc Drive, the recreational facility will feature a 65,000 square foot building with a triple gymnasium, 6-lane 25-metre pool plus therapeutic tank, meeting rooms and a teaching kitchen. Outdoors, the 55-acre park includes two lit, full-sized, turf soccer pitches (one will be domed for year-round use), multi-use trails with fitness equipment, playground, basketball court, skate park and water play area in the first phase of development. Construction is expected to be completed by late 2020.

Our community has waited so long for this facility and to see it being built and what this will mean for our residents is a dream come true.

To follow the construction progress and learn more about the centre, visit **mississauga.ca/churchillmeadows**

Ontario government funding cuts will hurt Peel residents

The Ontario government has made major cuts to municipal funding. Millions of dollars have been cut in 2019, with more planned for 2020. These funding cuts will impact the ability of municipal governments to provide critical services to residents.

We are asking the Province to work with municipalities and stop the cuts. The cuts will have a direct cost to residents – either through service decreases or property tax increases.

Reducing provincial funding will not lower taxes. Instead, property tax rates will rise significantly to make up for funding lost. To provide critical services like paramedics, long-term care, early years, affordable housing and policing, property taxes will need to increase.

Provincial funding cuts may also result in service reductions. The cuts announced so far are simply too deep to be absorbed by finding efficiencies and reducing services in lower risk areas. As a result, we will need to make difficult decisions about which of your services will need to be reduced.

Peel Regional Council is working to advocate to the Ontario government. We are asking for your help. Contact your Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) and let them know that you do not support cuts to your municipal services.

Go to **peelregion.ca/cutshurthealth** to learn more. There you will find a tool that will allow you to easily email your MPP.

Are you properly insured?
Optional plumbing coverage for homeowners

If you are a homeowner in Peel you are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the exterior water and sanitary sewer pipes that run from your home to your property line (see diagram). You are also responsible for maintaining plumbing inside your home.

The Region of Peel is responsible for municipal water and sanitary sewer pipes only.

If a pipe on your property fails, it's your responsibility to pay for the repairs. This can cause financial strain, especially when it's unexpected.

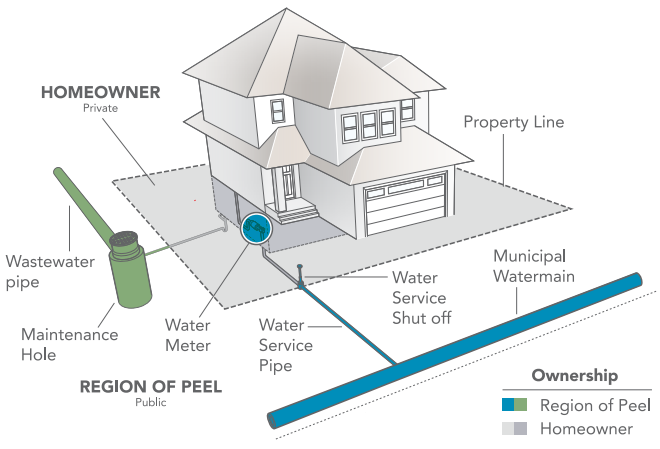
To help prevent this, we endorse voluntary and optional programs which provide repair coverage for your exterior water service, sanitary sewer/septic system, and interior plumbing and drainage.

The Optional Exterior Water Service Line, Exterior Sanitary Sewer/Septic Line, and Interior Plumbing and Draining Coverage programs provide coverage 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

They are managed by Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC). An information letter about the exterior water service line coverage has been mailed to homeowners in Peel who have not previously signed up. You can also read about the program at **peelregion.ca/servicelineprotection**

This coverage can help increase your awareness of your property responsibilities and reduce unexpected costs. You are encouraged to check with your insurance company to see if they offer protection for your outside pipes before taking coverage with SLWC.

The collaboration between SLWC and the Region of Peel was done through a public procurement process.



Simply green

Did you know about 70 per cent of paper towels, napkins and tissues end up in garbage?
That's **9,000** tonnes of tissues, paper napkins and paper towels per year that can be easily composted instead.

You can prevent these items from ending up in landfill by participating in the green bin program. All you need to do is throw your used paper towels, paper napkins and tissues – whether from your kitchen or bathroom – in your green bin. It's really that simple and easy. The items in the green bin get transformed into soil that can be used to grow fruits, flowers and vegetables.

Want to know what other items go in your green bin? Check **peelregion.ca/waste**

Make a difference – recycle right

One in four items that come to Peel's material recovery facility can't be recycled, impacting the process and making it hard to sort effectively. You can make a difference.

Empty your containers before recycling:

- Food and liquid in tubs, containers, bottles and jars can transfer onto other recyclables such as paper and cardboard, making it difficult to recycle and is therefore sent to landfill.
- If you live in an apartment or condominium where organics isn't collected, put unused food in garbage, not in recyclables.

Taking this small step can make a big difference… because how you recycle matters!

What's new:
Garbage exemption period change

The Region of Peel's fall and winter Garbage Exemption Periods are changing

The new dates are:

Check your collection calendar at **peelregion.ca/waste** to find out your **NEW collection dates.**

Clean out your closet and donate

Are your clothes out of style, too old, don't fit?

Maybe it's time to clean your closet. You can drop off your unwanted clothes and textiles at any of the six Community Recycling Centres across Peel or drop them off at our textile bins at 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton and 7120 Hurontario Street, Mississauga.

Don't have the time to drop off?

You can check **peelregion.ca/donate** and arrange a scheduled pick-up. The Region has partnered with Diabetes Canada and is offering this service to all Peel residents.

By donating them, you prevent them from ending up in a landfill and also give someone else a chance to use and enjoy them.

Find a Community Recycling Centre near you	
Mississauga	
Battleford CRC | 2255 Battleford Rd.	**Fewster CRC** | 1126 Fewster Dr.

Recreational cannabis

Public health and restrictions on use

Making sure residents receive the information they need to make safe, informed decisions.

With the legalization of recreational cannabis in October 2018, residents need to know about the risks of use and potential health impacts. We want to make sure you know where to go for reliable and useful information about the use of recreational cannabis and how to protect yourself and your family from exposure to second-hand cannabis smoke in your community.

Here are some key facts you need to know about cannabis and where you can go to learn more:

Health impacts

There are immediate and long-term health risks associated with cannabis use, which include:

- Problems with thinking, memory, or physical coordination;
- Impaired driving and injuries (both fatal and non-fatal);
- Mental health problems including dependence, addiction and psychosis;
- Chronic respiratory or lung problems.

Use in the community

Last year, I put forward a motion at Regional Council to consider amendments to the Peel Outdoor Smoking By-law which would prohibit the use of e-cigarettes (vaping) and the smoking of cannabis in specific outdoor settings in Peel. Changes to the By-law were approved at the Region in September and are now being considered by the lower tier municipalities, including Mississauga, for implementation.

These changes include additional restrictions around the smoking of tobacco as well. Once approved by Mississauga Council, smoking of tobacco, cannabis and vaping products is prohibited anywhere on any municipal property, including community centres, parks and conservation areas. This includes anywhere in any park, arena, community centre including their parking lots at any time (currently there is a 9 metre restriction from playgrounds, sports fields and entrances to municipal buildings). This is a positive change to address the negative impact of smoking for users and non-users alike, especially children.

Visit: **ontario.ca/page/where-you-cant-smoke-or-vape-ontario** to find more about where cannabis use is restricted.

Also visit **Cannabis in Canada - Get the Facts: canada.ca/en/services/health/campaigns/cannabis.html**

Better access to automated external defibrillators means better chances for survival

There were almost 600 cardiac arrests in Peel that took place within 250 metres of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) between the years of 2015 and 2018. In only 60 instances was that life-saving device used.

Help us become a safer cardiac community by ensuring the AED belonging to your business, church, community group or home is registered in Peel Regional Paramedic Service's AED database. Currently there are 1,300 AEDs registered, but we know there are more out there.

The registry allows 9-1-1 operators to tell a caller assisting someone in cardiac arrest where the closest AED is located. Operators will direct the caller to retrieve it and instruct them on how to use it until paramedics arrive.

When an AED is used before the paramedics arrive, the patient is 3 times more likely to survive.

If an AED is used in an emergency, our paramedics will reset it, replace the pads and batteries free of charge, and provide follow-up support.

Registration is free.

Visit **peelregion.ca/paramedics/aed** to register.

New paramedic reporting station opens its doors in Mississauga

The Region's network of paramedic stations continues to grow with the completion of the Streetsville reporting station at Erin Mills Parkway and Thomas Street in Mississauga.

Since 2008, we've built 4 reporting stations and 17 smaller satellite stations, placing them in and around our communities to help paramedics get to you as quickly as possible. We know that in a life-threatening emergency, every second counts.

Having a paramedic station close by, however, doesn't change what you should do in a medical emergency: continue to dial 911 or go to the hospital. Do not go to the paramedic station. If the paramedics are on the road or at a patient's home, they won't be there to help you.

ImmigrationPeel.ca

A Resource for Newcomers and Employers

Knowing where you can find the right information is important when you are new to Canada.

ImmigrationPeel.ca is your best source for answers to your questions about living in Peel and where to find services that can help you settle in your new community.

The website can help you:

- Find newcomer and employment services near you
- Find a place to live
- Access health care
- Enroll in school
- Learn English
- Understand the citizenship process

The site also features a Community Service Map that provides easy access to important services located near you, such as schools, colleges, universities, banks, government offices, employment services, child care centers, faith centers, hospitals, community centers, libraries and much more.

Visit **immigrationpeel.ca** for more details.

Welcome and thank you for choosing Peel as your new community.

Aircraft noise management

Toronto Pearson's current 2018-2022 Noise Management Action Plan ambitiously includes nine initiatives based on ten commitments to the community.

The Summer Weekend Runway Alternation Program is part of the airport's efforts to help manage aircraft noise impacts on the communities around the airport. This program ran this summer from May to early September and was designed to give residents some relief from aircraft overhead every other weekend. This meant that one weekend communities saw fewer airplanes, while the next they saw more airplanes than usual. Feedback from the program is being collected and analysed for potential future recommendations in a report forthcoming.

As many residents in Ward 10 are affected by aircraft noise overhead, I am monitoring this closely and will provide the results of the runway alternation program through my eNews list once released. To find out more about this program or aircraft noise in general, visit Toronto Pearson's website: **torontopearson.com/en/community/noise-management**

Ticks and Lyme disease – be Autumn aware

Ticks and Lyme disease are two things we as residents of Peel typically think about when the good weather hits. But when the autumn comes and temperatures cool off, we shouldn't be any less vigilant.

Did you know that cool fall temperatures are actually a preferred time for ticks to be active in wooded and brush covered areas of our communities? So how do you ensure you and your family are 'tick aware' this season? Based on emerging data, Public Health Ontario has identified two new risk areas for Lyme disease in Peel region. The estimated risk areas, covering Mississauga, Brampton and most of Caledon, are defined as wooded or brushy areas within a 20 km radius of locations where blacklegged ticks were found during tick dragging activities.

Here are some simple tips to deter ticks from becoming attached to you:

- Use a bug spray with DEET or icaridin (always follow label directions).
- Wear: light-coloured clothing, so it's easier to see ticks; closed-toed shoes; long-sleeved shirts; long pants, tucked into your socks.
- Walk on paths.
- After being outdoors, check for ticks on yourself, your children, and your gear.
- Shower or bathe within two hours of being outdoors to wash off any unattached ticks.
- Put clothes worn outdoors in a dryer on high.

Not all ticks or bites are automatically a risk; Lyme disease is contracted only through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick followed by prolonged attachment of at least 24 hours. After exposure, symptoms of Lyme disease can arise between three and 30 days and include rash, fever, chills, headache and fatigue. Early diagnosis and treatment are key to stopping the disease from progressing. Residents concerned that they may have experienced a prolonged tick bite or who are showing symptoms should see their family doctor. For more information visit **www.peelregion.ca/health/vbd/** or call **905-799-7700**.

Climate change affects everyone, including us

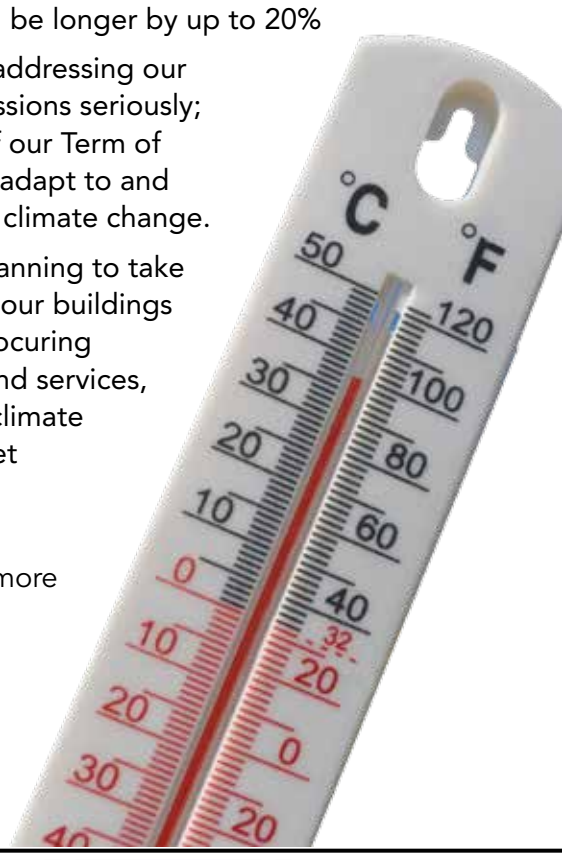
Did you know by 2050, if we continue to release global greenhouse gas (GHG) at our current rate, we will experience the following impacts:

- double the number of days above 30 degrees Celsius
- 4 times more nights above 20 degrees Celsius
- up to a 50 per cent increase in extreme storms
- spring and fall will be longer by up to 20%

We take our role in addressing our corporate GHG emissions seriously; that's why it's one of our Term of Council Priorities to adapt to and lessen the effects of climate change.

Steps that we are planning to take include, "greening" our buildings and vehicle fleet, procuring sustainable goods and services, and accounting for climate change in our budget planning decisions.

Visit **peelregion.ca/climate-energy** for more information about our plan for climate change.



Understanding your water and wastewater bill

Every time you turn on the tap, you can enjoy drinking water that has been treated and tested to ensure it's of excellent quality. When you flush a toilet, take a shower or do laundry, wastewater flows into the sanitary sewer system to one of Peel's wastewater treatment facilities. All wastewater is treated before being returned to the environment.

You receive a bill from the Region based on your water and wastewater usage.

Your bills are based on meter readings of water used at your property. For residential customers connected to the sanitary sewer system, the wastewater rate is applied to 85 per cent of the water you use. The remaining 15 per cent looks at seasonal water use such as lawn watering and pool maintenance, where the water is not returned to the sanitary sewer system.

Customers supplied with less than 455 cubic metres (100,000 gallons) of water per month are billed quarterly. All other accounts are billed monthly.

Furthermore, your water bill also includes a stormwater charge used by Mississauga to address the short and long-term building, maintenance and repair of the city's stormwater infrastructure like pipes, creeks, catch basins and ponds.

Ways to lower your water bill

- Replace old toilets with water efficient models that flush with 4.8 litres of water or less.
- Avoid long showers. The average 15 minute shower uses 300 litres of water.
- Fix dripping faucets. A faucet that drips once per second will waste about 10,000 litres of water in a year.
- Only run your dishwasher when it's full.
- Use a rain barrel to collect rainwater to water your gardens and practice fusion gardening which relies on less water.

Learn more about rain barrels and fusion gardening visit, **peelregion.ca/watersmartpeel/residents/**

Ways to pay your bill

Choose any one of the following payment options:

Telephone/Online Banking: Contact your bank to arrange these options.

Pre-authorized Payment: Complete a pre-authorized payment form and fax it to 905-791-2178 or mail it to the address listed on the form.

At Your Bank: Most banks will accept your payment before the due date.

By Mail: Mail your water bill and payment using the return envelope sent with your bill.

In Person: Payments can be dropped off at any city/town hall office in Peel, including Mississauga City Hall, 300 City Centre Drive.

One-side only
street parking project

The latest phase of the "Clearing the Way" on-street parking project in Ward 10 is just about complete. One-side only parking has been implemented on more than 140 streets in Churchill Meadows and Lisgar in order to create safe and reliable access for snow plows and emergency vehicles to deliver necessary and life-saving services.

This change comes following dozens and dozens of complaints over several winters regarding the quality of snow clearing. Upon investigation with staff, I discovered that, in most cases, the plows simply could not get down the road because cars were parked on both sides of the street. I initially considered implementing a seasonal prohibition only during the winter but unobstructed access by firetrucks and ambulances in an emergency is critical and can be needed any time of the year.

I want to thank the many residents who have expressed their strong support for this initiative. I have also received several questions from residents about the process, the reasoning, and what options were considered. I have posted a "Frequently Asked Questions" page on my website **MississaugaWard10.ca**

Following the winter, I will review the effectiveness of the project with staff and evaluate what improvements can be made.

Public input:
Reduced speed limits

Would you like the speed limit reduced on your street? With a change in the legislation around the regulation of speed limits on residential roadways, the City of Mississauga is considering which neighbourhoods might benefit from an overall reduction in vehicle speeds.

Currently, the City's *Traffic Safety in School Zones Policy* reserves the use of 40 km/hr speed limits for roads in front of elementary schools and for roads whose geometric design cannot support a 50 km/hr or higher limit. The new legislation will allow all eligible streets – single lane local and minor collector roadways – within a neighbourhood to be designated at 40 km/hr by posting specialized speed limit area signs at the entry and exit points of these neighbourhoods rather than on each individual street.

I would like to hear from you on this issue. Would you support a change to 40 km/hr on all the streets in your neighbourhood? Send me an e-mail or respond anonymously to my online poll.

E-mail: **sue.mcfadden@mississauga.ca**

Poll: **mississaugaward10.ca/2019/09/26/speed-reduction-poll**

We all have responsibilities when it comes to snow clearing

Before you know it, winter will be upon us and that means storms, frigid temperatures, snow and ice. You can help the snow plow operators do their work efficiently by ensuring you remove your vehicle from the road during and following a snowfall. **This is a city bylaw and vehicles left on the road are susceptible to tickets and towing**.

Mississauga is considering implementing a bylaw to ensure neighbourhood sidewalks are cleared, similar to neighbouring municipalities like Toronto and Oakville. For now, the City relies on the "be a good neighbour" philosophy: be nice, clear your ice! Walking in the snow and ice is already a challenge for our seniors and young children. Please make it easier by shovelling the sidewalk in front of your home. **Thank you!**

This past spring, Council invested some funds from the city's snow clearing reserves into additional services around priority sidewalks and bus shelters which will now be cleared of snow more quickly. We decided against putting more funds toward clearing bicycle lanes as the use of these lanes in the winter simply didn't justify the expense.

That dreaded pile of snow that the plow leaves at the end of your driveway is called a "windrow." It can be a real struggle to move that snow, especially when it freezes into boulders of heavy ice. Even more so if you are elderly or have mobility challenges. The city has a program to help eligible residents remove the windrow for free or a small fee. Registration is required and the deadline to sign up is November 8.

Information on Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program: **mississauga.ca/portal/residents/drivewaywindrowprogram**

Snow clearing service levels

Snow clearing operations are based on Council-approved service levels. Plows are deployed when accumulation reaches a set amount. Priority streets are cleared before secondary roads and all are completed by a set time depending on accumulation. Secondary roads are made passable for vehicles but not necessarily cleared to bare pavement. Priority sidewalks are cleared by the city; secondary sidewalks are cleared by the property owner. See the service level chart to the right and visit the City of Mississauga's Snow Page for more information: **Mississauga.ca/snow**

Winter Maintenance Service Standards

Snowfall accumulation of:	Less than 8 cm (3")	8 cm to 15 cm (3"–6")	15 cm to 30 cm (6"–12")	More than 30 cm (12") or back to back storms
Major/Priority Road	Salting only	Plowing and salting Cleared within 12 hours after the end of a snowfall	Plowing and salting Cleared within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall	Plowing and salting More than 24 hours after the end of a snowfall
Residential/ secondary roads Priority sidewalks Bus stops Pedestrian crossings	Salting only	Plowing and salting Cleared within 24 hours after the end of a snowfall	Plowing and salting Cleared within 36 hours after the end of a snowfall	Plowing and salting More than 36 hours after the end of a snowfall

Crime in Ward 10

Prevent It. Report It.

Ward 10 remains the safest community in Mississauga, a city that continues to be one of the safest in Canada. Even so, crime still happens here – mostly auto theft, break and enter and theft from vehicles. Take note of the tips below on how to prevent becoming a victim of crime as well as why it's important to report these crimes to police.

Protect yourself and your property

- Lock your car doors, day and night. Or better yet, park in your garage.
- Don't keep valuables in your car; or at least make sure they are out of sight.
- Don't leave your vehicle running in your driveway unattended.
- Start a Neighbourhood Watch (see article to the right)
- Install motion-sensor lights, security cameras, high-quality locks, and/or a home monitoring system.
- Remove shrubs and hedges that create blind spots or hiding places for thieves to enter your home.
- Don't advertise your whereabouts on social media.
- Make your property look "lived in" while you're away by asking a neighbour pick up your mail, shovel your driveway, etc.
- Avoid opening the door to people you don't know. Learn to respond safely by speaking through a closed and locked door.

Reporting Crime

Peel Police officers are motivated to solve crimes, make our community safer and offer assistance to those dealing with the trauma that comes as a result of crime. If you are a victim of a crime or witness a crime, please report it to police. Recently, a Mississauga man was arrested by officers in Peel Police's 21 division for multiple break and enters throughout the Greater Toronto Area. Crimes are solved in cases like these when investigators can piece together reports by several victims to uncover similarities or trends over multiple incidents. It also helps police to know how many and what kind of resources to deploy in certain neighbourhoods for patrolling, surveillance, etc.

You can report a crime anonymously through Peel Crimestoppers (and be rewarded): **1-800-222-TIPS (8477)** or **peelcrimestoppers.ca**

You can report a crime through the Peel Police website: **peelpolice.ca** | Report It tab

Some incidents require in-person reporting.

Police officers will respond to all reported crimes and each one is important. However, they prioritize calls based on the severity and urgency of the crime as well as the volumes and types of crimes happening at that moment. A crime in progress against a person will have a much higher priority than a vehicle stolen out of driveway in the middle of the night. It may take a bit of time for officers to follow up after you've reported a crime; your patience and understanding are appreciated.

Preventing Crime Together

It takes a community to protect our community. Police officers, elected officials and non-profit agencies like Safe City Mississauga are some important groups and decision-makers to help keep streets and cities safe. Also needed are individual citizens, parents and families like you and yours to take responsibility to guide, teach and look after one another. Crime prevention begins at home and takes many different forms. It's something we all want in order to feel and be safe, and can only happen when we all work together.

I have met with police, property owners and business owners on multiple occasions to address criminal activity at Brittany Glen Plaza. Additional security patrols, more cameras and better visibility are some of the initiatives that are being taken to improve public safety.

I have established a Community Safety Council consisting of Ward 10 residents keen to address public safety in our neighbourhoods. The council will meet three or four times per year to discuss specific safety issues ranging from property crime and road safety to fraud, cannabis laws and more.

Know Who to Contact

9-1-1 is for life-threatening emergencies:
- a fire
- a crime in progress
- a medical emergency

3-1-1 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Mississauga and Peel:
- garbage pick-up
- water billing
- parking inquiries

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

Visit **peelregion.ca** for more information

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