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Dear Friends and Neighbours

This printed newsletter offers a snapshot of some of the many quality programs and services provided by Peel Region that make living in our community the envy of many in the Greater Toronto Area and across the province. I have also included some city services, along with an exciting local celebration—the grand opening of the City's only lit, regulation-sized cricket pitch, right here in Ward 10.

There's so much I could share, but I'm limited by space on the page and distribution costs. The good news is that my digital newsletter is a very effective way of staying 'in the know' about municipal matters that doesn't have these restrictions and is significantly more interactive. I regularly include surveys to get the pulse of the community on local issues. And, there's usually a contest with great prizes for those who take a moment to respond to the relatively simple question.

There's a media vacuum in Mississauga and Members of Council are challenged to get timely, accurate information out to the public about our community and city. My electronic newsletter is my primary way to share this information with Ward 10 residents. But I need your help: please subscribe!

The invitation to sign up is below. There's a special gift for Ward 10 residents who subscribe before April 30, 2026.

Kindest regards,



Grand opening of Mattamy Sports Park II

I am thrilled to announce the completion of Phase 2 of Mattamy Sports Park and excited to invite the public to our Grand Opening Celebration on **Saturday, April 18**.

Some of the amenities opened up last fall, including the third lit, multipurpose turf field that will serve soccer and field hockey clubs and players as well as the 5-km multiuse trail that, along with several outdoor fitness stations, circles the entire park, including the picturesque naturalized stormwater management pond at the north end.

However, it is the City's first lit, regulation-sized cricket pitch that is the crown jewel of this park expansion and this 14,500 m² field will open to the public for the first time this spring. This long-awaited state-of-the-art pitch, with batting cage and bleachers, will provide much-needed space for this rapidly growing sport and will be home to local clubs and international tournaments for years to come.

An additional parking lot opposite Tacc Drive and a permanent washroom facility round out the new amenities, adjacent to the year-round tennis dome that opened in 2024.

Our Grand Opening begins at 1 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony near the cricket pitch, followed by fun activities, sports, games and music all afternoon until about 4 p.m. Mattamy Sports Park is located at 5320 Ninth Line. I hope to see you there!

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Mississauga's Slow Streets Program

What are Slow Streets?

On Slow Streets, temporary traffic calming devices in the form of flexible bollards are installed to reduce traffic speeds.

Slow Streets serve as an entrance feature to a neighbourhood, encouraging motorists to slow down and take extra care while navigating the route as they are likely to encounter other more vulnerable road users.



Roadways remain accessible to all traffic and allow for the passage of two-way traffic, including emergency vehicles, road maintenance vehicles, and waste management vehicles.

Slow Streets bollards are installed temporarily, and the program runs annually between June and November 1.

How to request a Slow Street

If you'd like Slow Streets devices installed on your street, please call **311** or **905-615-4311** if outside City limits.

Slow Streets will not be considered on:

- Major collector or arterial roadways.
- Multi-lane roadways.
- Roadways that have MiWay transit routes.
- Roadways where the equipment cannot be safely accommodated.
- Roadways with significant on-street parking activity.

Successful deployments from previous years may be considered for annual redeployments.

Evaluating requests

Following a formal request for Slow Streets, roadways will be reviewed by technical staff before implementing the program.

Navigating roundabouts in Peel

A roundabout is a circular intersection where traffic flows counterclockwise around a raised central island without the need for traffic signals or stop signs. As more roundabouts are being added to the road network in Peel region, it's important to understand how they work and how to use them safely.

Why roundabouts

In a roundabout, drivers and pedestrians can make one movement at a time. When entering a roundabout, vehicles yield to circulating traffic from the left. This prevents the need for full stops and helps to keep traffic flowing smoothly, reducing traffic, idling, vehicle repair costs, and the chance of injuries or fatal collisions.

At traditional intersections, pedestrians have to watch out for traffic coming from different directions. Similarly, drivers need to watch for pedestrians at multiple points on the road.

In a roundabout, pedestrian safety is supported, as structured crossing points are provided and drivers are required to slow down and yield to pedestrians. When crossing, pedestrians should always make eye contact with drivers to make sure they are seen.

Improving road safety

Designed to accommodate larger vehicles and farm equipment, roundabouts are considered one of the best intersection designs for safety, efficiency, and environmental sustainability. By simplifying vehicle crossings and reducing conflict points, roundabouts support the Vision Zero goal of eliminating injuries and fatal collisions in Peel through safer travel.

To learn more about road safety, visit

peelregion.ca/transportation-roads/road-safety-traffic-flow



Maintaining safe roads for all

Peel Region carries out maintenance activities all year round to keep regional roads in good condition and safe for all road users. Regular road maintenance supports drivers, pedestrians, cyclists, and Vision Zero, an approach aiming to reduce and eliminate injuries and fatal collisions through safer travel in Peel region.

Regular road maintenance activities include:

- Culvert, ditch, and storm sewer maintenance.
- Paving markings.
- Pothole repair, litter pickup, grass cutting, and sign repair.
- Preventive crack sealing.
- Safety barrier installation and repair.
- Street sweeping.
- Tree planting, trimming, and removal.

Every day, people from our community work on or near our roads. They depend on your patience and safety when you pass through their work zones. If you see a maintenance activity, slow down, be cautious, and follow the posted signs to travel through the area safely.

To learn more about road maintenance, visit

peelregion.ca/transportation-roads/road-maintenance.

If you notice potholes, debris on the road, or a damaged road sign, call **311**.

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

As we age, taking care of our oral health is important for our overall well-being. Regular dental visits are crucial for this, but they can be expensive.

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) offers free, routine dental services for eligible low-income seniors 65 years and older.

These services include:

- Regular dental check-ups.
- Pain treatment.
- Repairing dentures and other services.



Free preventive dental services for eligible children in Peel

Good oral health is important for a child's overall health. If tooth decay is left untreated, it can lead to pain and infection. This can make it difficult for a child to eat, speak and even learn effectively.

Peel Public Health provides free preventive dental services for eligible children 17 years old and younger.

Peel Public Health dental clinics offer free services, including:

- Teeth cleaning.
- Professionally applied topical fluoride.
- Dental sealants.



Programs and services to support parenting in Peel

Peel Public Health offers a range of programs and services to support you throughout all stages of parenting. Whether you're planning to conceive, are pregnant, or caring for your child, Peel Public Health is here for you.

Public Health Nurses provide information based on research and evidence on a variety of topics. These topics include:

- Healthy pregnancy.
- Feeding your baby.
- Perinatal depression and anxiety.
- Growth and development for children 6 years and younger.
- Getting active with your child.
- Sleep.
- Toddler and preschool nutrition.
- Keeping your home safe.
- Toilet learning.
- Child behaviour.
- Program information and referrals such as the Healthy Babies Healthy Children program.
- Community programs.

To speak with a Public Health Nurse, call **905-799-7700**.

To learn more about Peel Public Health's other children and parenting programs and services, visit peelregion.ca/children-parenting.

Who can apply

You can apply for OSDCP if you:

- Are 65 years of age or older.
- Are an Ontario resident.
- Have an annual net income of \$25,000 or less for a single senior.
- Have a combined annual net income of \$41,500 or less for a couple.
- Do not have any other form of dental benefits, apart from the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP). This includes private insurance or other government program.

If you are enrolled in CDCP and meet these criteria, you can also apply for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

How to apply

You can apply to the program online or by mail.

For more information, contact Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700** or visit peelregion.ca/services/dental-care-ontario-seniors.

Dental screening

Preventive dental care can help protect your children from dental problems like tooth decay. To receive preventive dental services for your child, they must first receive a dental screening.

To book an appointment for your child's dental screening, call Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700**.

Caring for your child's oral health

As a parent, you can also promote good oral health habits in your children by:

- Encouraging them to brush their teeth at least twice a day for two minutes each time and floss every day.
- Helping them choose healthy foods and drink plenty of water.
- Taking them to a dental professional regularly.

For more information, call Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700** or visit peelregion.ca/children-parenting/childrens-dental-health.

Peel Public Health introduces free text messaging prenatal and parenting service for families

In 2019, a survey revealed that 21% of Peel students in grades 7 to 12 Peel Region has partnered with SmartParent, a Canadian prenatal and parenting program, to launch a free text messaging service for Peel families.

The SmartParent program offers a simple, accessible option for receiving reliable, pregnancy and early parenthood information.

Expectant parents will receive up to 3 text messages per week with timely, evidence-based messages during pregnancy and through baby's first year to support a safe, healthy pregnancy and positive parenting experience.

SmartParent provides Canadian pregnancy and parenting information that was developed by maternal and child health experts. It's endorsed by the Society of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists of Canada and the Canadian Paediatric Society. This means Peel families can feel confident that the information they receive is trustworthy and accurate.

SmartParent is currently used by parents in B.C., Nova Scotia and has been recently launched in Halton region. It will be available to Peel residents in the spring of 2026.

Interested residents can enroll in the program by visiting smartparent.ca or texting **PEEL to 12323**.

For more information, visit peelregion.ca/smartparent or speak with a Public Health Nurse at **905-799-7700**.

WASTE

Peel Region no longer manages recycling collection

As of January 1, 2026, Circular Materials manages Ontario's recycling program.

This change is a part of an Ontario-wide mandate that shifts the responsibility of recycling operations and costs to the producers who supply packaging and paper. The Ontario government requires these companies to be fully responsible for funding and managing recycling programs.

The goal of this change is to:

- Encourage sustainable packaging.
- Create consistency for all municipalities.
- Improve recycling outcomes across Ontario.



To find your recycling collection schedule and learn more about recyclable items, visit circularmaterials.ca/peelregion.

Green For Life Environmental Inc. (GFL) is the recycling collection contractor hired by Circular Materials for Peel region. If you have any recycling bin or collection issues:

- Visit gflenv.com/canada-recycles
- Call **1-877-268-4351**

Using your green bin is easy

The green bin is for organic items such as food scraps, fruit and vegetable peels, meat, fish and bones, paper towels, and tissues. Every week, Peel Region collects green bin items from your curb and turns them into compost.

Compost helps improve soil structure, aeration and water retention, making it ideal for growing flowers, fruits and vegetables, and for use in landscaping.



Here are some useful tips for using your green bin:

- Put only organic items in your green bin. Don't put in plastics, metal, or glass.
- Use paper bags, newspapers, paper towels, or shredded paper as bin liners.
- If using a bin liner purchased from the store, make sure the liner is a 'certifiable compostable' liner. Don't use plastic grocery bags.
- Put baking soda in your small organics bin to reduce odour.
- Don't put organics in your garbage or recycling bins.
- If you live in an apartment, contact your property manager if you have any questions.

To view a list of acceptable green bin items or to learn how to reduce your food waste, visit peelregion.ca/waste/organics.

BUDGET

2026 Peel Region Budget

Peel Region's 2026 Budget focuses on affordability, housing and community safety.

In December 2025, Peel Regional Council approved the 2026 Budget. The goal of this year's budget is to address the growing needs of our community through investments in deeply affordable housing, improving community safety, building and maintaining infrastructure, and managing ongoing funding challenges.

Key investments that support the needs of our community include:

Housing and infrastructure:

- Water safety investment of \$1.9 billion to support our basic infrastructure, water supply and wastewater services.
- Maintaining community housing – \$203.9 million for the maintenance of Peel Living, Peel-owned shelters and buildings and taking care of Community Housing Providers' loans.
- Developing housing – \$16.5 million to continue implementing the Peel Community Housing Development Program.
- Road safety – \$341.3 million for road construction, intersection improvements, and active transportation.

Public safety and emergency services to address population growth:

- Hiring an additional 175 police officers and 25 civilian professionals to meet the needs and demands of a growing community, address the increasing complexity of crime, and address staffing shortages.
- \$38 million for improvements and maintenance of ambulances, other paramedic fleet, and ambulance equipment.
- Adding 4 ambulances available 24 hours 7 days a week to support a growing and aging population, manage increased call volumes, and system pressures.

Community well-being:

- Responding to the issues related to increased immigration and refugee populations in Peel region.
- Advocating for resources and support to prevent human sex trafficking in Peel.
- Protecting residents from environmental hazards through programs and urgent response plans, catching up on routine school immunization, record screening, and enforcing the Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990.

Through this budget, Peel Region will continue to tackle affordability and build a safe, healthy, and thriving Community for Life.

For more information, visit peelregion.ca/budget.



Protect your home with pipe repair coverage

If you're a Peel homeowner, you might not realize that you're responsible for maintaining and repairing the pipes that run from inside your home to your property line.

If a pipe breaks, you'll need to pay for the repair. Depending on the type of damage, these repairs can be very costly.

Peel Region has partnered with Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) to offer optional, affordable protection from unexpected home repairs. Coverage is available 24 hours a day, year-round.

Protection plans cover the costs of repairing or replacing the following on the private side:

- Non-functioning water pipes.
- Non-functioning sanitary sewer or septic pipes.
- Broken interior plumbing and drainage systems.

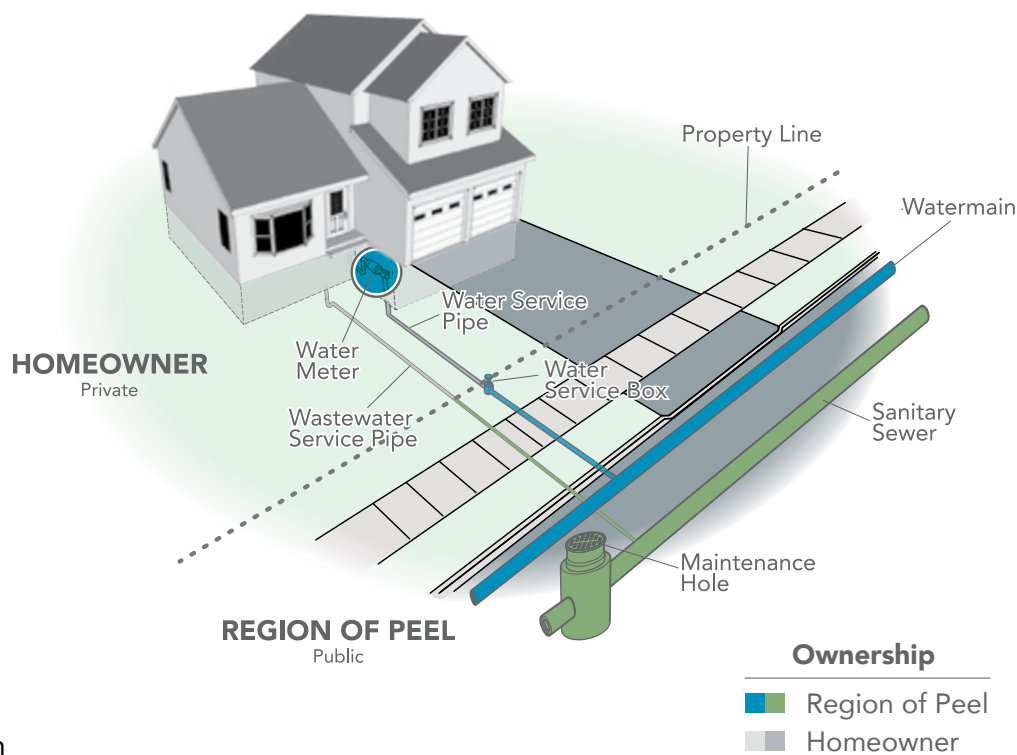
SLWC manages the warranty coverage programs.

However, the information mailed to homeowners has the Peel Region logo on the envelope. This is to confirm the program is genuine. Typically, information is mailed in the spring and fall of each year.

Ask your insurance company if they offer similar private-side pipe protection. If not, here are 3 ways to enroll in a repair plan.

- Visit SLWCPlansPeel.ca
- Call **1-866-922-9004**
- Review and return the enrollment form you received in the mail.

To learn more, visit peelregion.ca/water/pipes-downspouts.



Sanitary backwater valve rebate program

Peel Region is offering a rebate to help reduce the cost of installing a sanitary backwater valve. This valve helps reduce the risk of basement flooding by being installed on your main sewer line.

Eligible homeowners can get a 60% rebate on the invoiced amount, up to a maximum of \$1,500 (including tax).

Here are a few things to consider before applying for the rebate program:

- The backwater valve must be installed by a qualified and licensed contractor.
- Your basement can still flood from other sources of water.
- Backwater valves need to be cleaned and maintained at least once a year.
- The rebate is only applicable to a backwater valve connected to a sanitary sewer pipe.

To learn more about the rebate program, visit peelregion.ca/water/pipes-downspouts/backwater-valve-rebate.

Mississauga residents who want to connect their backwater valve to the storm sewer pipe can find more information at mississauga.ca/services-and-programs/home-and-yard/stormwater/apply-for-a-basement-flooding-prevention-rebate.



Climate change and your health

Canada's climate is changing. These changes can affect your health both directly and indirectly.

Climate change can pose health risks for Peel residents due to a wide range of climate-related events and environmental changes, such as extreme heat, floods, wildfire smoke, and increases in allergens, mosquitoes, and ticks.

Health risks may be higher for some people including:

- Older adults.
- People living alone.
- Newcomers to Canada.
- People experiencing homelessness.
- Anyone who is pregnant.
- Infants and young children.
- People living with chronic health conditions.

Associated health risks can include:

- Heat-related illness (dizziness, skin rash, headache).
- Food and waterborne illness resulting from contamination after heavy rainfall and flooding.
- Respiratory diseases and cardiovascular conditions due to wildfire smoke.
- West Nile virus or Lyme disease due to hotter and wetter days.

As a resident, you can protect yourself by:

- Staying hydrated.
- Checking local weather forecasts often.
- Downloading the WeatherCAN app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, and enabling weather alert notifications.
- Checking in on family, friends, and neighbours.
- Keeping food at safe temperatures when transporting or preparing.

Use the following tips to stay protected against mosquitoes and ticks:

- Use bug spray with DEET or icaridin (always follow label directions).
- Wear light-coloured clothing, close-toed shoes, long-sleeved shirts, long pants that are tucked into your socks.
- After being outdoors, check for ticks on yourself, your children, and pets.

For more information:

peelregion.ca/about/climate-change/climate-change-health.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Red light cameras make roads safer for all users

The Red Light Camera (RLC) Program is designed to improve road safety by reducing right-angle collisions in intersections. Red light cameras are installed to encourage drivers to slow down and stop safely for red lights, as right-angle collisions are likely to cause serious injuries and fatalities.

How red light cameras work

Each red light camera is connected to the traffic signal and sensors at the stop line, capturing images of vehicles that run a red light. Warning signs are also posted ahead of these intersections to give drivers enough time to slow down and stop safely.

Regular calibration and weekly testing ensure that each camera remains accurate and reliable.

Running a red light

When a driver runs a red light, the camera takes a picture of their car, noting the date, time, speed, and license plate number. Photos are reviewed by Provincial Offences Officers, and tickets are mailed to the registered owner, regardless of who was driving at the time.

Upon conviction, the penalty is a fine. No demerit points are issued, and the owner's driving record is not impacted.



Improving road safety

Red light cameras complement other Vision Zero initiatives, including road network improvements, education programs, and police enforcement, to enhance safety for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists.

To learn more about red light cameras and to see where they are located, visit peelregion.ca/transportation-roads/road-safety-traffic-flow/traffic-calming-red-light-cameras.

Property crime rates drop significantly

Peel Regional Police's investment in hiring 300 front-line officers in 2025 is having a positive effect on public safety. With more officers out in the community, Mississauga is seeing fewer break-ins, better responses to serious incidents, and steady progress toward safer neighbourhoods.

In 2025, Mississauga saw a clear drop in property crime. Break-ins, thefts, and other property related incidents dropped by nearly 1,600 in 2025 compared to 2024—an 8.2% decrease. This means safer neighbourhoods and businesses. Peel Regional Police says this progress is partly because more officers were available to focus on problem areas and respond quickly.

Mississauga, like many growing cities around the world, is seeing overall higher rates of crime that harm people. Investments made

in local policing have helped to stabilize these rates at just over 4% from 2024 to 2025. Despite that, Peel Police data shows officers are responding faster and finding and arresting more violent offenders. Arrests are up to more than 10,000 in 2025 (a 5.2% increase over the year prior), including more violent related arrests, to nearly 2,400 (a 7.4% increase over 2024).



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Reporting sod damage

You can easily report damaged sod to the City for repair or replacement by calling **311** or submitting a service request online.

Sod repair is typically done during fair-weather seasons in the spring and fall annually.

Sidewalk snow clearing is often done in challenging conditions, usually at night during inclement weather. Some sod damage is expected, and all expenses related to repairs are paid by the snow clearing contractor with no additional impact on property taxes.

Report damage: www.mississauga.ca/snow



City's Online Service

Mississauga **311** is the City's easiest customer service access point. But there are other ways to inquire about programs, services and community issues. Through the City's Online Services portal you can make payments, apply for permits or licenses, and report issues in your neighbourhood.

Visit the Online Services portal at mississauga.ca

