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### **Dear Neighbours,**

I hope you welcome and enjoy my Spring 2010 Regional Newsletter. In addition to my duties as your City Councillor, I serve as your Regional Councillor alongside my colleagues from Brampton and Caledon.

Regional initiatives include programs and services such as:

- human services and social housing
- public health
- waste and recycling
- water and wastewater management
- policing and emergency services
- Regional roadway construction and maintenance

Providing these essential services can be a challenge, especially in the current economy. Your Regional Council worked hard to keep

the 2010 tax increase at 1.9 per cent (or an average of \$32 per household). We could have cut services, but that would have been at the expense of those who need them most – our most vulnerable residents and those in financial need who cannot live without the services we provide at the Regional level of government.

In this newsletter, I bring you details on the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding, 3-1-1 and 2-1-1 telephone services, the Region's Official Plan Review, human services such as dental programs for seniors and children, programs for youth, and information on waste management.

Should any of the information contained in the newsletter prompt questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at

905-896-5700 or e-mail me at [nando.iannicca@mississauga.ca](mailto:nando.iannicca@mississauga.ca). On behalf of Brenda Robertson, my long-time Administrative Assistant, and Barbara Johnstone, my Executive Assistant, we look forward to being of service to you.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to you. It is my pleasure and privilege to represent you at Regional Council.

Best personal regards,



Nando Iannicca  
City and Regional Councillor – Ward 7

## **Modern growth and development puts people first**

When given the opportunity to discuss increasing growth and development with my residents, many question the need for more residential housing. I am usually asked to explain the “what” that pertains to a specific development application; however, I would like to take this opportunity to address the “why” we need to deal with development at all.

As your City and Regional Councillor, I am well aware that residents prefer that no residential development takes place... I agree wholeheartedly. I would be pleased – on behalf of my constituents – to refuse new development. However, Provincial legislation forces cities to intensify in order to take advantage of existing infrastructure. The *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* dictates that municipalities must accommodate residential growth in urbanized areas. This objective was further reinforced with legislation that protects the Oak Ridges Moraine and other greenbelt lands in southern Ontario, again forcing growth into existing urban areas.

In addition, federal and provincial governments have enticed municipalities with funding for transportation infrastructure to support areas such as the Hurontario and Dundas intersection, and the emerging downtown core of Mississauga.

I will now focus on a more practical reality. In 1960, the population of Mississauga was approximately 75,000 and now 50 years later, it is approaching 800,000. Canada had an estimated population of 18 million in 1960 and today it approaches 35 million. In keeping with this theme, the world in the early sixties had a population of just over 3 billion, while today the world population has mushroomed to close to 7 billion people.

When these statistics are examined, it becomes apparent that in our enormous geographic area, Canada has very few people living per square kilometre when compared to every other country in the world.

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While attending a conference on urban growth, I learned that the densest city in the world was Tokyo, Japan; the least dense city was Houston, Texas; and the middle of the road average, when compared to the rest of the world, was... Toronto, Canada! Many Torontonians would tell you that their city is dramatically overpopulated, congested, and literally bursting at the seams, and that all growth should cease. Yet, in the next two decades the Greater Toronto Area will be growing at a rate equivalent to Toronto absorbing a population equal to the City of Montreal! In other words, Canada's largest city will increase by the population of its second largest city. Where does this leave Mississauga?

Coming back to our little corner of the world and our beloved Ward 7, the challenge we face is to respond to these pressures while preserving the unique character of the communities in which we live: Cooksville Munden Park, the Gordon Woods, the Huron Park Community, Fairview and the Erindale Village. My approach has been, and will continue to focus on the two Ward 7 growth nodes – the historic Cooksville Corners and our emerging downtown. But this comes at a price! As part of accepting this reality I will push to ensure that we receive the necessary infrastructure that supports our urban centres. That is why I fought so hard to have the \$40 million Civic Square redevelopment approved under the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding. It is our great meeting place and outdoor community centre! Another example is to construct the finest community centre and library in the City on what is now the site of T.L. Kennedy Secondary School. Not to mention the long-awaited urban park that will stand at the historic centre of Cooksville at our Four Corners. All projects embrace the realities while preserving and enhancing our existing residential communities.

As I embark on my third decade of public service I am proud to say that much of the infill development we have seen in our existing residential zones is that of single detached homes being situated in communities of single detached homes. This trend will continue because of the policies and practices I have outlined. We will continue to insist development interests place higher densities where they are appropriate – in our enhanced urban centres.



So for the handful of residents who still revert to the NIMBY argument ("Not In My Back Yard") or the more recent BANANA argument (Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere Near Anyone), I hope you can appreciate that, as your local Councillor, I would very much like to accommodate you. But Federal and Provincial laws (in addition to the Ontario Municipal Board), and the practical realities of a growing world, dictate that we must accommodate the changes.

I trust that you respect the fact that against this backdrop I have always taken the approach of accepting realities and actually utilizing them to advocate for the development of a modern city that puts people first and preserves and enhances our cherished way of life.

## Peel Region Official Plan Review (PROPR)

The Region's effort in updating its Regional Official Plan is almost complete after much consultation with the public. The Official Plan guides the Region on many fronts like land use, environment and transportation.

Provincial policies such as the Places to Grow Growth Plan in 2006, the Greenbelt Plan in 2005 and the Provincial Policy Statement in 2005 were released since our last Official Plan. Therefore, the current Official Plan review is to ensure conformity with provincial initiatives. Key topics in the Official Plan review include: managing growth, transportation, natural heritage, agriculture, energy, housing, and waste management, just to name a few.

The Regional Planners will present to Regional Council in the near future on PROPR and the accomplishments. The public will be invited to attend.

## Huron Park and Community Living Mississauga: A partnership that works

Community Living Mississauga has embarked upon a wonderful partnership with Huron Park Community Centre.

Our common goal is to ensure that each individual, regardless of disability, would have the opportunity to enjoy the full experience of community membership by ensuring that our pool facilities are accessible.

Community Living Mississauga generously donated a portable Hoyer lift and change table to assist pool users while changing in and out of their swim wear. Huron Park Community Centre retrofitted a change room with ceiling track and table to accommodate the mechanism. The redesigned space is larger and more comfortable, which makes this room a truly accessible environment.

I take this opportunity to thank Community Living Mississauga and Huron Park Community Centre for partnering in their commitment to accessibility, and promoting inclusion for all.

## Accessibility Planning: Peel's commitment to you

**Over 171,000 residents in Peel live with a disability.**

To ensure accessibility planning becomes an everyday part of the services and facilities provided to Peel residents with a disability, the Region of Peel is working to implement the Accessible Customer Service Standard, within its Accessibility Policy.

Key principles of the policy:

- **Dignity:** Service is provided in a respectful manner consistent with the needs of the individual.
- **Independence:** Services for persons with disabilities shall support their independence while respecting their right to safety and personal privacy.

- **Equity/Equality of Outcome:** Service outcome is the same for persons with disabilities as for persons without disabilities.
- **Integrated:** Services allow people with disabilities to fully benefit from the same services, in the same place and in the same or similar way as other customers.
- **Sensitive:** Service is provided in a manner that is respectful to an individual's needs.
- **Responsive:** Service is delivered in a timely manner, considering the nature of the service and the accommodation required.

The Accessible Customer Service Standard is the first standard or regulation implemented under the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*.

Visit [www.peelregion.ca/corpserv/makingway](http://www.peelregion.ca/corpserv/makingway)

## Recycling – it's not just a household thing

Did you know that more than 88,000 apartments and condominiums make up almost 25 per cent of the Region's households? As such a large component of our household demographic, multi-residential participation in the Region's recycling programs is very important.

Every Peel apartment and condominium is supplied with recycling containers. Each unit within the building is provided with a reusable blue bag to help store recyclable material and transport it to the building's recycling area.

Blue bags are available at no charge and can be obtained from building property managers or superintendents.

I know that some buildings do not have recycling chutes, and it may be easier to simply throw everything down the garbage chute. But your extra effort to recycle goes a long way.

Sending our waste to landfill is more expensive than recycling and does not promote reduction and reuse programs. In fact, recycling not only reduces the amount of waste sent to landfill, but it conserves energy and decreases our use of natural resources. It's a win-win situation for you and our environment.

For a list of what is and isn't recyclable, visit [www.peelregion.ca/waste](http://www.peelregion.ca/waste) or refer to your *Waste Management Guide*. We're counting on you!



## Do you know where it goes?

Have you ever been left standing in your kitchen trying to decide whether to place your plastic takeout container in the garbage or blue box, or whether your coffee cup belongs in the garbage or green bin?

Let's face it; proper waste disposal can be confusing at times... but not any longer.

The Region of Peel has revamped its searchable waste database to include more items, improved user functionality and a new home at [www.wheredoesitgo.ca](http://www.wheredoesitgo.ca)

Check it out... you may be surprised to learn what does – or doesn't – go in your blue box, green bin or garbage container.

[wheredoesitgo.ca](http://wheredoesitgo.ca)

A lot of your waste can be recycled. Enter the item you want to dispose of and we'll tell you how.



The composite multi-layered packaging is not recyclable. Please place this item in the garbage.

## Road improvements on Queensway and Dixie Road

Road projects are vital to keep our communities moving safely and efficiently. The Region is proactive with upkeep and new solutions to help businesses and residents deal with traffic.

### Phase 1 (ongoing)

- Queensway road improvements from Gordon Drive to Cawthra Road, including resurfacing from east of Hurontario Street to west of Cawthra Road.
- Project started in 2009 and will be complete by July 2010.

### Phase 2

- Queensway road improvements from Cawthra Road to Dixie Road includes watermain replacement and resurfacing.



## ISF watermain work in Ward 7

### Kariya Drive

Excavation has started and the watermain was installed March 9, 2010. Water services installation is scheduled for late April 2010.

### North Service Road and Mississauga City Centre Area

Approximately 700 m of pipe will be installed on North Service Road. Watermains on Enfield Place, Sussex Gate, Matthews Gate and Elm Drive West near Mississauga City Centre will be replaced.

### Cliff Road and Queensway East

Work should begin this spring/summer and should be complete by fall 2010. Total project size is 2,600 m.

**Note:** These projects are funded through the **Infrastructure Stimulus Fund**, where both the federal and provincial governments have partnered with the Region to complete approved infrastructure projects.

## Construction project map

To better communicate construction information to Peel citizens, the Region's Public Works department has developed a mapping application to graphically show active Capital Works construction projects on Peel's website. The user-friendly application retrieves information from existing data sources allowing access to current information.

Access the data by visiting [www.peelregion.ca/gis/peelcapitalworks](http://www.peelregion.ca/gis/peelcapitalworks)

## August 2009 basement flooding

On Aug. 4, 2009, heavy rainfall caused basement flooding in the Cooksville Creek area, which affected homes on Asta Drive and Hensall Street in Ward 7. Homeowners reported that water entered through basement windows, cracks in foundation walls, as well as through floor drains.

The Region of Peel, in partnership with the City of Mississauga and Credit Valley Conservation, has been actively investigating the reason basements flooded, in order to recommend steps to help reduce the likelihood of future occurrences.

The Region inspected the sanitary sewer system in the area most affected by the heavy rainfall and confirmed it was in good working order. To reduce future rainfall from entering the sanitary sewer, select manholes will be sealed.

Residents who reported flooding as a result of the August storm can take advantage of the following services:

- Household drainage surveys (to evaluate and recommend property improvements)
- Check valve installation (to create a barrier for future sewer back ups)
- Downspout disconnection (to properly redirect storm water)

Call the Region of Peel at 905-791-7800, ext. 4242 to inquire about participation.

For more on sewer systems and basement flooding, visit [www.peelregion.ca/pw](http://www.peelregion.ca/pw)



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## Low-income dental programs help Peel's children and seniors



Untreated dental issues such as a toothache or broken teeth, can result in problems eating, sleeping, and concentrating, as well as low self-esteem. The Region of Peel offers two dental programs aimed at low-income residents who do not have dental insurance and cannot afford the cost of dental care.

The Children in Need of Treatment (CINOT) program provides basic dental care, including fillings, extractions, and scaling, to children under 18 years of age in urgent need of treatment. Last year, more than 5,400 children received dental treatment from this program.

Since its introduction in 2008, the Seniors' Dental Program has provided more than 2,000 seniors (65 years of age and older) with basic care, including fillings, extractions, and dentures. Demand for this program is very high – more than 3,000 seniors are currently on the waiting list and that number increases daily.

For more information, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit [www.peelregion.ca/health](http://www.peelregion.ca/health)

## Immigration website helps newcomers to Peel

### ImmigrationPeel.ca

A Resource for Newcomers to Peel

Helping prospective immigrants and those who have recently arrived in Peel, [www.immigrationpeel.ca](http://www.immigrationpeel.ca) links to local information with an emphasis on websites that provide settlement services.

The website is organized by topic: finding a job, accessing health care, getting children into school, finding a home, and participating in community life.

Many of us – or our parents – have shared the experience of being a newcomer. Peel has the second highest volume of new immigrants in the country – 49 per cent of our population were newcomers once.

Celebrating its first anniversary in November 2009, [www.immigrationpeel.ca](http://www.immigrationpeel.ca) won favourable reviews from website visitors. The site is part of a range of resources and programs the Region provides to help newcomers obtain the resources and support they need to create their new lives in Canada.

## Street Helpline Peel: support is a phone call away

Street Helpline Peel is a direct link to the Region of Peel's outreach program for families and individuals at risk of losing their housing or meeting basic needs.



By dialing 1-877-848-8481 callers can speak with the Region's Customer Contact Centre, which will connect them to a broad range of services including food, clothing, blankets, and mental health and addiction supports.

In 2009, over 11,790 calls were received by Street Helpline Peel, emphasizing the continued need for services offered by the Peel Outreach Program.

Street Helpline Peel supports the Peel Outreach Team; a collaborative effort between the Region's Health and Human Services departments, the Canadian Mental Health Association/Peel Branch, St. Leonard's Place Peel, and the Peel Addiction Assessment and Referral Centre.

For more information visit: [www.peelregion.ca/ow/ourservices/community-program/outreach.htm](http://www.peelregion.ca/ow/ourservices/community-program/outreach.htm)

## Peel Living in Ward 7

Peel Living has been approved for \$13.7 million in funding through the Social Housing Renovation and Repair Program. Ward 7 will receive \$1.5 million for identified renovation projects, the benefits of which will be realized at most of our Peel Living locations. Some of the projects include repairs to underground parking garages, interior lighting upgrades, and masonry and balcony repairs. In addition, and in an effort to comply with new safety legislation, many of the Ward 7 sites will receive elevator upgrades as well.

## A special note of congratulations

On March 4, 2010, Peel Housing Corporation was recognized by the Federation of Rental-Housing Providers of Ontario for certifying its 70 residential property sites. Peel Housing Corporation is the first social housing provider in Canada to receive the Certified Rental Building Program designation.

Achieving designation involved a rigorous process that required the efforts of staff to ensure that the standards were met. I congratulate Peel Housing staff. The award is a direct result of their outstanding contributions and dedication to Peel Living residents.

## 2-1-1, 3-1-1, 9-1-1 ... What's the difference?

- **2-1-1** is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel (e.g. finding employment, a doctor or social housing)
- **3-1-1** provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Peel (e.g. garbage pick-up, water billing or Council meeting dates)
- **9-1-1** is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes (e.g. a fire, a crime in progress or a medical emergency)

For a non-emergency call 905-453-3311.

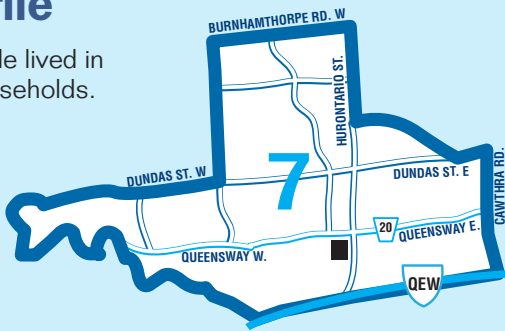
For more information, visit [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca)



## Ward 7 Profile

In 2006, 71,800 people lived in Ward 7 in 26,560 households.

- 64.4% of dwellings were apartments
- 20.6% of the labour force travelled to work by public transit



Between 2001 and 2006, Ward 7's population grew 7.4%

## Turn off the key – be idle free

Whether it's implementing a large-scale project or changing a small habit around your home, no matter the scope, it's important that we all do our part to reduce our energy consumption, energy waste and causes of climate change.

Do your part and reduce emissions by not idling your vehicle.

The City of Mississauga recently passed Idling Control By-law 194-09. The general prohibition states that no person shall allow a vehicle to idle continuously for more than three minutes.

While provisions for emergency conditions are taken into consideration, the By-law targets the main source of carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide and other volatile organic compounds and fine particulate matter that are harmful to the health, safety and well being of our residents and our environment.

It's surprising how significant an impact you can make with very little effort and a lot of common sense on your part.



## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES

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<b>Region of Peel</b>	<b>905-791-7800</b>	<a href="http://www.peelregion.ca">www.peelregion.ca</a>
After hours dispatch	905-791-7800	
Health Line Peel	905-799-7700	
Water Billing	905-791-8711	
Garbage and Recycling	905-791-9499	
<b>City of Mississauga</b>	<b>905-896-5000</b>	<a href="http://www.mississauga.ca">www.mississauga.ca</a>
After hours dispatch	905-615-3000	
Animal Control	905-896-5858	
By-law Enforcement	905-896-5655	
Cooksville Branch Library	905-615-4855	
Huron Park Recreation Centre	905-615-4820	
Mississauga Fire	905-615-3777	
Mississauga Transit	905-615-4636	
Parking Control	905-896-5678	
Property Taxes	905-896-5575	
Recreation and Parks	905-615-4100	
<b>Community Contacts</b>		
Aircraft Noise Complaints	416-247-7682	<a href="http://www.gtaa.com">www.gtaa.com</a>
Peel Regional Police	905-453-3311	<a href="http://www.peelpolice.on.ca">www.peelpolice.on.ca</a>
GO Transit	416-869-3200	<a href="http://www.gotransit.com">www.gotransit.com</a>
Peel District School Board	905-890-1099	<a href="http://www.peel.educ.on.ca">www.peel.educ.on.ca</a>
Dufferin-Peel Catholic		
District School Board	905-890-1221	<a href="http://www.dpcdsb.org1">www.dpcdsb.org1</a>
Poison Control	416-813-5900	<a href="http://www.sickkids.ca">www.sickkids.ca</a>

