



# Pat Saito

## Councillor's Report

### Ward 9

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#### Dear Neighbour:

This year, 2010, marks the 40th anniversary of Meadowvale and I have some special ways to recognize this milestone in our history.

Watch the Ward 9 website at [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca) for details on the Meadowvale 40th Anniversary photo contest. I will be inviting you to send in photos over the summer of what you like best about your community and residents will get to vote in September for the top 10. The winning photos will be featured in a special Anniversary Quilt that will be hung eventually in the newly renovated Meadowvale Community Centre.

Also watch for the new Meadowvale entrance sign I have had commissioned to be installed on the northeast corner of Winston Churchill and Britannia. I hope to add additional entrance signs in future but this will be the first.

This September, Meadowvale students will be painting an anniversary mural to be hung at Lake Aquitaine. We have a wealth of talent in our young people and there is no better way to showcase it.

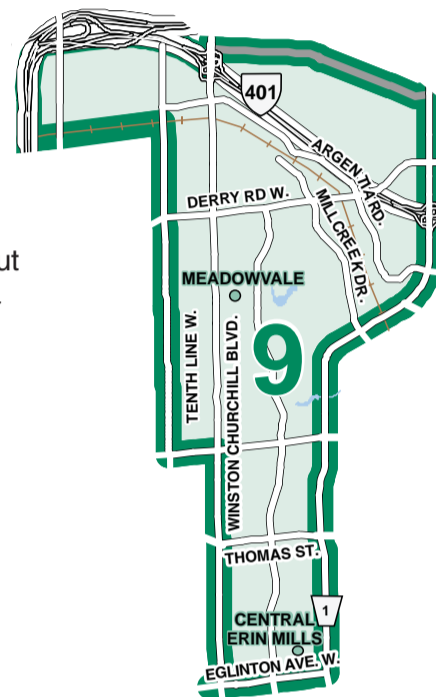
I know we all have our special memories of Meadowvale as we helped to build this great community over the past 40 years. I invite those of you who were among the first to move here in 1970 to send me your comments on what it was like then. This is information that will go on the Ward 9 website and be kept for the Meadowvale archives to preserve our heritage.

In the meantime enjoy the information about the services we provide from the Region of Peel. This newsletter includes information on the programs at the Region such as health, social services, children's services, waste management, TransHelp, water, emergency services and more.

As we head into summer, read how to take caution against West Nile Virus. Visit our website and learn about eco-friendly ways to garden and save water, purchase a low-flow toilet or a rain barrel, do your part by composting at curbside and reduce your waste. Start or join a Neighbourhood Watch program and help us keep our community clean and safe. You can find out how to do this by reading this newsletter or visit the Ward 9 website at [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca), e-mail me at [pat.saito@mississauga.ca](mailto:pat.saito@mississauga.ca) or call me at 905-896-5900.

Have a safe and wonderful summer and Happy 40th Anniversary Meadowvale!

Pat Saito, Councillor Ward 9



## Fighting hunger in Peel

With the support of the Region of Peel, food banks and other food providers have been meeting over the past year to discuss the challenges and opportunities they face in providing food for those who are hungry in Peel. I have encouraged this collaboration and suggested we use the model in Halton to address this issue.

While we are fortunate to have many community and faith-based organizations passionate about the welfare of others and motivated to address the issues of poverty and hunger, innovations in other communities have demonstrated that working collaboratively can have benefits for all the participants.

For example, in Halton a collaboration of food banks and social service agencies has adopted a "centralized warehouse model" of food solicitation and distribution that enables food banks, social service agencies and others to provide more fresh food to low-income citizens in that region.

This model and many other ideas have been at the heart of regular dialogue among the Region's diverse food providers and agencies who have been meeting regularly since last June. Our role, as the Region, has been to act as the network facilitator, encouraging participants to bring their ideas and concerns to a common table where they can be considered and evaluated collectively. Over that time, network members have assisted each other and collaborated on projects – building relationships that allows them to better meet the needs of Peel residents.

It's encouraging to see these important community leaders share their ideas. I am optimistic that these conversations will result in local innovations that will generate more food for the hungry, including the "hidden hungry" who are living below the low-income cut-off, but who are not using food banks to meet their needs.

Ward 9 food banks include St. Vincent de Paul c/o St. John of the Cross; Salvation Army, Meadowvale; and of course Eden Community Food Bank.



Please remember to help those who are in need.  
For more information, visit [www.edenfoodbank.org](http://www.edenfoodbank.org),  
call 905-785-3651 or e-mail [info@edenfoodbank.org](mailto:info@edenfoodbank.org).



### Free skate in support of food bank

Pat joined with MPP Bob Delaney on March 21, to host a free skate event and food drive at Meadowvale Four Rinks. Over 443 lbs of food and \$250 was donated to Eden Food Bank. Pat gave Johnny Bower Park pucks to lucky skaters.

## Official opening of the Outdoor Fitness Circuit at Lake Aquitaine

Saturday, September 18, 2010  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Join Pat for a free barbeque and learn how to use the new fitness equipment.

## 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 Council approved the Seniors' Dental Program in 2008, it 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)



## Social housing needs more funding

Peel has a large number of buildings that provide social housing – however, there just isn't enough funding available to meet our growing population's needs. As a result, most people who apply to live in social housing experience lengthy wait times. In fact it is estimated that some recent applicants could wait as long as 21 years.

Anyone who applies for subsidized housing is placed on a centralized wait list, from which vacancies are filled. Wait times in Peel are influenced by a number of factors, including the size of unit needed and the applicant's willingness to live in a range of buildings. Turn-over rates also influence wait times. Social housing buildings have residents with a variety of incomes. Some units are rented to households that receive a rent-g geared-to-income subsidy, while others pay full market rent.

Regional Council continues to lobby the provincial and federal governments to provide funding so we can construct more units and reduce this list.

Visit [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca) to learn more about social housing options in Peel.



Photo Credit: Mario Olteanu

### Wabukayne Tree Planting

Pat joined residents and members of the Friends of Wabukayne stewardship team to plant trees at Lake Wabukayne on April 17, 2010. Watch [ward9.ca](http://ward9.ca) for future events.

## Some points to remember when draining your swimming pool this summer

- Swimming pool water, except for backwash water, may be discharged directly by a hose to the street in front of the owner's property.
- Any swimming pool water that is discharged onto City property should only be discharged after the owner has:
  - (i.) removed all organic materials from the water; and
  - (ii.) allowed the water to remain for a minimum of three (ideally 7-10) days without the addition of any chemicals or algaecides.

For more information from the Debris & Anti-littering By-law please view the by-law at [www.mississauga.ca/bylaws](http://www.mississauga.ca/bylaws)

## Ontario Works – services for challenging times

The recession has brought hard times for many families in Peel with our annual average unemployment rate going from 6.6 per cent in 2008 to 10.8 per cent in 2009.

While economic conditions in Canada appear to be improving, many individuals and families continue to experience financial stress. We provide a range of services that help residents through these difficult times, in particular the Ontario Works division.

Preventing Homelessness in Peel Program (PHIPP) has helped many families retain their housing by providing one-time emergency assistance to those at risk of losing their home or place of shelter. In the short-term, it helps low-income families and individuals to maintain or obtain affordable housing to prevent homelessness. To access this service, call 905-793-9200.

Other individuals and families have required longer-term assistance to help them cope with job loss, or other unexpected changes that result in income loss. Ontario Works provides financial supports for eligible individuals and families. The application process is initiated by calling the Client Contact Unit at 905-793-9200 or 1-800-327-5379. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday.

For many others, the Employment Resource Centres operated by Ontario Works have played an important role in helping them to find a job, or get a better job. These Centres are open to all residents and provide job skills assistance that will help you to put your best foot forward with potential employers and job search assistance to help you find job opportunities in the local labour market. In Mississauga, the Employment Resource Centre is located in the Ontario Works Offices in Ward 9 at 6715 Millcreek Dr.

Visit [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca) to learn more.

## Regional budget

This year, Council approved an increase to the Regional portion of property taxes of 1.9 per cent. Once again we were faced with an increase in our social service costs as many of our citizens came for help due to the economic downturn. Our 2010 budget reflects our responsibility to ensure that the most vulnerable residents are taken care of. This means we included more funding for services like seniors' dental, youth initiatives and other health and emergency service programs.

While we run the Region "like" a business, the budget has to be a balance of providing the services you need while keeping an eye on the bottom line. Neither I nor Council will sacrifice essential services but I am proud that the Region maintains a superb credit rating and is in good financial condition.

We have already started looking at 2011 and will be working on the budget over the next six months. Your suggestions and ideas are always welcome. E-mail me at [pat.saito@mississauga.ca](mailto:pat.saito@mississauga.ca) or call me at 905-896-5900.

## Report immunization

Children attending school must meet mandatory immunization requirements. Every time your child is immunized, be sure to update their record at Peel Public Health.

Records can be submitted:

- Online at [www.immunizepeel.ca](http://www.immunizepeel.ca) or
- Fax record to 905-789-0597 or 905-458-9217
- Call 905-799-7700 or
- Mail a copy to 44 Peel Centre Dr., Suite 102, Brampton, ON L6T 4B5

## Arcadia Glen residents moving back in after fire last year



On May 18, 2009, a fire occurred at Arcadia Glen apartments – an 81-apartment Peel Living residence for families located on Glen Erin Drive in Mississauga. The Arcadia Glen fire was the worst fire loss in Peel Living's 30 year history. Never before have we had this many units damaged and out of service.

While the fire was devastating and displaced many families, it brought together our community that rallied around the Arcadia Glen residents and gave them support and hope. I am so proud of the work done by the community in fundraising and collecting furniture and other items to help those who lost everything.

Peel Living and Ontario Works staff were immediately on the scene to find shelter and accommodate the needs of residents. Many community members also helped with the effort. They secured the premises, assisted residents to retrieve their belongings and oversaw the clean-up in preparation for reconstruction of the damaged areas. Many months after the fire, over half of the residents were still unable to re-enter their apartments; staff worked around the clock to attend to their needs and make priority transfers happen for residents who were homeless.

I welcome the news that this spring, the remaining residents will be able to move back into their homes. I want to commend everyone involved, including staff and local residents, for demonstrating their care and attention to the residents throughout this crisis, and especially, to the residents at Arcadia Glen for your incredible understanding and patience.

## Mississauga's hearts in good hands

Your chances of surviving a certain type of heart attack are much higher thanks to a new program in Peel.

A STEMI (ST-Elevated Myocardial Infarction) heart attack happens when almost no blood is flowing to the heart. Since your best chance for survival is having surgery within 90 minutes of the attack, Peel Paramedics and Trillium Health Centre have partnered to ensure life-saving care is provided within that timeframe.

Paramedics on the scene diagnose a STEMI and consult with a cardiologist at Trillium Health Centre to arrange for an immediate angioplasty (the opening of a blocked vessel causing a heart attack) at Trillium. For the patient to receive the most benefit, this must occur within the first 60 minutes of the attack.

Regional Council and the Region's paramedic service have been working very hard with other health-care partners to bring this program to all Peel residents.

Since the program began in August 2009, Peel Paramedics were involved in transporting 24 of the 34 STEMIs performed at Trillium. The average time for paramedics to assess and transport a patient to a cardiologist who then restored blood flow was 68.5 minutes – well below the program's 90-minute goal.

I am very proud of our program and the dedicated men and women who deliver it to our community.

Visit [www.peelems.ca](http://www.peelems.ca) for more information about Peel Regional Paramedic Services or the STEMI program.



## Supporting our healthy community

We are very fortunate to have the Meadowvale Peel Health Clinic located in the heart of our community at Meadowvale Town Centre. The clinic offers a variety of services to support and improve the health of the West Mississauga community.

These include: breastfeeding support; dental screening program; food handlers course; healthy sexuality clinics; immunization clinics; prenatal classes; tobacco cessation programs; vaccine distribution to community physicians.

All of the clinics are scheduled as appointment only. The Healthy Sexuality Clinic has drop-in hours on Monday from 1:30 to 6 p.m., where clients are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. Appointments are also available.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.

## West Nile Virus: Protecting yourself and your family in 2010

With summer approaching, Peel Public Health will be monitoring the location of positive mosquito batches as well as any human West Nile Virus (WNV) cases. In 2009, there was less WNV activity than in other years and no positive mosquito batches were found in Ward 9.

Peel Health will continue its efforts to decrease numbers of mosquitoes by larviciding municipal roadside catch basins and surface water sites located on public property. A public education campaign will focus on raising awareness about WNV and prevention measures.

For more information about WNV and how to protect yourself, call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700 or visit [www.peel-bugbite.ca](http://www.peel-bugbite.ca)



## ImmigrationPeel.ca

A Resource for Newcomers to Peel

If you are a newcomer to Mississauga, Brampton or Caledon this website is for YOU!

Visit [immigrationpeel.ca](http://immigrationpeel.ca) to find information to help you to settle and enjoy your new life in Peel Region.

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## Accessible Transportation in Peel



In summer 2009, TransHelp and the Accessible Transportation Coordination Office merged to create Accessible Transportation. The result is a "one-stop shop" for accessible transportation services for residents with disabilities.

In addition to TransHelp, Accessible Transportation offers:

### Dialysis Transportation Program/ Passenger Plus Program

In 2009, the dialysis transportation program was re-named Passenger Plus and the dialysis vehicles got a new look (gold and black striping on a white vehicle). These vehicles serve clients attending hospitals for life-preserving dialysis care.

Contact Accessible Transportation at: 905-791-1015, [accessibletransportation@peelregion.ca](mailto:accessibletransportation@peelregion.ca)

### Passenger Assistant Program (PAP)

This program provides supervised transportation to passengers with disabilities who cannot safely travel alone. The program serves seniors, adults with intellectual disability, and those living with mental health disabilities. Each passenger is supervised while in transit.

### Community Bus Program

The Community Bus is potentially an effective alternative to para-transit for persons with disabilities who desire fixed route service. The Community Bus makes regularly scheduled stops at buildings with seniors and people with disabilities.

### Taxi Scrip (pilot program)

The taxi scrip program provides spontaneous transit to low income passengers with disabilities. Each book contains \$40 in taxi fare, and can be purchased for \$25.

### Conventional Transit Access Initiatives

Accessible Transportation provides and pays for travel training assessments, plus up to five hours of training to people with disabilities to learn to use either Brampton or Mississauga Transit. A "how-to" DVD provides encouragement and tips.



## Ground breaking on the Garry W. Morden Centre - Dedicated to Fire and Life Safety

Pat (right) at the official ground breaking on May 11 with (L to R) Councillor Mahoney, Mayor McCallion and Denise Morden, (back) Lieutenant Colonel Dwayne Hobbs and Fire Chief John McDougall. The fire and emergency training facility is a partnership between the City, Peel Regional Police and Department of National Defence and will be at 7535 Ninth Line in Ward 9.

## New guidelines for Toilet Replacement Program

Starting April 1, 2010, toilets that are eligible for a rebate as part of the Region of Peel's Toilet Replacement Program meet more stringent water efficiency and performance criteria.

This means you can be secure in knowing that when you purchase a Peel-Approved toilet, it will perform as well or better than less efficient toilets.

Under these guidelines, the toilet rebate now applies to:

- Single-flush toilets with less than or equal to 4.8 litres per flush
- Dual-flush toilets with both:
  - o reduced flush volume of less than or equal to 4.1 litres, and
  - o full flush volume of less than or equal to 6 litres

In 2009, water consumption was reduced by more than 2.8 megalitres per day thanks to Peel residents switching to water efficient toilets.

If you are looking to replace your old, inefficient toilet, visit [www.watersmartpeel.ca](http://www.watersmartpeel.ca)

## Blowing in the wind

Approximately 400 households in Ward 9 are helping us find a solution to blowing blue box litter. The residents on the following streets are part of a pilot approved by Council to test mesh net covers:

- Arvida Circle
- Avila Road
- Bilbao Lane
- Bramshaw Gardens
- Pamplona Mews
- Salerno Court
- Shelter Bay Road
- St. Malo Circle



They are part of an eight month project that involves four neighbourhoods in Peel. Each is testing a different option including: mesh nets affixed to existing blue boxes; plastic net covers affixed to existing blue boxes; 121 litre wheeled recycling containers; and tinted blue transparent plastic recycling bags.

Upon completion in June, Regional staff will survey the participants, compile the results and present a report to Waste Management Committee. Many thanks to all who participated and I am confident we will find the right solution to this problem.



### Arbor Day at St. Elizabeth Seton School

Pat (back right) joined teacher Dave Pritchard (back left) and students (L to R) Brett Ghaney, Jakub Mrozinski and Thea Worona at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School to plant a tree on Arbor Day, April 28.

## Green bin tips

It's a wrap – Wrap your food waste in newspaper and place a few sheets in the bottom of your green bin. It's cheap, easy and newspaper absorbs moisture.

No plastics please – Plastic grocery and shopping bags are not permitted in the program. Consider using newspaper, paper bags or certified compostable plastic bags.

Green bin barbecues – Green bins make barbecue clean up easy. Toss all your food waste, paper plates, napkins and paper towels into the green bin.

Any amount will do – Empty the contents of your kitchen container into your green bin frequently; every two to three days, or when it is full. Place your bin at the curb each week whether it is full or not.

Take cover – Store your green bin in the garage or outside, preferably in a shaded area.



## Be the envy of your neighbours Create your own eco-chic landscape

Do you want to create a lovely garden that is eco-friendly and uses less water? Our Region of Peel staff can help you. We offer a Fusion Landscape Consultation program (formerly water-wise gardens) from May through August to assist residents in creating a stunning and functional outdoor space. Trained advisors can be an invaluable resource to help you design and start your own fusion landscape.

Fusion Landscaping is a modern trend in landscaping and garden design that creates lush, colourful gardens by using eco-chic flowers, plants and trees. It is not only beautiful, it uses less water, fights climate change and protects the environment. Consultations are free and take approximately 45 minutes.

To sign up, visit [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca) or call 905-791-7800, ext. 4409.



Photo Credit: Sarah Hall

## Greening our fleet

Did you ever wonder how you can get rid of used cooking oil safely? You can drop it off at the Battleford Recycling Centre free of charge and help save the environment at the same time. The oil is converted to biodiesel fuel at the Battleford CRC for use in 10 of the Waste Management division's car and light truck fleet.



We took this innovative approach to find a solution for a product with no end-use and turned it into a resource. Since it launched in 2007, we have produced approximately 6,000 litres of biodiesel fuel.

While there are no significant financial benefits, there are environmental ones. When compared to petro diesel that is used in most vehicles, biodiesel fuel burns cleaner, emits fewer toxic compounds into the air, and decreases ozone and smog.

Also, preventing used cooking oil from being poured down the drain is important because over time it can clog the sewer pipes in your home and neighbourhood causing sewer backups. It can also foul our storm water ponds and harm wildlife as we have seen at Lake Wabukayne.

So the next time you're done frying, pour your leftover cooking oil in a container and bring it to your nearest CRC. Our vehicles are waiting to be filled up!

For more information on the Region's CRCs, including locations and accepted materials, call 905-791-9499 or visit [www.peelregion.ca/waste](http://www.peelregion.ca/waste)

## 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

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

gift wrapping paper



Gift wrapping paper (metallic): The composite multi-layered packaging is not recyclable. Please place this item in the garbage.

## What's your carbon footprint?

Ever wonder how much carbon you generate as a result of your current lifestyle?

Peel residents now have a customized carbon footprint (carbon emissions) calculator unique to us that uses local data to fuel the calculations. Try the calculator online at: [peel.zerofootprint.net](http://peel.zerofootprint.net) and also learn about changes you can make to reduce your impact on the environment.

## Protecting children from child predators on the internet



As the Regional Council representative on the Peel Police Internet Safety Committee (ISC), I work with police and other agencies to promote safe use of the internet.

The internet can be a wonderful tool for many activities – up to the minute news, homework helper, watching videos, playing games, downloading music and communicating.

The internet however remains mostly unregulated. Recent trends include live one-on-one web enabled chat rooms, some of which don't even require a profile or password. One example is [www.chatroulette.com](http://www.chatroulette.com). With a web cam and microphone, this site allows users to connect one-on-one through random selection. As the name suggests, you don't know who is going to appear on your screen next, nor the appropriateness of the image.

It is critical that parents become aware of what is available on the internet for their children and to educate them on how to use it safely.

Here are some tips to help make the internet a positive experience:

- Communicate with your child; keep an open dialogue about their internet activities.
- Monitor children's activity on the net:
  - o Keep the computer in a public place of your home. Never place the computer in the child's bedroom.
  - o Limit the amount of time spent on the internet.
  - o Make the internet a family activity.
  - o Use parental controls to limit sites visited by your child.
  - o Learn to be internet savvy yourself.
- Teach your children to never give out personal information.
- Don't let children use a web cam without close supervision.
- Closely monitor your child's activities in any chat room, e-mail or instant messaging service, including those specifically designed for young children.
- Make sure your wireless router signal is secured and password protected.
- Don't be hesitant to question parents of other children your child may visit and access the internet.
- Report any suspicious activity to police.

And remember, nothing on the internet is private and everything is permanent.

For more information visit [www.peelpolice.ca](http://www.peelpolice.ca) or send an e-mail to [cyberproofed@peelpolice.ca](mailto:cyberproofed@peelpolice.ca)

## Community safety starts with you

Do you know the first name of at least five different neighbours?

Would you be able to tell Police the address of the house behind you in the event that you witnessed a break-in?

Would your back door neighbour know your address in the event that your home was broken into?

If you answered no to any of these questions you should visit the Peel Regional Police website at [www.peelpolice.ca](http://www.peelpolice.ca) and download the "Know Your Neighbours" card found under Crime Prevention Services.

The form provides you and your neighbours with a tool to help you exchange the information needed in the event you see something suspicious or witness a crime. It can also provide you with a reason for getting to know your neighbours... particularly when this has failed to happen without a form.

At the same time visit Mississauga's Safe City website at [www.safecitymississauga.on.ca](http://www.safecitymississauga.on.ca) and learn more about Neighbourhood Watch programs.

Talk to your neighbours and get together to set up a watch in your neighbourhood. The first Neighbourhood Watch program started in Meadowvale in 1979 but many neighbourhoods have not been active for some time. It's time to get together and act now. The basics of community safety are simple and cost nothing!



## Road safety starts with all of us

As a founding member of Road Safety Mississauga (formerly Safe Driving Committee), I have been involved in various educational safety campaigns.

Our most recent campaign is aimed at pedestrian safety and we want to make everyone aware that safety starts with them. As a pedestrian, we are responsible for obeying the rules of the road and being aware of traffic. As a motorist, we are responsible for obeying the rules of the road and keeping an eye out for pedestrians.

Our message to pedestrians is: "I am not a target." To motorists we say: "Expect the unexpected." Both strong messages but useless if people do not listen and adopt them.

I have recently proposed that Road Safety Mississauga join with Traffic Safety Council and the Mississauga Cycling Committee to launch a joint, stronger campaign for road safety in 2011. Using all of our resources, I truly believe we can get the message out to everyone and ultimately save lives.

I always welcome ideas and suggestions, whether they are for educational campaigns or for technical or operational changes. Your input is what makes for better plans and programs. In the meantime, make sure you and your family are not targets when you are a pedestrian and when you are driving, keep alert.

## Zero tolerance on graffiti

The City of Mississauga and Peel Regional Police (PRP) have a zero tolerance on graffiti. These acts of vandalism impact the health of our community and cost taxpayers thousands of dollars.

Finding new ways of dealing with graffiti has been a priority for me. Several years ago, I insisted that we require utility companies to respond within 24 hours to remove or cover graffiti and this has been successful.

Over the past few years I have worked closely with residents, Peel Police, local schools and City staff in a concentrated effort to address specific problem areas.

As a result, PRP launched a targeted approach that resulted in arrests and 28 charges laid. At the request of PRP, I have asked staff to review the feasibility of a by-law to prohibit the sale of spray paint to minors. Also as a board member of Safe City, I will be working closely with staff to develop a citywide graffiti strategy.

As we continue our fight against graffiti, I encourage residents to report it. Call the City hotline at 905-896-5655 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.



Pat joins City staff, Peel Police and city contractors to clean up graffiti in Meadowvale.

## Red Light Cameras increase safety

The Red Light Camera pilot program has been successful in reducing right angle collisions and has been well received by the public as a safety initiative. As part of the program expansion, we have moved towards digital as opposed to wet film technology. We have also expanded our Red Light Camera program, and 24 out of 25 sites are operational.

Also fines for running red lights increased from \$180 to \$325 (which includes court costs and victim surcharge) as of Jan. 1, 2010.

In Ward 9, there are red light cameras at three locations:

- Erin Mills Parkway at Britannia Road
- Mississauga Road at Meadowvale Boulevard
- Derry Road at Winston Churchill Boulevard

For more information visit [www.peelregion.ca/pw/roads/red-light](http://www.peelregion.ca/pw/roads/red-light)

## Police bikes back in parks

The Peel Regional Police Bike Unit started up again on May 2 and will operate until Oct. 15. The bike units are utilized to assist with calls for service, but their primary objectives are to patrol parks, attend special events and respond to complaints of lawless public behaviour. The bike unit has been very successful, and officers take the time to interact with the general public when the opportunity presents itself.

Watch for them in our community parks in Ward 9.



## Improved water pressure for Miller's Grove

We have waited a long time for water pressure improvements in Miller's Grove but I'm pleased to report that the new booster pumping station on the south side of Battleford Road, east of Winston Churchill Boulevard, is completed. Construction, along with the associated watermains and valve chambers is finished and the pumping station is being tested and expected to be in service by the time you receive this newsletter.

Our community has been experiencing either low pressure problems or water pressure fluctuations for some time and I worked with Regional water staff to find a solution. This problem not only impacted water in the home but resulted in watermain breaks along Miller's Grove and Edenwood Drive.

A Water Model Analysis conducted by Peel staff in 2008 recommended that the low pressure problems could be resolved by the installation of a booster pumping station and four check valves. It also recommended that the fluctuating pressures be resolved by installing Pressure Reducing Valves at three locations.

I thank our staff who worked with me on this issue and who found a solution that will help our community.

For more information on the project, call Bill Turner at 905-791-7800, ext. 7837.

## Road work update

### Erin Mills Parkway:

The Millcreek Drive and Erin Mills Parkway intersection area will be resurfaced in summer 2010 after intersection improvements are completed.

A southbound right turn lane from Syntex Court onto Derry Road is being constructed. The project is currently in the design phase. Construction is tentatively scheduled to commence in July or August 2010.

## Watermain replacement

Watermain construction is scheduled to start between April and June and finish between August and mid-November 2010. Residents will be notified by the Region when work is about to begin.

Watermain replacement is based on the type of materials the watermain is made from; the age of the watermain; the history of breaks and interruptions to the water supply.

The watermains on the following streets are being replaced under the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding program, where both the federal and provincial governments have partnered with the Region of Peel for the completion of approved infrastructure projects.

Argentia Road (between Mississauga Road and Turner Valley Road); Aldergrove Court; Farmstead Lane; Keynes Court; Miller's Grove (between Tenth Line and Farmstead Lane); Plum Tree Court; Runcorn Row; Stevenage Court; Switzer Court.

In addition to the above work, a section of 400 mm watermain will be replaced on Battleford Road, east from Glen Erin Drive.

### Streetsville Pumping Station:

Construction work will be starting this fall. I will be holding an open house in September. Check [www.ward9.ca](http://www.ward9.ca) for date and time.

## Safer intersections

Pedestrian safety in our community is always a top priority. I have been a big proponent for the use of zebra striping at crosswalks to make motorists more aware that there may be pedestrians present.

This program has been in place at City intersections for some time and I had the striping installed at the first regional location at Eglinton and Erin Mills Parkway in May 2008. Since then I have asked staff to install striping at various other locations in Ward 9. These include most intersections along Derry Road from Tenth Line to Millcreek and soon all will be included.

This use has been endorsed by Road Safety Mississauga and I will continue to push for more installations.

## Pat's committees

### Region: Peel Youth Violence Prevention, Vice-Chair

Arterial Roads Review  
GTAA Liaison (alternate)  
Intergovernmental Relations  
Peel Housing  
Police Internet Safety  
Waste Management

### City: Safe City Mississauga

Accessibility Advisory  
GTAA CENAC (alternate)  
Pedestrian Safety Strategy  
Road Safety Mississauga

### Other: Mississauga Toronto West Tourism Board, Chair

Meadowvale Community Partnership  
Meadowvale Theatre Advisory Board



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### First Gulf Phase II

Pat joins Mayor McCallion and on her left, Sean McFarland, Managing Principal for GTA & Ontario Operations, Golder Associates and to her right David Gerofsky, President & CEO, First Gulf Corporation to break ground for First Gulf's second office tower. The new building will be the home of Ward 9's Golder Associates which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

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