

## Everyday Stories | Making the Connection

### ▶▶ *Planning Services Instrumental in Shaping a Liveable Region*

There are many diverse challenges at the Region, focusing on the demands of growth; protecting environmental, agricultural and natural resources; and achieving a more sustainable land use and transportation system. Planning services are all designed to conserve current resources for Peel residents, as well as preparing for long-term growth. Projects include: the Regional Official Plan, transportation planning for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods, research and studies, and community programs such as Geographic Information Systems Day and the Peel Children's Water Festival.



*"We rely on Planning services to manage and set in motion a course of action for the Region and all residents. Planning gives us insight into trends, issues and developments that have an impact on everything that makes our community liveable."*

Regional Councillor Elaine Moore,  
Planning Committee Chair

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Taxes as well as utility rates, help the Region provide the following essential services:

- 9-1-1
- Ambulance and Emergency Programs
- Affordable rental housing
- Art Gallery of Peel, Region of Peel Museum, Region of Peel Archives and the historic Peel County Courthouse
- Growth management and Regional land use planning
- Long-Term Care facilities and programs for seniors
- Peel Regional Police, including crime prevention and control
- Planning, design, construction and maintenance of Regional roads
- Public Health
- Recycling, waste collection, disposal and diversion
- Shelters for the homeless
- Social assistance and employment programs through Ontario Works in Peel
- Social Housing
- Subsidized child care in over 270 licensed non-profit programs throughout the Region of Peel
- TransHelp, for people physically unable to access regular transit
- Water and Wastewater Services

A broad range of corporate services provide support to operating departments, Council, area municipalities, and other service providers. The advice and counsel offered by such services as Clerk's, Communications, Finance, Human Resources, Information and Technology, Legal and Property Management bring tremendous value to Council and other organizations.