

Greetings & Thank you,

As the local Councillor for Ward 4, I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you for your ongoing support of your neighbourhood, our City and the Region. This has been an unusually difficult year for us all and so it is important that we continue to communicate with one another while working together to achieve neighbourhood safety and security.

In this 2020 Fall Newsletter, I write to you in hopes of being able to share new and useful information related to the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel. Contained within is Peel Public Health's response to the Novel Coronavirus, as well as information on the 2021 Region of Peel Budget.

Over this past year, I have seen and heard first-hand, the negative impact that motor-vehicle speeding and noise has had on our community. For this reason, I have remained in regular contact with Peel Regional Police (PRP), including our Police Chief and our local 11 and 12 Divisions. Despite PRP's high workload, I have asked for their increased presence on all residential neighbourhood roads and arterial roads in Ward 4.

We must actively work together to reduce aggressive speeding and nuisance noise caused by motor-vehicles within our community. Enough is enough!



I encourage you to contact me at any time at 905-896-5400 or by email at john.kovac@mississauga.ca. Your feedback is always appreciated!

Yours sincerely,



The 2021 Regional Budget

The Region of Peel's annual budget outlines how tax dollars and utility fees will be invested that year to help provide the services residents value, such as the operations and maintenance of transportation systems, waste collection, water supply, and paramedic services.

Your property tax bill has three components: the cost of Regional services, the cost of local municipal services, and the cost of education. The Region uses its portion to provide 1.5 million residents and 175,000 businesses with essential services such as: high-quality water, roads, paramedics, waste services, affordable housing, immunization clinics, and much more.

The Region's annual budget process involves serious discussion and prudent and responsible decision-making. On Jan. 28, 2021, Regional Council will begin discussing the 2021 Budget.

The Region, similar to all municipalities, will likely be facing continued service pressures due to COVID-19 with its residents and businesses facing economic uncertainty. This will be taken into account when the 2021 Budget is presented.

To learn more about how property tax and utility dollars are aligned with the Region's budget, Strategic Plan and Term of Council priorities, go to peelregion.ca/budget.



Any injury or death on a road in Peel is unacceptable

Vision Zero will help us get there



Peel Region's Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan aims to reduce and ultimately stop serious motor vehicle collisions.

Vision Zero's key message is **no loss of life is acceptable.**

In partnership with stakeholders, we've identified and set actions to improve each key area of concern which include aggressive, distracted and impaired driving; intersections, and pedestrian and cyclist collisions.

To date, we've taken these steps to make Peel Region's roads safer:

- Installed crossrides to make our roads safer for cyclists
- Added new pedestrian crossovers at right turn channels to heighten pedestrian safety
- Lowered speed limits to reduce aggressive driving
- Installed fully protected left-turn signals to reduce left-turn collisions
- Partnered to create walk-friendly neighbourhoods across Peel



Join me and #TakeThePledgePeel - let's work together to reduce driving speeds for a safer community!

Through the Distracted Driving campaign and other programs, we're working closely with Peel Regional Police and the Ontario Provincial Police Caledon detachment to support enforcement efforts.

We're also creating awareness through education, communications and organizational initiatives aimed at ultimately changing attitudes and behaviours towards road safety.

We all have a role to play. To learn more, visit peelregion.ca/VisionZero and be part of the change.

Reducing Vehicle Speed and Noise in Mississauga

Mississauga is making roads safer through a number of speed and noise reduction initiatives.

In 2019, the Government of Ontario introduced regulations for **Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE)**, which allowed for the use of ASE in municipalities and outlined where automated speed enforcement can be used, how it is operated and the requirements for signage. To learn more, visit aseontario.com.

ASE uses a camera and a speed measurement device to detect and capture images of moving vehicles exceeding posted speed limits. This is one of several **Transportation Master Plan** initiatives to advance the City's commitment to Vision Zero. For more information, visit yoursay.mississauga.ca/transportation-masterplan.

In October 2019, Council approved amendments to its **Traffic By-Law** to gradually lower speeds on all residential streets from 50 to 40 km/h.

Several actions in the City's **Neighbourhood Area Speed Limit Project** will be completed prior to the ASE program, which is expected to start in January 2021:

- lowering speed limits to 30 km/h in neighbourhood school zones (as per my Council-approved motion on Oct. 23, 2019)
- implementing school area community safety zones
- lowering speed limits on residential streets to 40 km/h

The City's **Noise Control By-law** now prohibits unnecessary noise from both stationary and moving motor vehicles, including motorcycles. This includes unreasonable noise from sounding a horn, playing loud music from the vehicle, revving an engine or squealing tires. It also prohibits excessive noise from mufflers, exhaust or emission control systems.

Making roads safer is one more way the City of Mississauga is working to enhance the quality of life for everyone.



Project ERASE

In May of 2020 Peel Regional Police launched 'Canada Road Safety Week,' a seven-day national campaign aimed at making Canada's roads the safest in the world. This annual campaign creates increased public awareness to gain compliance to save lives and reduce injuries on Canada's roads; we are committed to this goal.

The focus of Canada Road Safety Week was focused on behaviours like impaired driving, distracted driving, and aggressive driving, which put drivers, passengers, pedestrians, and other vulnerable road users at risk.

Peel Regional Police are committed to road safety as a core policing function. Officers remain vigilant twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Speeding, aggressive driving and impaired driving remain enforcement priorities. Officers remain on-duty, enforcing our laws and ensuring that those that need to travel on our roadways can continue to do so in safety.

In May of 2020 members of Road Safety Services commenced the ERASE campaign. The goal of the E.R.A.S.E. Program, which stands for Eliminating Racing Activities on Streets Everywhere, is to change poor driver behavior through education and strategic enforcement. Street racing is an illegal and dangerous activity that risks the lives of everyone, racers and the community at large.

From Monday, May 22, 2020 to Tuesday, May 30, 2020, officers received 66 street racing calls, investigated 855 vehicles, laid 18 criminal charges and seized 9 vehicles.

Officers issued 260 Highway Traffic Act (HTA) tickets and many of the calls were related to speeding and aggressive driving.

Peel Regional Police continue to seek the assistance of the community to call them when they see this type of driving. Officers are out there every day doing their part to keep the roads safe.

Driving is a privilege and road safety is a shared responsibility. Please do not speed, drive distracted or drive impaired.

ERASE Statistics May 22/23, May 29/30

	22-May	23-May	29-May	30-May	Total
Vehicles Investigated	370	244	101	140	855
Social Distancing By-Law Charges	112	-	-	-	112
HTA Charges	66	65	76	53	260
Criminal Charges	2	1	11	4	18
Racing Calls	35	-	16	15	66
Vehicles Seized	-	3	2	4	9

This is a small sample of what members deal with over a short period. Members of the public should contact police by calling the non-emergency line if they see numerous vehicles gathering to race or racing. If there is information that the public has regarding street racers they can call Road Safety Services at 905-453-3311 or if they would like to remain anonymous, they can contact **Crime Stoppers** at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Project Noisemaker

On July 1, 2020 Peel Regional Police Road Safety Services launched Project Noisemaker, a project intended to identify and reduce the number of motor vehicles with modified and/or excessively loud exhaust systems on Peel roads.

The community concern for these types of vehicles has been apparent much more in residential areas during both the day and night time period.

Peel Regional Police conducted strict enforcement during the month of July through August, encouraging vehicle owners to repair modified exhaust systems, as well as avoid using devices such as factory-issued mechanisms to alter and increase the sound of vehicles in quiet, residential areas.

Vehicles will be subject to charges including Improper Muffler and Unnecessary Noise Contrary to the

Highway Traffic Act. These charges include fines of \$110 upon conviction.

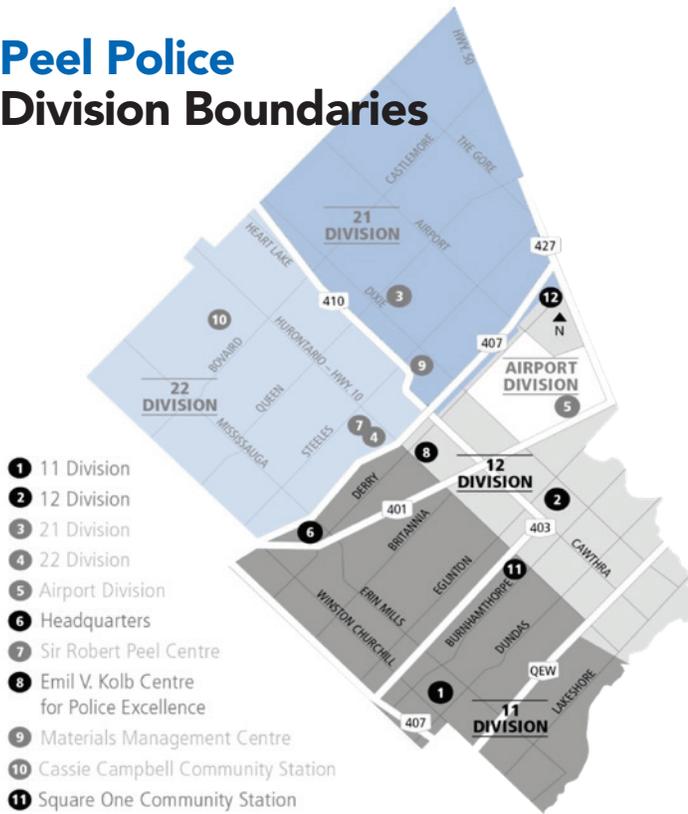
Project Noisemaker began in July and ended in August, the following results were obtained during the short time period:

- As a result of the campaign, officers laid 576 provincial offence notes;
- 265 related to Improper Mufflers
 - 203 related to Excessive Noise

Speeding, aggressive driving, and impaired driving remain enforcement priorities for officers. So much so, that they have created the **#TakeThePledgePeel** campaign which also focuses on those key issues. Everyone is encouraged to "Take The Pledge" and make our streets a safer place for everyone. More information on the campaign is available at peelpolice.ca/takethepledge.



Peel Police Division Boundaries



Peel Police Contact Numbers

Non-Emergency line: 905-453-3311

Teletypewriter (TTY) – for the Hearing Impaired only:
905-451-1196

Neighbourhood Policing:

11 Division, ext. 1108

12 Division, ext. 1203

Crime Prevention Unit, 905-453-2121, ext. 4021

Equity and Inclusion Unit, 905-453-2121, ext. 3605

Hate-Motivated Crime HOTLINE, 905-456-5905

Family Violence/ Elder Abuse/ Mental Health:

Elder Abuse Co-ordinator, 905-453-2121, ext. 3428

Family and Intimate Partner Violence Co-ordinator,
905-453-2121, ext. 4737

Mental Health Co-ordinator, 905-453-2121, ext. 3623

Fraud Bureau, 905-453-2121, ext. 3335

Police Reports, Records Checks and Process Servers –
Mississauga Location, 905-453-2121, ext. 2635

Recruiting & Staff Support Unit, 905-453-2121, ext. 3840

Special Victims Unit, 905-453-2121, ext. 3460

Victims Services of Peel, 905-568-1068

Youth Education Bureau, 905-453-2121, ext. 3625

Public Health Response to Novel Coronavirus in Fall/Winter

Our collective steps to reduce the risk of COVID-19

The magnitude of the COVID-19 global pandemic causes us to consider how the Region of Peel works behind the scenes and around the clock. Their work helps to prevent illness and save lives, protect the health care system and minimize the societal and economic impacts of COVID-19 on our community. Through 2020, our lives have been greatly affected by COVID-19. We've had to learn new habits to protect ourselves and others – many of which will continue through 2021.

Peel Public Health protects our residents from contagious illnesses year-round. They track immunization rates, host public health clinics, work with doctors and hospitals and provide reliable information to help you make good health decisions. Whether it's the seasonal flu, returning to work or school after recovering from COVID-19, or managing an outbreak in a workplace, it's the day-to-day work of Peel Public Health that keeps you healthy.

As the weather gets colder and we look forward to celebrating seasonal holidays, it's vital we keep practicing the Core Four actions:

- Staying 2 metres apart.
- Wearing a mask where required and when physical distancing is difficult.
- Washing your hands often with soap and water or using hand sanitizer.
- Getting tested if you're sick.

In fact, your actions matter even more as we spend more time indoors during fall and winter.

Peel Public Health will continue to protect your health every day, through every season and all year long. But it takes a whole community working together to ensure we are all well together.

To learn more, visit peelregion.ca/coronavirus or call 905-799-7700 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).

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