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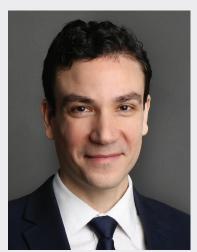




Regional Councillor Ward 4, Mississauga

Fall/Winter 2021

## Greetings and Thank you,



It remains a pleasure to continue serving in our community and I remain excited about the thoughtful conversations that I get to have daily with neighbours and fellow residents. Please feel free to contact my office and myself at any time should you require municipal assistance.

As a member of Regional Council, I remain optimistic about Peel Region's growth and Peel Regional Government's managing of its projected growth. I have included a section within this newsletter on 'Peel2051+' and the Region's Official Plan Review for your interest. Our continued maintenance and restoration of vital infrastructure such as Water and Wastewater is imperative. The Burnhamthorpe Water Project, which commenced in 2017, has involved the installation of 12 kilometres of watermain and sanitary sewers to support growth in Ward 4 and in Mississauga's City Centre. The Project is currently nearing a successful completion... which will be of benefit to us all.

There are over 1.5 million residents and 175 thousand businesses within the Region of Peel (which consists of Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon). Peel's annual budget focuses on programs providing services for all of Peel's residents and businesses: high-quality water, roads repair, policing, paramedic assistance, waste services, affordable housing, immunization clinics and much more. If you have any questions, or comments on the level of servicing that is provided, I invite you to contact my office and myself but also visit: **peelregion.ca/budget** to provide your feedback directly.

Sorting your waste can prove a chore! It is for this reason that I have included a detailed, full-page article on waste sorting for your ease of convenience. You may also visit **peelregion.ca/waste** and use the "How to Sort Your Waste" online search tool as an alternative option. It is here where you can also sign-up for free waste collection reminders.

Your continued support and feedback is appreciated. Please feel free to call me at any time at: **905-896-5400** and my assistants, Shelley Blake and Huda Rabie, and myself will be happy to assist!

My warmest wishes to you and your family for a safe and happy winter season. Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

# 2022 Regional budget

The Region of Peel's annual budget outlines how tax dollars and utility fees will be invested to provide services that our residents value. On Nov. 25, 2021, Regional Council began deliberating the 2022 Budget.

When you receive your property tax bill, you will notice it has 3 components:

- 1. The cost of Regional services
- 2. The cost of local municipal services
- 3. The cost of education

The Region of Peel uses its portion to provide 1.5 million residents and 175,000 businesses with essential services such as high-quality drinking water, roads, policing, paramedic and waste services, affordable housing, immunization clinics and much more.

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



## Peel is Planning for future growth

The Region of Peel is growing. To plan for future growth in our community, the Region is doing an Official Plan Review, known as **Peel 2051+**.

Peel 2051

Regional Official Plan Review



**Peel 2051+** has been underway for some time now. By the end of the year, changes to the Plan will be brought before Regional Council for adoption. This new work will:

- Incorporate new provincial legislation, regulations, and policies
- Implement new regional policy initiatives and plans
- Guide growth and development within the Region to the year 2051.

The Province is the final approval authority and is planning to make a decision on the Peel 2051+ work in 2022. These official plan policies can then be revisited 5 years after it comes into effect.

# Why should you care about Planning policies?

The plan will guide growth to the year 2051 in Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga. This will introduce new policies that will change:

- Where and how new growth will go
- Plans for transit-oriented neighbourhoods
- Meet a variety of housing needs
- Consider the impacts of climate change
- Plan for job growth

These are important policies that will help shape your community into the future, and create a Community for Life.

For more information on the Plan, please visit **peelregion.ca/officialplan/review/**.

# **Burnhamthorpe Water Project update**

The Burnhamthorpe Water Project involves the installation of 12 km of watermain and sanitary sewers to support growth in the Mississauga City Centre.

The watermain and sanitary sewer installations along Burnhamthorpe Road and Duke of York Boulevard are nearing completion. The Region of Peel's contractor is currently working on completing chambers and maintenance holes, in preparation for putting this new infrastructure into service. Before they leave the work areas, they will make sure they are fully restored and returned to their previous condition (or better!)

Sanitary sewer installations along Centre View Drive and at the intersection of Burnhamthorpe Road and Robert Speck Parkway will continue into 2022.

You can stay up to date on the Burnhamthorpe Water Project by:

- Visiting peelregion.ca/bwp
- Emailing the Project Ambassador Avalon Myers at avalon.myers@peelregion.ca to sign up for email alerts
- Following peelpublicworks on Twitter and using #PeelBWP when searching the project





The construction compound and chamber at Burnhamthorpe Road and Central Parkway. Photo courtesy of Scott Heywood.

# Recycling



Metal Food and Beverage Cans

# Sorting your waste

# Garbage



Plastic Cutlery, Bottle Caps, and Single Serve Coffee/Tea Pods/KCups, Hot and Cold Drink Cups, Lids, Straws and Stir Sticks

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Plastic/Glass Bottles and Jars (throw caps in garbage)



Cotton Balls, Facial Tissue, Paper Towels and Toilet Paper Rolls

**Organics** 



Plastic Bubble Wrap and Polystyrene Packaging Peanuts



Beverage Cartons and Juice Boxes



Shredded Paper



Greasy Pizza Boxes, Microwave Popcorn Bags



Plastic Liner Bags and Wrappers (cereal, cookies, crackers, candy, chips, chocolate bars)



Cardboard and Printed Paper



Food Scraps



Plastic Coated Standing Food and Drink Pouches



#### **Additional Tips:**

- Organics collection is currently not available at apartments/condominiums and can be put in the garbage at these buildings.
- Do not place recyclable items into plastic grocery/shopping bags. Put recyclable items loose in the bin.
- Ensure all containers are empty and rinsed before recycling.
- To find out how to sort other waste items, use the "How to Sort Your Waste" search tool at peelregion.ca/waste. You can also sign-up for free waste collection reminders.



## Preventing rats in our community

Regional Council approved a 12-month Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program. The program will reimburse eligible homeowners for 50 per cent of the cost in hiring a Region of Peel approved pest control vendor, up to a maximum of \$200 per calendar year, per residential Peel address. The subsidy applies to the exterior of the property. How to help control rats on your property:

- Eliminate food supply (garbage, bird feeders, etc.)
- Eliminate sources of water (fountains, bird baths, etc.)
- Eliminate potential shelter (wood piles, tall grass, etc.)
- Eliminate points of entry (seal all holes and cracks)



For more information on how to apply and find a Region of Peel approved pest control vendor, visit peelregion.ca/rat-subsidy-program, contact the Region of Peel at 905-791-7800 or email ZZGRatControlSubsidy@peelregion.ca.

#### How to dispose of your Christmas Tree

Now that Christmas is coming you might be wondering how to properly dispose of real Christmas trees and seasonal wreaths. Here are some handy tips:

- Ensure your Christmas tree is shorter than 3 m (10 ft.) for curbside collection. Trees that are taller than 3 m (10 ft.) must either be cut in half or taken to a Community Recycling Centre for disposal.
- Be sure to remove all nails, wires, tinsels and decorations, and tree stands.
- Put your tree at the curb on your scheduled tree collection day or bring it to any of the Region's six Community Recycling Centres.
- Condominium/apartment residents should speak to their property manager regarding proper disposal options.

For tips on proper disposal, check out peelregion.ca/waste.

#### How to set out bins after a snowfall

To ensure that your waste is collected after a snowfall:

- Keep your bins off and away from snowbanks.
- Clear a flat spot at the bottom of your driveway or at the curb, then set your carts in this spot without blocking the road or sidewalk.
- Place any excess, bagged waste on the ground, approximately 1 m (3 ft.) away from your bin.
- Place your bins to allow room for snow clearing equipment to pass

You can also report any damage caused by snow plows. Damaged carts will be fixed or replaced free of charge.

Learn more about placing your bins at the curb, peelregion.ca/waste/carts/.

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