

## Dear Neighbour,

Hello and welcome to my 2019 Fall Newsletter, providing information and updates to you on City and Regional matters.

It is my pleasure to serve as Councillor for Ward 4, a municipal boundary made up of numerous vibrant and diverse communities. Comprising the neighbourhoods of 'Mississauga Valleys', 'Meadows', 'Huron Heights', 'Kingsbridge', 'Centre Point West' and 'City Centre', Ward 4 is one of the most densely populated wards within all of Peel Region.

This year has seen steady improvements locally as we remain focused on improving our road network, alleviating traffic concerns and increasing pedestrian safety. The Region has undertaken an extensive watermain and sanitary improvement project along Burnhamthorpe Road, called the 'Burnhamthorpe Water Project' which is intended to support added growth in Mississauga's downtown: [peelregion.ca/bwp](http://peelregion.ca/bwp).

In addition to the many local watermain and sanitary installations affecting your neighbourhoods, road resurfacings, and various other infrastructure repairs, the Region is also responsible for providing Policing and Paramedic services, Housing and Long-Term Care support, in addition to overseeing Waste Management. I invite you to remain engaged and to offer your feedback during our



upcoming Regional Budget allocation process by visiting: [peelregion.ca/budget](http://peelregion.ca/budget).

As Councillor of Ward 4, I encourage you to contact me at any time at **905-896-5400** or by email at [john.kovac@mississauga.ca](mailto:john.kovac@mississauga.ca). I am always thankful to receive your input, opinions and/or suggestions and I look forward to your continued feedback. Our community matters and I thank you for being a part of it!

Yours sincerely,

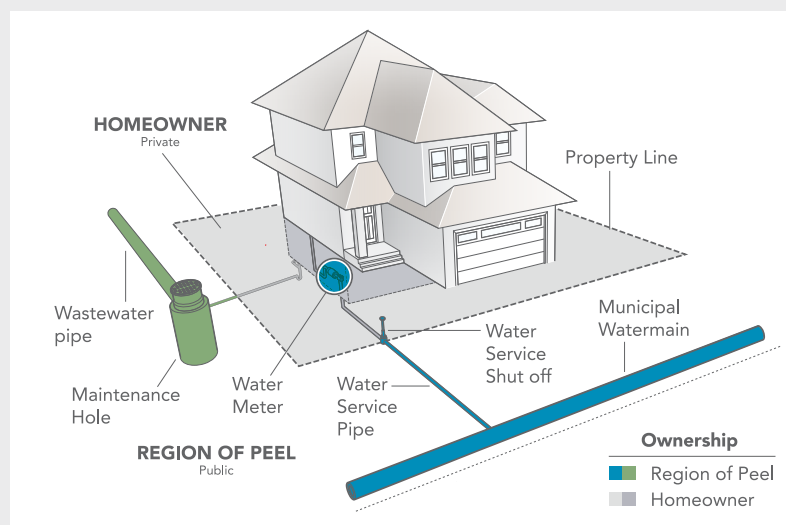


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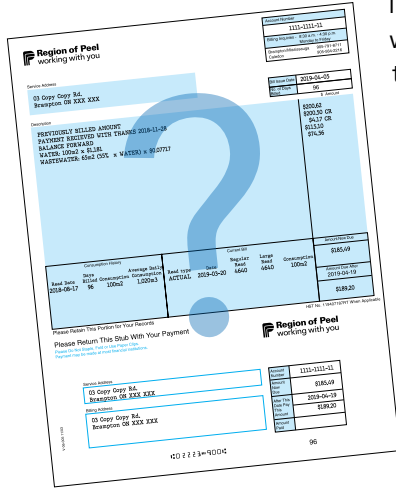
## Are you properly insured? **Optional plumbing coverage for homeowners**

If you are a homeowner in Peel you are responsible for the maintenance and repair of the exterior water and sanitary sewer pipes that run from your home to your property line (see diagram). You are also responsible for maintaining plumbing inside your home.

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# Understanding your water and wastewater bill



The Region of Peel provides water and wastewater services to residents and businesses in Peel. Every time you turn on the tap, you can enjoy drinking water that has been treated and tested to ensure it is of excellent quality.

You receive a bill from the Region based on your water and wastewater usage. This bill is based on meter readings of water used at your property:

## Ways to lower your water bill

- **Replace old toilets** with water efficient models that flush with 4.8 litres of water or less.
- **Avoid long showers** – the average 15-minute shower uses 300 litres of water.
- **Fix dripping faucets** – a faucet that drips once per second will waste about 10,000 litres of water in a year.
- Only **run** your **dishwasher** when it is **full**.
- **Use a rain barrel** to collect rainwater to water your gardens and/or practice **Fusion Gardening** which relies on less water.

## 5 ways to pay your bill

Choose any one of the following payment options:



### Telephone or online banking

Contact your bank to arrange these options.



### Pre-authorized payment

Complete a **pre-authorized payment form (PDF)** and fax it to **905-791-2178** or mail it to the address listed on the form.



### At your bank

Most banks will accept your payment before the due date.



### By mail

Mail your water bill and payment using the return envelope sent with your bill.



### In person

Payments can be made or dropped off at:

- Region of Peel offices
- Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives (PAMA)
- Brampton City Hall
- Mississauga City Hall
- Caledon Town Hall

## Are you properly insured?

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The Region of Peel is responsible for municipal water and sanitary sewer pipes only.

If a pipe on your property fails, it's your responsibility to pay for the repairs. This can cause financial strain, especially when it's unexpected.

To help prevent this, we endorse voluntary and optional programs which provide repair coverage for your exterior water service, sanitary sewer/septic system, and interior plumbing and drainage.

The Optional Exterior Water Service Line, Exterior Sanitary Sewer/Septic Line, and Interior Plumbing and Draining Coverage programs provide coverage 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

They are managed by Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC). An information letter about the exterior water service line coverage has been mailed to homeowners in Peel who have not previously signed up. You can also read about the program at [peelregion.ca/servicelineprotection](http://peelregion.ca/servicelineprotection)

This coverage can help increase your awareness of your property responsibilities and reduce unexpected costs. You are encouraged to check with your insurance company to see if they offer protection for your outside pipes before taking coverage with SLWC.

The collaboration between SLWC and the Region of Peel was done through a public procurement process.

## New road map for early years and child care

Together, we are helping Peel children thrive

A strong early years and child care system helps prepare our children for future success. That is why the new Region of Peel Early Years and Child Care System Plan (2019-2024) sets the path for how we will continue to build and grow an early years and child care system over the next five years.

The plan lays out key priorities that will make a difference in the lives of children and families in Peel, both today and for years to come – greater affordability, inclusiveness, high-quality, accountability and accessibility.

“ Achievement of our priorities will require a shared commitment from all our partners,” says Suzanne Finn, Director of Early Years and Child Care Services at the Region. “I’m excited to build on our collaborations over the next five years to continue to strengthen the early years and child care system in Peel.”

To all our families and community partners who contributed to the development of these priorities – thank you! This plan would not have been possible without the collaboration, engagement and support from all of you.

Check out the new plan at [peelregion.ca/children](http://peelregion.ca/children). You can also follow the conversation on social media with [#kidsofpeel](https://twitter.com/kidsofpeel).

## The 2019 Region of Peel Budget

Investing in efficient, outcome-driven service Peel residents can count on

On January 31, 2019, Regional Council approved the 2019 Budget. The Budget invests in maintaining high-quality service, finding efficiencies, and using new, innovative ways to conduct business. It enables the achievement of the Region’s vision of a Community for Life with investments balanced between the needs of residents and businesses, and the infrastructure needs of the broader community.

Community investments in the 2019 Budget include:

- **68,000** more accessible transportation trips
- **12,300** additional paramedic response calls
- Implementation of the Butterfly Model, enhancing quality of life for Long Term Care residents
- Service to **5,000** new households for waste collection
- Expansion of EarlyON services for **9,200** children and parents
- Additional Peel Regional Police staffing to maintain our safe communities (**55** Officers; **10** Communicators; **5** Prison Escort Officers; and **14** Civilian Administrators).

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



Councillor Kovac inspecting the Burnhamthorpe Water Project.

## Burnhamthorpe Water Project Update

A tunnel boring machine is digging a long path under Burnhamthorpe Road. This summer I viewed part of the machine firsthand.

The machine is working 24 hours a day. It’s digging the route between Grand Park Drive and Cawthra Road for a 1.5 m (5 ft) diameter watermain installation next year.

A smaller-sized 0.6 m (2 ft) watermain is being installed along Burnhamthorpe Road between Hurontario Street and Elora Drive. This fall there will be a large amount of work on Duke of York Boulevard.

This construction is part of the Burnhamthorpe Water Project happening in Mississauga’s city

centre. It includes installing 12 km of watermain and sanitary sewers to support growth in the area. Parts of this construction project are planned to be finished before the Hurontario Light Rail Transit construction begins in 2020.

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

- Following [@peelpublicworks](https://twitter.com/peelpublicworks) on Twitter and using the [#bwp](https://twitter.com/bwp) when searching the project
- Visiting [peelregion.ca/bwp](http://peelregion.ca/bwp)
- Emailing the Project Ambassador Sandra LeFaucheur at [sandra.lefaucheur@peelregion.ca](mailto:sandra.lefaucheur@peelregion.ca) to sign up for updates.



## Streets to be added to the Vacuum Leaf Pickup Program in Ward 4

### Blue Collection Zone

Zone	Street
28	Aberfoyle Court
28	Angeloni Drive
28	Ashridge Place
28	Bud Gregory Boulevard
28	Camden Circle
28	Full Moon Circle
28	Laurentian Avenue
28	Mallorytown Avenue
28	Pemmican Trail
28	Petawawa Crescent
28	Wagonwheel Court
28	Woodington Drive

### Collection Zone

**First Pick up:**  
Nov. 4 – 8

**Second Pick up:**  
Nov. 25 – 29

### Yellow Collection Zone

Zone	Street
29	Founders Walk
29	Harrowsmith Drive
29	Hearthside Drive
29-37E	Heritage Hills Boulevard
29	Hillbury Drive
29	Huntington Ridge Drive
29	Jethro Court
29	Potomac Court
29	Rockcliffe Gardens
29	Westbourne Terrace
29	Weymouth Commons Crescent
29	Winfield Terrace

### Collection Zone

**First Pick up:**  
Oct. 28 – Nov. 1

**Second Pick up:**  
Nov. 18 – 22

For further information visit:

[mississauga.ca/portal/residents/leafpick-up](https://mississauga.ca/portal/residents/leafpick-up)

## Make a difference Recycle right

One in four items that come to Peel's material recovery facility can't be recycled, impacting the process and making it hard to sort effectively. You can make a difference:

### Empty your containers before recycling:

- Food and liquid in tubs, containers, bottles and jars can transfer onto other recyclables such as paper and cardboard, making it difficult to recycle and are therefore sent to landfill.
- If you live in an apartment or condominium where organics isn't collected, **put unused food in the garbage**, not in recyclables.

Taking these small steps can make a big difference... because how you recycle matters!

## Simply green



**Did you know** about **70 per cent** of paper towels, napkins and tissues end up in the garbage?

That's **9,000** tonnes a year of tissues, paper napkins and paper towels that can be easily composted instead.



Prevent tissues, paper napkins, and paper towels from ending up in landfill by throwing your used paper towels, paper napkins and tissues – whether from your kitchen or bathroom into your green bin. It's really that simple and easy.

The items in the green bin get transformed into soil that can be used to grow fruits, flowers and vegetables.

Want to know what other items go in your green bin?

Check [peelregion.ca/waste](https://peelregion.ca/waste)

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