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## Greetings

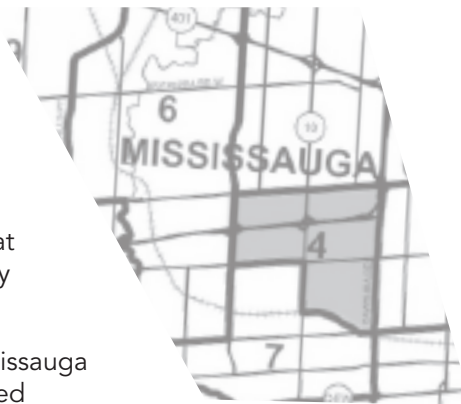
Welcome to my Fall 2017 Newsletter, providing information that will affect you, your family and our neighbourhood.

Within this last year, Mississauga has experienced continued growth, especially in Ward 4 and within the downtown core, from the unveiling of Sheridan College's Phase 2 building to the rebranding of the Living Arts Centre to the upcoming relocation of the Square One Older Adult Centre (to the Central Parkway Mall). There has been a steady stream of local infrastructure improvements, to our roads and sidewalks but also to our watermains, including continued work on the Hanlan Water Project. Canada marked its 150th anniversary this year and as Ward 4 Councillor, I have been pleased to organize and attend multiple public gatherings, town hall sessions, condo board meetings as well as various community events and festivals.

I am proud to represent your interests at the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel and I thank you all for allowing me to continue to serve you. I am always welcoming of your feedback and would love to hear from you at any time. Please reach out to me for anything! I encourage you to stay closely connected with me, by following me on Twitter @JohnKovac4 or by contacting my office at any time at 905-896-5400. On behalf of my Executive Assistant, Seema Bakshi and my Administrative Assistant, Shelley Blake and myself, we welcome you and look forward to always being of service to you!

Yours sincerely,

John Kovac



## Sidewalk Maintenance in Ward 4

The Works Operations and Maintenance dept. (WOM) is responsible for routine repair of sidewalks. Currently, it has allocated approximately \$6M over four years to address the various sidewalk issues that we see throughout the City. In May of this year, the department moved forward with the 2017 "sidewalk repair program."



Annually, the Works Operations & Maintenance dept. (WOM) undertakes inspections of the entire City sidewalk network through foot patrols. Councillor Kovac personally inspected multiple areas in Ward 4 where defects were delineated, with temporary measures put in place until more permanent repairs are to be scheduled. The bulk of the inspection work was carried out by summer students and began in May. This inspection work included all of the sidewalks in Ward 4. The areas of concern, as identified, are to be appropriately addressed through the "sidewalk repair program."





## Councillor Kovac Introduces Canada's First Boxed Soccer Pitch to Mississauga's Downtown Core

Through Councillor Kovac's efforts, the City of Mississauga has entered into a nine-year sponsorship agreement with The Daniels Corporation for the construction of a Boxed Soccer Pitch in Mississauga's downtown core, now located at Living Arts Drive and Prince of Wales Drive.

"As a soccer enthusiast and advocate of outdoor sports and recreation, I am thrilled to be able to announce this installation of a boxed soccer pitch for the residents of Ward 4 and for those living within the downtown," said Ward 4 Councillor John Kovac. "This is exactly what I had envisioned for our downtown core, not just a public amenity but a boxed soccer pitch that will rival the ones that I have seen in urban, European locales. This will be

the very first of its kind here, not just in Mississauga but in all of Canada! I am proud of the work that has gone into securing this partnership and I look forward to continuing to promote active and healthy lifestyles here in our city."

On September 30 of this year, Councillor Kovac held a Grand Opening ceremony for the pitch with many Mississaugans in attendance, including former Mayor Hazel McCallion. As per Councillor Kovac's request, the pitch will not be programmed and will instead remain open to the public from 8 a.m. – 11 p.m., seven days a week.

Called "Daniels Community Field," the soccer pitch will be permanently owned by the City of Mississauga but will be fully paid for by The Daniels Corporation in exchange for naming rights. The pitch is a durable welded aluminum design soccer system that is 15m x 30m. It includes artificial turf surface, soccer boards, two goals and netting and can be reconfigured to smaller dimensions.



## Peel Thanks Residents for Recycling

The Region of Peel would like to thank residents for helping us divert one million tonnes of recyclable material from landfill over the last decade.

"Thank you for participating in our recycling program," says Norm Lee, Peel's Director of Waste Management. "Because you chose to put recyclable materials in your blue box instead of in the garbage, we've achieved some great environmental and economic outcomes."

Peel's Material Recovery Facility (MRF), in Brampton, reached this major milestone in mid-December 2016, when it diverted one million tonnes of recyclables from landfill since it opened in 2005.

Collecting and recycling material uses far less energy than extracting raw resources. It also leaves raw resources for future generations. By recycling one million tonnes, we saved:

- 3 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions,
- 15 million trees,
- 18 million gigajoules of energy – which equals 500 million litres of gasoline, and
- 21 billion litres of water.

Recycling material also generates more economic activity and creates more jobs than disposing of material. By recycling one million tonnes, we:

- generated \$115 million in total revenue for Peel,
- created 73 full-time equivalent jobs, and
- invested over \$25 million in local infrastructure.





## Burnhamthorpe Water Project

The Burnhamthorpe Water Project (BWP) will soon begin construction in Ward 4. The project incorporates twelve kilometres of infrastructure, including a new 1500mm watermain under Burnhamthorpe Road from Grand Park Drive to Cawthra Road, together with the associated water and sewer improvements. This project connects to the Hanlan Water Project at the intersection of Burnhamthorpe Road and Cawthra Road.

### Why the project is needed

A new downtown is being developed at Mississauga City Centre. In addition to the Hurontario Light Rail Transit (HuLRT) system, significant new development and infrastructure construction will occur over the next few years, with a number of new large buildings being planned. The Burnhamthorpe Water Project is an essential piece of infrastructure needed to ensure a dependable supply of clean, safe drinking water for the downtown core now and in the future.

### When will work start and how will it affect me?

Work on the BWP kicks off this fall on Square One Drive and Hurontario Street (Rathburn Road to Burnhamthorpe Road). Work in this area will be open-cut (a trench will be dug, the pipe will be installed in the trench and the trench will then be backfilled and paved over).

The work along Burnhamthorpe Road will start in 2018. The watermain will be installed by tunnelling (shafts will be excavated at various points along the route, and the pipe will be installed under the ground) to minimise traffic disruption along this long and busy corridor. The project map details the timing and phasing for all the work.

The BWP team is working closely with the City of Mississauga, MiWay, the HuLRT team and Square One management to make sure work is done quickly, effectively and with as little impact as possible.

### Updates and keeping you informed

The Project Ambassador will ensure close communication with the community. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact the Ambassador (Sandra LeFaucheur) at 416-457-3889 or by email at [sandra.lefaucheur@peelregion.ca](mailto:sandra.lefaucheur@peelregion.ca) or the Project Manager (Heather Jefferson) at 905-791-7800, ext. 7881 or by email at [heather.jefferson@peelregion.ca](mailto:heather.jefferson@peelregion.ca)

Updates will be posted on the project's webpage: [peelregion.ca/bwp](http://peelregion.ca/bwp) and will be tweeted on [#peelbwp](https://twitter.com/peelpublicworks).

## Hanlan Water Project

Work is nearly complete on the Hanlan Water Project, which includes installing the 2400 mm (8 feet) diameter Hanlan Feedermain (HFM) and the 1500 mm (5 feet) diameter Mississauga City Centre Subtransmission Main (MCC). The HFM will bring water from the Lakeview Water Treatment Plant on Lake Ontario to the Hanlan Reservoir on the corner of Tomken Road and Britannia Road. The MCC will carry water from Hanlan Pumping Station to the centre of Mississauga, connecting to the Burnhamthorpe Water Project at the corner of Burnhamthorpe Road and Cawthra Road.

Work in Ward 4 consisted of installing the MCC down Cawthra Road from Eastgate Parkway to Burnhamthorpe Road. As part of the project, a multi-use trail was installed from Meadows Boulevard to Burnhamthorpe Road. With the paving of Cawthra Road, replacement of traffic lights at Rathburn Road and Cawthra Road and the removal of the construction compound on the southeast corner of Eastgate Parkway and Cawthra Road, the work in our neighbourhood will be completed.

Work continues in neighbouring Wards 3 and 5 with the installation of local watermains and services and commissioning of the HFM. In addition, the multi-use trail will be extended along Tomken Road and Eastgate Parkway for your walking, rolling and riding enjoyment.



## Important information about medical waste

Please remember that home health-care supplies are not recyclable and must be placed in the garbage. Items like casts, catheters, IV bags and tubing, incontinence products, etc., should be double-bagged and disposed of in the garbage.

Sharps, including needles and syringes, are also not recyclable. They should be placed in biohazard containers and taken to one of Peel's Community Recycling Centres (CRC) or to a pharmacy for disposal. Biohazard containers are available free at Peel's CRCs.

Let's all do our part to put medical waste where it belongs.

For more information, visit [peelregion.ca/medicalwaste](http://peelregion.ca/medicalwaste)





## Register for the City's Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program

Registration for the City of Mississauga's Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program is open until 9 p.m. on Friday, November 10 for residents 65 years and older and people with disabilities. The program provides assistance to eligible applicants by clearing windrows after snow plowing operations have ended.

### Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program

This program runs from November 27, 2017 to March 30, 2018. The windrow snow clearing service will plow a space approximately three metres (10 feet) wide at the end of the driveway for one car to pass. The service is provided within 36 hours after the end of a snow storm, once all streets have been plowed. Clearing to bare pavement is not guaranteed.

#### Who is Eligible?

Residents 65 years and older and people with disabilities can apply for the program. The cost of the program is either \$200 or free if the applicant meets financial assistance criteria. The program is offered to 300 eligible applicants on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### How to Apply?

Applications for the Driveway Windrow Snow Clearing Program are available online or at all community centres, the Recreation Customer Service Centre (located at the Mississauga Central Library) and the Mississauga Seniors' Centre.

#### More Information:

Visit the Driveway Windrow Program webpage for details at [mississauga.ca/portal/residents/drivewaywindrowprogram](http://mississauga.ca/portal/residents/drivewaywindrowprogram)

## Clearing the Way this Winter

The City of Mississauga is busy preparing our fleet so that residents can continue to move around the City safely after it snows. During the winter, our crews and 377 pieces of equipment are ready to respond to winter storms around the clock, 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

#### What We Clear:

The City clears and salts using a priority route system. Major roads, arterial roads, and local collectors such as Burnhamthorpe Road or Dundas Street are cleared first so that emergency vehicles and transit can travel safely during and after a storm. Winter maintenance on residential roads, priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings starts once major roads are clear.

In a snow storm with 10 to 15 centimetres of accumulation, you can expect major roads to be cleared within 12 hours after the snow has stopped. Residential roads, priority sidewalks, bus stops and pedestrian crossings would be cleared within 24 hours of the snow ending.

#### Snow Season Parking:

Roads with parked cars take longer to plow or salt. You can help by removing your vehicle from the road during heavy snowfalls.

A winter on-street parking restriction is in effect between November 1 and March 31 from 2 until 6 a.m. Vehicles left on City streets in contravention of the Traffic By-law may be issued a penalty notice and subject to towing and storage fees at the expense of the owner.

During snow clearing operations, temporary parking requests for on-street parking longer than three hours, or between 2 and 6 a.m., will not be issued and current ones will be suspended. To find out if temporary parking requests have been suspended follow us on Twitter @MississaugaSnow or call 905-615-SNOW (7669).

#### Stay Informed:

- Visit [mississauga.ca/snow](http://mississauga.ca/snow) to track snow plows and salters online.
- Follow us on Twitter @MississaugaSnow for updates.
- Call 3-1-1 (905-615-4311 outside city limits).





## Road Safety top priority in Peel

The Region of Peel's population continues to grow and is currently the second highest in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area. The significant increase in population has resulted in heightened demand on the Region's transportation network.

### Road safety for all users is a top priority in Peel.

#### Did you know?

- There were approximately 5,900 reported collisions in 2014 on Regional Roads
- More than 75 per cent of all traffic collisions happen at intersections
- The time of day with the highest number of collisions is 5 p.m.
- Rear end collisions are the most common type
- As part of the Region's ongoing commitment to make our roadways safer, we continue to implement and monitor safety measures that work towards eliminating serious injury and fatal collisions in Peel.

Two of the current measures in place are Vehicle Activated Traffic Calming Signs (VATCS) and Red Light Cameras (RLC).

VATCS is one safety initiative which helps remind motorists of the posted speed limit. These electronic LED roadside signs remain blank until an approaching vehicle exceeds the set threshold speed limit. The sign then illuminates with the posted speed limit and a message to "SLOW DOWN", further enhanced by flashing beacons.

Red Light Cameras are installed to discourage drivers from running red lights and ultimately reduce right-angle (T-Bone) collisions and injuries at intersections. Owners of vehicles photographed running a red light could receive a \$325 ticket. RLC have demonstrated a reduction of right angle collisions at intersections. In fact, in 2014 RLC sites experienced an 82 per cent reduction of injury and fatal collision and an 88 per cent reduction of property damage collisions when compared to statistics before the cameras were installed. The program was first implemented as a pilot project in 2000.

## Road Safety Strategic Plan underway

The Region of Peel is currently developing a long term Road Safety Strategic Plan (RSSP) in partnership with various stakeholders.

The RSSP will set out the goals, objectives and action plans to guide the Region and its road safety partners towards creating safer roads and reducing the number of fatal and serious injury collisions. Eliminating fatalities and serious injuries is a shared responsibility between road users and those who design, maintain and enforce our roadways.

Through collision analysis and extensive public opinion consultation, the RSSP has determined six key areas that the Region will target:

1. Intersection related collisions
2. Aggressive driving
3. Distracted driving
4. Pedestrian collisions
5. Cyclist collisions
6. Impaired driving

Although not statistically identified in the collision analysis, there were two additional areas that were identified through public interest which include school zones and heavy trucks.

Action items to improve safety for each of the key areas have been identified in collaboration with our partner agencies and will be implemented in 2018 through activities such as engineering modification, enforcement and education.

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





## Service Line Warranties of Canada - Optional Water and Sewer Line Protection Programs for Homeowners

As a Peel homeowner, you are responsible for repairs to the water and sewer pipes that run from your home to your property line. The Region of Peel is responsible for the maintenance and repair of municipal water and sanitary sewer (wastewater) pipes only.

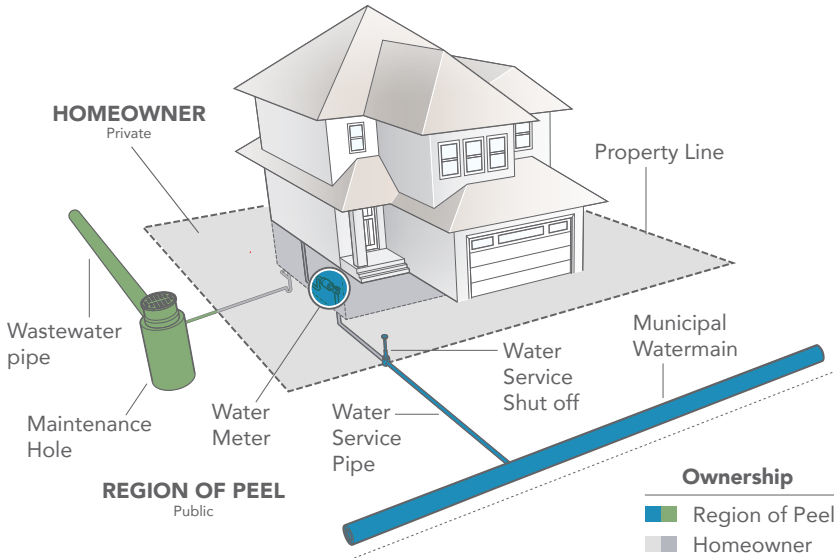
If a pipe on your property fails, it is your responsibility to pay for these repairs which can cost upwards of thousands of dollars,

depending on the type of work. This can put you in a financial bind, especially when it's unexpected.

This is why the Region of Peel is pleased to endorse a new **voluntary and optional** repair program which provides coverage for repairs to your outside private water and sanitary sewer pipes, and in-home plumbing.

**The Optional Water, Sanitary Sewer Line and In-home Plumbing Protection Plan Programs for Homeowners are managed and administered by Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) and provide coverage 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.** An information letter about the warranty program has been mailed out to Peel residents. You can read about the program at [peelregion.ca/servicelineprotection](http://peelregion.ca/servicelineprotection)

The collaboration between SLWC and the Region of Peel is a way to help increase your awareness of your property responsibilities. You can also check with your insurance company to see if they offer warranty protection for your private side pipes.



## 2017 Vacuum Leaf Pickup

The Vacuum Leaf Collection Program has not had new streets added to it since 2013 due to the effects on the tree canopy of the 2013 ice storm, and Emerald Ash Borer and Asian Longhorn Beetle Infestations. A 100 new streets, in addition to the existing 1,500 streets in the Program, have successfully passed the date of registration of the subdivision and a visual site inspection.

**These streets are added to the 2017 Vacuum Leaf Pickup in Ward 4:**

- Burdock Place
- Bowling Green Court
- Fredericksburg Court
- King Andrew Court
- Meadows Boulevard
- Prince George Avenue
- Robert Speck Parkway
- Sherwoodtowne
- Village Centre Place
- Bookham Crescent
- Carigar Court
- Independence Avenue
- King Andrew Drive
- Petersburg Crescent
- Prince George Court
- Village Centre Court
- Shipp Drive
- Youngstown Avenue

The pickup schedule can be found online at [mississauga.ca/leafpickup](http://mississauga.ca/leafpickup) on the route map link. The Schedule is as follows:

### 2017 Vacuum Leaf Pickup Schedule

<b>Yellow/Brown Zone</b>
Oct. 23 - 27
Nov. 13 - 17
<b>Blue Zone</b>
Oct 30 - Nov 3
Nov. 20 - 24
<b>Green Zone</b>
Nov. 6 - 10
Nov. 27 - Dec. 1

Residents who are eligible for leaf pickup will receive a direct mailing with more specific program details.

## Sewer Awareness – Protecting Your Home From Floods

As weather patterns continue to change, we should expect severe storms to become more common in Ontario. To help reduce the chance of flooding, there are some steps that homeowners can take:

### Understanding sewer systems

The first step in protecting your home is to understand the two sewer systems that remove water from your home; the sanitary sewer and the storm sewer.

Your plumbing is designed to capture water used in sinks, toilets, tubs and showers and channel it to a central pipe that runs from your home to the sanitary sewer system. The wastewater flows to a treatment facility before being redirected to Lake Ontario.

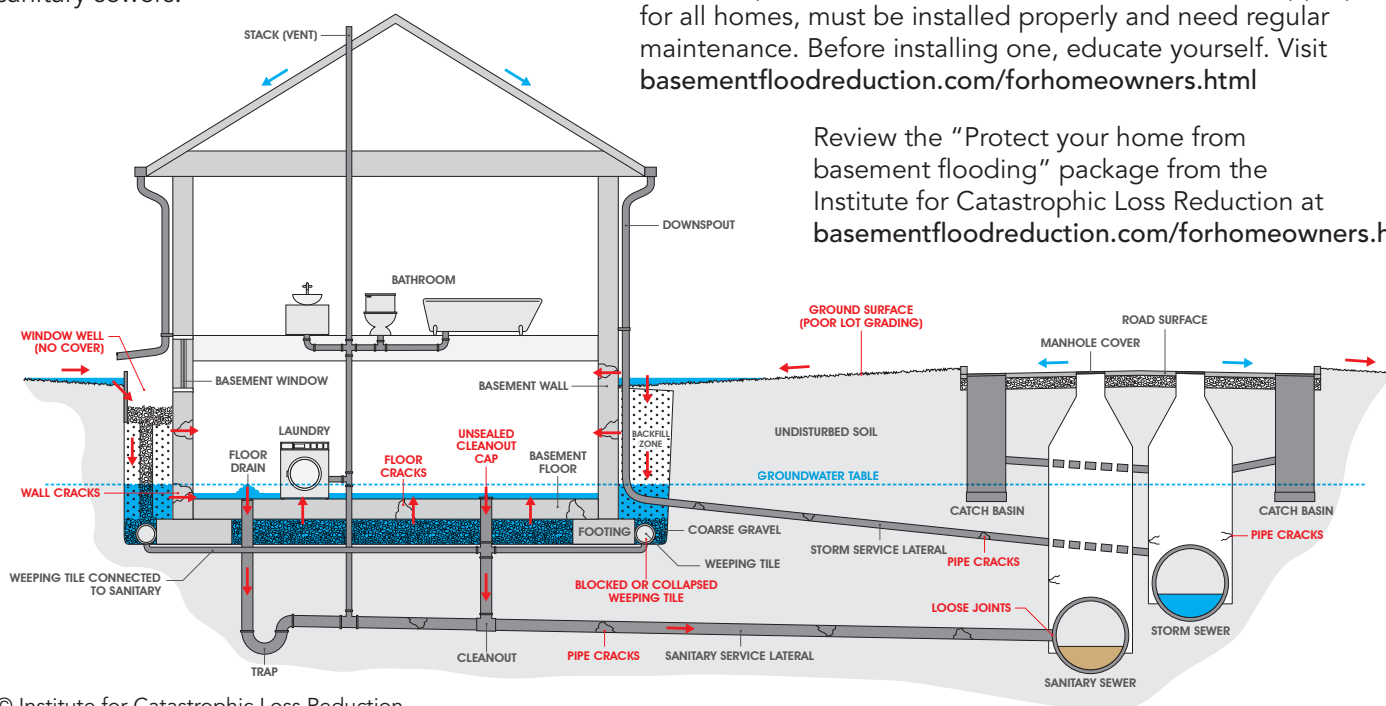
Outside your home water which comes from rain and melting snow flows into the storm sewer system. Many homes have weeping tiles and/or sump pumps which also convey water to the storm system. Catch basins also connect to the storm water system. Storm water flows into ponds, creeks and rivers and then into Lake Ontario.

The City of Mississauga manages storm sewers and the Region of Peel looks after sanitary sewers.

### Flood protection

1. Talk to your insurer about the types of coverage available for your home.
2. Disconnect your downspouts, ensuring they direct water onto your lawn away from your house, but don't impact your neighbour. This is a good first step to help eliminate storm water from entering the sanitary system which may result in basement sewer backups. Disconnecting your downspouts helps prevent back-ups into your basement. Visit [peelregion.ca/flooding](http://peelregion.ca/flooding) and click on downspout rebate program for step-by-step information on disconnecting your downspout.
3. Check your lot grading. When your home was built it was graded to move water away from your foundation and off your property. Changes to grading or how surface water flows off your property can impact both your home and your neighbourhood.
4. Repair cracks or holes in your basement walls, floors or windows.
5. Move valuables into upper levels of your home and keep items stored in your basement off the ground.
6. Keep your sanitary sewer pipe in good working order. Don't flush large items down the toilet. Don't pour fats, oils and grease down the sink. This can lead to blockages and less space in your pipe. Instead, freeze your fats and oils, or let them harden and then scrape them into your organics cart. You can also drop them off for free at your local Community Recycling Centre.
7. Backwater valves are a good way to stop wastewater from backing up into your basement. These valves are not appropriate for all homes, must be installed properly and need regular maintenance. Before installing one, educate yourself. Visit [basementfloodreduction.com/forhomeowners.html](http://basementfloodreduction.com/forhomeowners.html)

Review the "Protect your home from basement flooding" package from the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reduction at [basementfloodreduction.com/forhomeowners.html](http://basementfloodreduction.com/forhomeowners.html)



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**For more information and tips related to protecting your property against basement flooding visit [peelregion.ca/flooding](http://peelregion.ca/flooding)**





## KNOW WHO TO CALL

**2-1-1** is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel:

- employment leads
- doctors accepting patients
- social housing resources



**3-1-1** provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Peel:

- garbage pick-up
- water billing
- recreation programs



**9-1-1** is for life-threatening emergencies or crimes:

- a fire
- a crime in progress
- a medical emergency

Visit [peelregion.ca](http://peelregion.ca) for more information.

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