

Dear Ward 11 Neighbours,



Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your elected representative at the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel. I am very honoured to represent Ward 11 residents at the City and Region, and I am committed to working hard to get things done for our amazing community.

I am excited to share with you my Fall 2023 Region of Peel newsletter, and I invite you to learn more about the programs, services, and resources that are available to help and support residents in Ward 11 and Peel Region.

As you may know, on May 18, 2023, the province announced the dissolution of Peel Region, resulting in the independence of Mississauga, Brampton, and Caledon. The province has appointed a Transition Board to facilitate the transition. Peel Region manages several services such as water, waste, paramedics, housing, and public health. The Region and the respective municipalities are committed to continuing to deliver these services with no disruption to residents during the negotiations, and I will continue to keep residents updated as more information becomes available throughout this process.

I am pleased to highlight that the 2023 Region Budget includes investments of \$5.0 billion to maintain current service levels, while addressing priority community needs, such as public health, safety, and housing. The 2023 Budget also reflects \$4.0 million in savings and cost avoidances. The 2024 budget process has begun and Council will be making every effort to keep tax increases to a minimum, while also funding the critical services and infrastructure that residents rely upon.

In this newsletter, you will also find more information on Peel's east to west sewer diversion project, which has sections in Ward 11; how Peel Police is taking action against auto theft; important investments in Peel housing; helpful waste sorting tips, and more.

As your Councillor, I invite you to share your thoughts, feedback, and questions with me at any time. My staff Kimberly Duarte, Anita A. Solomon, and I are always available to assist you. Please feel free to reach out by calling my office at 905-896-5011 or by sending me an e-mail at brad.butt@mississauga.ca. I look forward to connecting with you soon.

Sincerely,



Brad Butt, Councillor, Ward 11



Councillor Brad Butt meets with Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiaappah at 11 Division.

Better Access to Oral Health and Dental Services

Oral health is an essential part of overall health. Eating, speaking, and smiling comfortably helps you enjoy life and feel physically and mentally well. Peel Public Health has resumed two programs that improve the oral health of some of our most vulnerable residents.

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP)

Delivered through local community health centres, the OSDCP offers essential dental care for low-income seniors who do not have dental care or coverage.

For more information or to complete an application, access ontario.ca/page/dental-care-low-income-seniors or call Peel Public Health at 905-799-7700.



Dental screening in schools

Peel Public Health has resumed free dental screening for children in select grades at Peel elementary schools. Through the program, a Registered Dental Hygienist will assess and identify any child needing dental care.

The Healthy Smiles Ontario program also offers free dental services to children who qualify. For details access www.ontario.ca/page/get-dental-care.

For more information or to book a screening, call 905-799-7700 ext. 5622.



Peel Living Receives Over \$70 Million in Funding

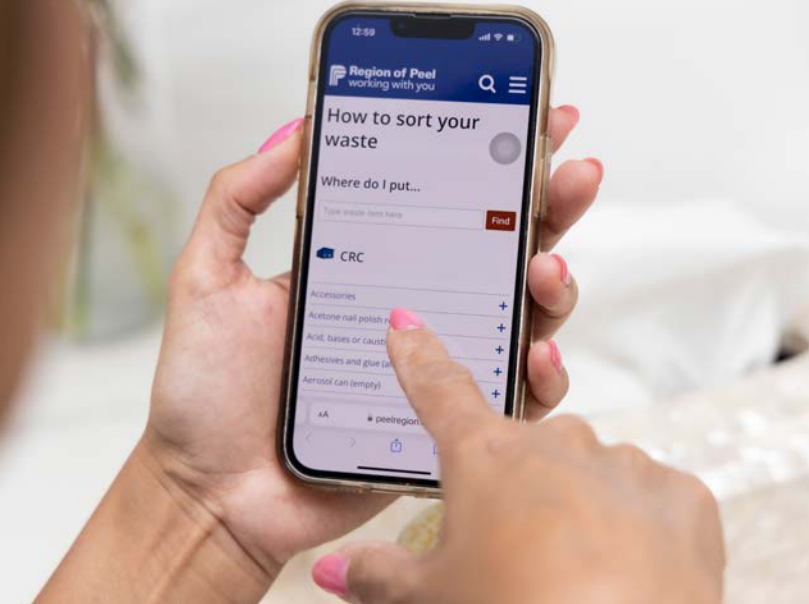
Peel Regional Council recently approved \$70.8 million to fund "State of Good Repair" (SOGR) work for Peel Living's housing supply.

Established in 1976, Peel Housing Corporation (PHC) — also known as Peel Living — is a not-for-profit housing provider owned by Peel Region. It provides safe, affordable high- and low-rise apartments and townhouses to low- and moderate-income earners in Peel.

Peel Living has 75 sites across Peel. One of these sites is a transitional shelter; three are group homes; and six are Peel Region-owned buildings. In total, Peel Living provides housing to almost 17,000 individuals, families, and seniors.

Aging infrastructure and insufficient funding are pressing concerns not only for Peel Living, but also for the entire affordable housing system. This funding will help strengthen infrastructure and it supports Peel Living's goal of providing safe, clean, and affordable housing to some of Peel's most vulnerable residents.

As the Service Manager for the Affordable Housing System in Peel, Peel Region manages, funds or provides a range of housing supports including emergency shelter and supports, rental subsidies and case management. To access housing supports in Peel, residents can begin by filling out the online housing screening tool. Residents can also access housing supports through the Peel Outreach Team, who provide immediate support with basic life essentials, advocacy, and referrals to people who are experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless. To learn more about the housing supports available, or to access the screening tool, you can visit peelregion.ca/housing.



Know before you throw

Life is busy and sorting out what to do with your waste can be hard, especially when you don't know where items belong. You might often find yourself holding a container, wondering if it can be recycled, or perhaps unsure if an old mattress would be accepted at the curb for pickup.

Don't worry! Peel Region's quick and helpful online waste sorter tells you where waste items go. Visit peelregion.ca/waste/sorter, and type in the item you want to throw away. The sorter will tell you:

- Which bin it goes into (garbage, recycling, yard waste, or organics).
- If you should drop the item off at a Peel Community Recycling Centre, or
- If the item requires special disposal.

It's as easy as that! When you sort your waste items correctly, you're supporting waste diversion and reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfill. And that means a safer and healthier community for us all! Also, please find below some helpful Peel waste collection guidelines, to help you prepare for collection day:

Setting out your waste

- Place your bins at the curb by 7 a.m. on your waste collection day.
- Ensure the organics (green) bin lid is locked with the lock in the vertical position.
- Ensure the lids on your bins are closed and the bin handles are pointing towards your house.
- Bins should be an arm's length apart.



Waste collection reminders

Visit peelregion.ca/reminders to sign up and receive free waste collection reminders each week.

Missed collection

If your bins aren't collected by 8 p.m., remove them from the curb and visit peelregion.ca/waste to report a missed collection.

Bin repairs

If a bin needs to be repaired or replaced, visit peelregion.ca/waste to report a damaged bin.

I am proud to serve on the Region's Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee, and I invite you to share your comments and questions on waste management issues with me at anytime. For more information about waste management in Peel:

- Visit peelregion.ca/waste.
- Call Waste Management at 905-791-9499.
- Follow [@regionofpeel](https://twitter.com/regionofpeel) and [@peelpublicworks](https://twitter.com/peelpublicworks) on Twitter.

Peel Region's 2023 Budget Snapshot

The 2023 Budget includes investments of \$5.0 billion to maintain current service levels for a growing population, while addressing priority community needs, such as public health, safety, housing, and waste management, to name a few. These investments will help us:

- Hire more police and paramedic employees to keep residents safer.
- Make housing easier to find and more affordable.
- Ensure that Peel Public Health will keep providing vital vaccinations.
- Create programs to help stop systemic discrimination.
- Set plans to manage the declared climate change emergency in Peel.
- Support residents' health and well-being.

Funding through the 2023 Budget will also allow us to:

- Hire 70 uniformed police officers.
- Hire 44 new paramedics.
- Buy 4 more ambulances for service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- Put our Housing Master Plan into effect for more affordable housing.

Region of Peel Update

As you may know, on May 18, 2023, the province announced the dissolution of Peel Region, through the Hazel McCallion Act, resulting in the independence of Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. For many decades, the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton and the Town of Caledon have operated within a regional governance model, under the jurisdiction of Peel Region.

The province has appointed a Transition Board to facilitate the transition and if needed, oversee the financial affairs of Peel and its lower tier municipalities, with all changes made by January 1, 2025. More details on the transition will be available in the weeks and months ahead.

As you may know, Peel Region currently manages several services such as water, waste, paramedics, housing, and public health. How these services will be operated in the future will be part of the discussions.



- Launch a Zero Emissions Vehicle pilot to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Keep providing COVID-19 vaccinations and control the spread of COVID-19.
- Roll out the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care plan to reduce the cost of childcare to \$10 per day by 2025.
- Replace various watermains, rehabilitate and expand pumping stations, and expand our Water Resource Recovery Facilities.
- Rehabilitate and upgrade Peel Region's stormwater system.
- Convert and replace noise walls along Regional roads.

The 2023 Budget also reflects \$4.0 million in savings and cost avoidances. The 2024 budget process has begun and please be assured that Regional Council will be making every effort to keep tax increases to a minimum, while also funding the critical services and infrastructure that residents rely upon. For details about Peel Region's budget or service investments, access peelregion.ca/budget.

The Region of Peel and the respective municipalities are committed to continuing to deliver these services with no disruption to residents during the negotiations.

Councillor Carolyn Parrish and I also introduced a motion at Regional Council on May 31, 2023, which calls on the province, Transition Board, and the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton and the Town of Caledon to make the future employment of the current employees of the Peel Region a priority regarding job security, as many of the employees impacted by the Hazel McCallion Act are residents of Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga, and their future is a concern for our respective municipalities.

Please be assured that I will continue to keep the community fully updated as more information becomes available throughout this process and before any changes are made.



Taking Action against Auto Theft



Auto theft is a growing issue across the GTA and Ontario, and Peel Police is taking important actions to tackle this challenging problem. The Peel Police Services Board and Peel Regional Police hosted the 2023 Auto Theft Summit in March, to

bring together local police services, stakeholders from government, and industry leaders to shed light on the challenges in public safety related to auto theft.

From 2018 to 2022, auto theft increased nearly 90 per cent on average across the police associations in attendance at the summit (97% in Peel Region). Summit attendees came together to define real action and impactful solutions within three strategic priorities:

1. Enhance enforcement through provincial/multijurisdictional Joint Force Unit to disrupt organized auto theft.
2. Establish a working group to address vulnerabilities causing the increase in organized auto theft.
3. Raise public awareness on the issue and how to protect against auto theft.

These priorities are a critical step in the ongoing efforts to reduce auto thefts and carjackings in Peel and provide a safer community for residents. Peel Police have also shared these useful tips with the community to prevent vehicles from being stolen:

- Park your vehicle in the garage, if possible. Remember to lock your garage door. If you have a second vehicle, park it directly behind targeted ones.
- Ensure your property is well lit.
- Do not leave running vehicles unattended. Ensure you always lock car doors and roll up your windows.
- Do not leave your keys by the front door; store them far away from your vehicle. Store keys in a FARADAY/RFID Blocking device when possible.
- Invest in security cameras for outside your home. Use theft preventative devices (steering wheel lock, an automatic engine shut-off, and/or a tracking device). Install aftermarket products like a GPS trackers, remote vehicle shut off devices and on-board data port locks to prevent thieves from cloning keys.
- Cover or block your vehicle identification number.
- Avoid storing valuables or packages in open sight in your vehicles (place them out of sight or in the trunk).

I hope these safety tips are useful to you, and you have my continued commitment to work together with Peel Police to keep our community safe. To learn more about the 2023 Auto Theft Summit visit peelpolice.ca/autotheftsummit.



Peel's East to West Sewer Diversion Project

Wastewater servicing in Peel is a complex undertaking, requiring two principal trunk systems. Municipal wastewater is used up water from a combination of domestic, commercial and industrial activities. When you flush a toilet, take a shower, or do the laundry, the wastewater flows through the sanitary sewer system and into Peel's wastewater treatment facilities. A west trunk system delivers flows to the Clarkson Wastewater Treatment Plant, and an east trunk system sends sewage to the G.E. Booth Wastewater Plant, which is also known as Lakeview.


The Region of Peel is currently working on the construction of a new \$350 million, 2.4-metre-diameter diversion sewer, parts of which are located in Ward 11. The new diversion sewer will allow the region to reroute sewage flows to either of the two trunk systems, to allow planned expansion/retrofits at either plant and give the region more flexibility in the timing and optimization of its wastewater treatment plants on the shores of Lake Ontario.

The new diversion sewer will be completely installed by tunnel along Derry Road West, Old Derry Road, Old Creditview Road, and Creditview Road and will connect with those respective trunks.


This major Peel wastewater infrastructure project has been in the works since 2016, when planning and design began, and the first phase of construction began in late 2020. A massive imported rock tunnel-boring machine is being used to construct this diversion sewer and has been excavating hard rock from a compound base of operations at Highway 410 and Derry Road.

After completing a westerly section towards Mavis Road last December, the machine was pulled out from a shaft, returned to the compound, and is now excavating in an easterly direction to Dixie Road, the limits of its scope of work. The entire east to west sewer diversion project is expected to be completed by the end of 2026. For more information on water and wastewater in Peel, visit peelregion.ca/water.

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