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Dear Friends and Neighbours,

Thank you for allowing me the privilege of being your representative at the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel.

I'm grateful to all the residents of Ward 8 who have been open to dialogue and have offered suggestions on how we can improve our great ward.

It has been well over a year now since the COVID-19 pandemic began affecting our lives. We have all experienced many challenges, but if we continue to do our part I am sure we can get through this together.

I encourage everyone to get outside and safely explore, exercise and enjoy the upcoming summer months after our

very long year. Ward 8 is very fortunate to have many beautiful trails, parks and activities to enjoy.

Please take the time to read this newsletter as it has been designed to provide you with relevant information on what's going on in our community.

As always, my staff and I are here to assist you with any City or Regional issues. For the latest news and information, please visit my website at mattmahoney.ca.

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Support Local Businesses

Many local businesses in Mississauga are feeling the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and have had to quickly shift gears to adapt their business during these uncertain times.

There are ways we can still continue to support them as a community. Visit mississaugamade.ca for a full list of locally-based businesses where you can order online, grab takeout, curbside pick-up or have items delivered directly to your home.

From local artists to restaurants, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Be sure to help spread the word about these businesses online so we can help support each other!

More information is available at mississaugamade.ca



Getting Vaccinated in Mississauga

Earlier this year, Peel Public Health submitted its Mass Vaccination Plan to the Government of Ontario, outlining how Peel Region residents would get vaccinated. As Mississauga is one of three municipalities within Peel, the City is working closely with the Region of Peel and Peel Public Health to make sure every resident in our community who wants to be vaccinated, will be.

When you're eligible to book, residents can visit Peel Public Health's website to book it through the Provincial Booking system, which is found at peelregion.ca/covid19vaccine.

A few things to know about getting vaccinated:

Bring your health card - you'll need that to book the appointment and to register at one of Peel's Mass Vaccination locations.

Dress appropriately - the person responsible for administering your vaccine will need access to your arm so a short sleeve shirt that is easily accessible is recommended.

For up-to-date vaccine information, visit:

- Peel Public Health: peelregion.ca/covid19vaccine
- Government of Ontario: covid-19.ontario.ca/covid-19-vaccines-ontario
- Health Canada: canada.ca/covid19

Continue to follow all public health advice - vaccinated or not, wear a mask, keep a distance from those outside your household and wash your hands often.

Be a Responsible Homeowner

The City's Compliance and Licensing Enforcement staff receive roughly 1,500 complaints per year about tall grass and weeds on private property.

A friendly reminder: as a homeowner, you are responsible for cutting, cleaning and clearing your property of all tall grass and nuisance weeds, including the area beyond the fence and boulevard side of the sidewalk. Grass cannot exceed 20 centimetres in height per the City's of Nuisance Weed and Tall Grass Control By-law.

If you'd like to submit a complaint, please contact 311. An enforcement officer will visit the location to confirm the violation of the by-law. A Notice of Contravention (NOC) is issued to the homeowner if the property is in violation; giving 10 days to comply. The officer will then re-inspect the area after the timeframe of the NOC.

If the homeowner still does not clear their property, a private contractor will be hired by the City to cut the long grass and weeds at the homeowner's expense. If the owner does not pay the bill, the value will be added to their property tax as an added expense. Repeat offenders may be taken to court if the problem persists.



Park Etiquette

The City of Mississauga is reminding all park users to respect City parks, trails, green spaces, sports fields and other commonly used spaces. Users should follow the rules posted on signs and the City's Parks By-law to help make these spaces safe and enjoyable for all. Peel Public Health guidelines should also be followed to help reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Parks across Mississauga have seen greater use over the past year. The City's Parks Operations section maintains 3178.15 hectares (7853.1 acres) of parkland—including more than 500 parks, 373 sports fields, 393 km of trails, 266 play sites, 12 cemeteries and two marinas. When visiting a park, consider the following etiquette:

- Dispose of trash properly in the waste or recycling bin
- Pick up after dogs and keep dogs leashed
- Respect parks by not vandalizing amenities, leaving plants and trees alone and not feeding wildlife
- Be courteous to Parks staff
- Stay on the trails
- Only park in permitted areas at parks

Let's continue to keep Ward 8 clean and beautiful! For more information about the City's parks and green spaces, visit mississauga.ca/parks.

City Launches 2021 Gypsy Moth Management Program

The City has launched its annual Integrated Pest Management program to help reduce the number of gypsy moth caterpillars in Mississauga. This invasive insect causes tree destruction by feeding on the leaves of oak and other deciduous trees. After repeated defoliation, trees may die or become so weakened that they are vulnerable to secondary infestations.

The City is focusing its management efforts in areas of the city that have higher populations of gypsy moth egg masses. Treatment in Ward 8 is taking place in the Sheridan and Erin Mills neighbourhoods, where monitoring in the winter 2020-2021 identified localized pockets of high gypsy moth populations. Treatment consists of tree injections of TreeAzin® and the ground spray of Bacillus thuringiensis subspecies kurstaki (Btk) on selected City trees.

In addition to management strategies, the City has launched an Interactive Treatment Map and a Reporting Form this year. The map displays publicly-owned trees along specific streets and in certain parks proposed for treatment. The Reporting Form also allows residents to report gypsy moth observations by inputting details including quantities and life stage observed and sharing photos.

For more information about gypsy moths in Mississauga, visit mississauga.ca/gypsymoth.

Cool Off this Summer

We all look forward to summertime and beating the heat! There are seven outdoor pools throughout Mississauga and two spray pads located right here in Ward 8, which can be found at mississauga.ca/staycool.

Please be advised that the City will continue to follow all health and safety guidelines and pandemic restrictions related to recreational pools. As such, public pools may be required to alter their processes to adhere to regulations, including pre-registration and capacity limits.

To ensure health and safety of staff and participants, we ask that when visiting a pool or spray pad that you continue to practice physical distancing. Our spray pads are not monitored by City staff and only access these areas when it is safe to do so. If an area is crowded, please return at another time.

Important Information

For current updates on the status of pools and spray pads, please check mississauga.ca/covid as things can change based on provincial announcements and implemented measures. For up-to-date schedules and program listings, visit activemississauga.ca.



Construction Season Begins in Ward 8

Ward 8 residents and commuters can expect to see the City of Mississauga's budget dollars hard at work as the City moves forward with its 2021 construction season. The City's Roads and Stormwater Capital Programs involve repair and maintenance of critical infrastructure that helps keep all road users moving safely and manage stormwater to reduce the risk of flooding.

Construction projects within Ward 8 include roadway rehabilitation, cycling infrastructure projects along Eglinton Ave West, Winston Churchill Blvd and the The Collegeway, sidewalk improvements on Laird Road and noise wall upgrades along The Collegeway. For a full list of projects, visit mississauga.ca/construction. Find



Ward 8 projects under the list of road and stormwater projects.

Residents are encouraged to use the City's construction map to see where projects are happening in Mississauga. Using the interactive map, residents can view the types of projects that are happening in the city and who to contact if they have any questions related to the project.

As construction gets underway, residents can use the construction map to plan

alternate routes to avoid traffic. Whether travelling by foot, car, bike or mobility device, be cautious around construction sites, respect all site barricades and signage, do not enter work sites closed to the public and always practise physical distancing around workers and others.

Contact 311 (905-615-4311 if outside city limits) for questions and feedback related to construction happening in Ward 8.

Important Parking Reminders

The City receives many calls about parking throughout the year. I encourage residents to become familiar with parking regulations to avoid receiving tickets and learn about the parking options available.

On-street Parking

On-street parking is not allowed from 2 to 6 a.m. year-round without a valid permit. On-street parking is allowed, unless otherwise posted, for five hours outside of the 2 to 6 a.m. restrictions. Parking on statutory holidays is allowed beyond the five-hour limit between 8 a.m. and midnight.

Temporary Parking Permit

A temporary parking permit for your home address allows you to park on the unsigned portion of a residential street longer than five hours, overnight and during the prohibited hours of 2 to 6 .m. These permits last for five days and can be used for up to five different vehicles. Each address is allowed 14 short-term parking permits per calendar year.

You can get one by calling 311, through the Pingstreet mobile app or online at mississauga.ca/parking.

For more details on parking in Mississauga visit Mississauga.ca/parking.



Peel Regional Police Project Noisemaker

Noise emission and pollution from excessively loud vehicles on roadways and in residential areas at all hours are a community concern.

Project Noisemaker is a Peel Regional Police initiative that focuses on reducing the number of vehicles with modified and/or excessively loud exhaust systems on the roads.

Owners and operators are subject to charges, including Improper Muffler and Unnecessary Noise, contrary to the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) and/or the City of Mississauga's Noise Control By-law. The penalties under the HTA include fines of \$110 upon conviction or \$305 for by-law charges.

Unlawfully modified vehicles will be reported to the Insurance Bureau of Canada, with the potential of a policy suspension or revocation.

Owners are encouraged to repair modified exhaust systems and avoid installing after market products that defeat factory-installed emission control systems. They are designed to help protect the environment by reducing

noise and pollution. Altering these systems not only impacts the environment, but may also render the vehicle warranty void.

The City's Noise Control By-law now prohibits 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.

Residents can call Peel Regional Police at 905-453-3311 to report aggressive driving or illegal street racing. You can also file a driving complaint through Road Watch or by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or at peelcrimestoppers.ca.

Call 911 to report dangerous driving practices that could cause personal injury or loss of life. Try to note the vehicle's location, travel direction, make, model, licence plate number and/or driver's description.



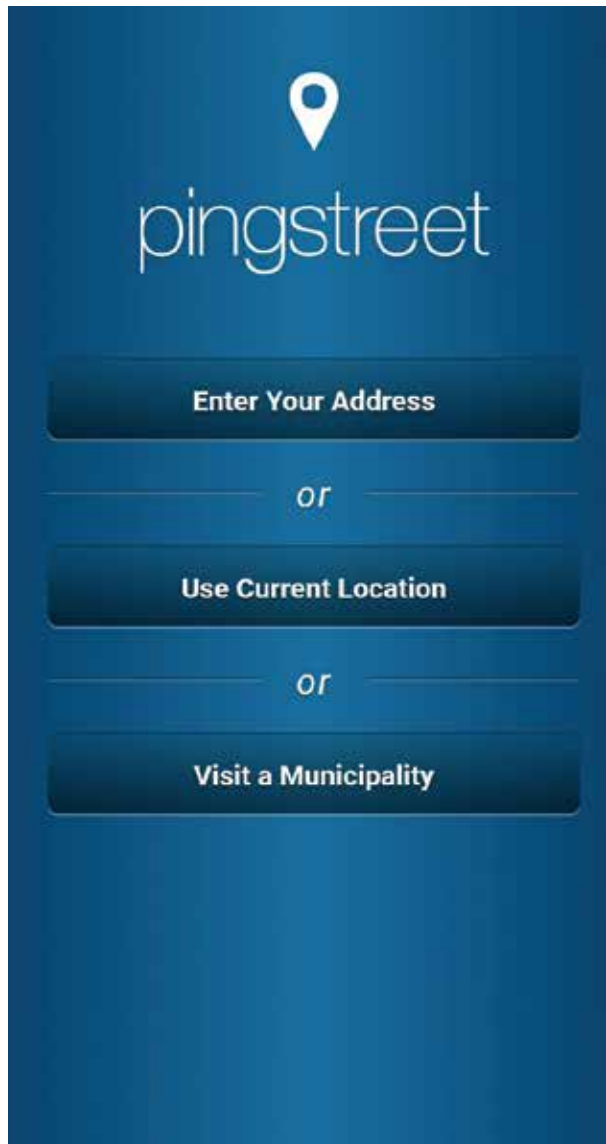
Have You Downloaded the Pingstreet App?

Pingstreet is a free mobile app that lets you report a problem or get real-time information straight to your smartphone from the City of Mississauga, 24/7.

Through the app, you can access City news, meetings and events, the City’s corporate Twitter feed, Mayor and Council contact information, waste collection schedules from the Region of Peel and much more. You can also submit a request for a temporary parking permit.

Using your smartphone or tablet, Pingstreet allows you to report a problem on 31 different City service areas including pot holes or graffiti. In addition, seven new service types have been added to the “Report a Problem” section, to assist residents in reporting:

- Bike parking damage
- New bike parking requests
- Lighting that is causing a problem on private property
- Long grass/weeds on private property
- Litter and dumping in City parks
- Grass cutting (height exceeds 3 inches (7.5 cm) in City parks
- Washroom maintenance (hand dryer malfunctions, plumbing issues) in City parks
- Sports field maintenance (debris clean up, supplies replenishment, irrigation issues)
- Overflowing garbage cans in City parks



There is also a new mapping feature that allows you to identify the specific park by entering the park name or selecting a location from an interactive map.

You can download the Pingstreet app on your smartphone or tablet at the App Store, Google Play and BlackBerry World.

For a complete list of app features, visit mississauga.ca/pingstreet.

Ongoing Road Maintenance Work in Mississauga

One way the City prioritizes road safety is by maintaining infrastructure that residents rely on to travel safely. From June to the end of October, the City will continue its street sweeping program - main roads will be swept bi-weekly, industrial roads will be swept monthly and bike lanes will be swept once a month at a minimum.

City work crews will also regularly monitor and inspect areas of the city that need repairs. Residents are encouraged to report potholes, as well as damaged sidewalks and curbs by calling 311 or submitting an online service request. As a reminder - please drive according to road conditions, slow down in worksites and give crews and equipment lots of space to work. For more information about road maintenance in Mississauga, visit mississauga.ca/roads.



Share the Trail

With the arrival of warmer temperatures and longer days, Mississauga’s multi-use trails and shared pathways are expected to get much busier. It’s important that all trail users understand the rules and etiquette they should follow to keep themselves and others safe, while maintaining a safe distance.

The City’s multi-use trails are paved trails that are separated from the road and are shared by cyclists, pedestrians and e-scooter users. The paved and unpaved trails that run through the

City’s parks are also shared trails and can be used by cyclists and pedestrians.

Keep the following in mind:

- Stay right
- Pass safely
- Keep your distance
- Be aware of others
- Be courteous

For more information, visit mississaugabikes.ca/share-the-trail

KNOW WHO TO CALL

211 is for confidential information and referral to non-emergency community, health and social services in Peel Region. Examples include:

- doctors accepting patients
- employment leads
- social housing resources

311 provides residents with direct access to local municipal government programs and services in Mississauga. Examples include:

- municipal property taxes
- parking enforcement
- parks and forestry inquiries

911 for life-threatening emergencies or crimes. Examples include:

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

Visit mississauga.ca for more information.

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