



Key capital road projects – Wards 1 and 5

Project limits	What's happening	Timing
*Chinguacousy Rd./Queen St.	Intersection improvements	Substantially complete
*Hwy 410 – Queen St. to Sandalwood Pkwy.	Corridor improvements/resurfacing	In construction
*Main St., Steeles Ave. to Downtown Brampton	Transit	Third-party project led by City of Brampton, Light Rail Transit (LRT)
*Queen St., Mississauga Rd. to Hwy. 50	Transit	Environmental assessment
*Williams Pkwy./Kennedy Rd.	Intersection improvements	Anticipated construction 2026
Bovaird Dr. – Lake Louise Rd./Worthington Ave. to Creditview Rd.	Road widening	Under warranty until 2026
Bovaird Dr. from Hwy. 410 to Hurontario St.	Corridor improvements/resurfacing	Under warranty until 2026
Bovaird Dr. – Hwy. 410 to Hurontario St.	Structure rehabilitation	Anticipated construction 2027
Kennedy Rd. – Steeles Ave. to Centre St./Rutherford Rd.	Corridor improvements/resurfacing	Environmental assessment
Kennedy Rd. between Rutherford Rd. and Bovaird Dr.	Noise walls	Under warranty until 2027
Mississauga Rd. – Financial Dr. to 300m South of Bovaird Dr.	Road widening	Anticipated construction 2029
Queen St. W. Bridge at McLaughlin Rd.	Structure rehabilitation	In construction

Locations that begin with an asterisk (*) are not Regionally led (projects led by local municipality or externally).



Building a healthier future for seniors in Peel

The grand opening of the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor last fall was a major milestone for Peel Region. This marked the first made-in-Peel approach to care for seniors in Ontario.

Peel Manor was built in 1898. By building the new Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor in the same location, Peel Region has been able to bring long-term care, health services, and community supports all under one roof.

The opening day was made even more special by the Peel Manor bell choir, who gave a heartfelt performance of “O Canada”. We were honoured to welcome Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, the Minister of Long-Term Care. Other local and federal government partners, who share our commitment to improving seniors’ care, also joined us to mark this celebration.

New funding to support seniors’ care

At the event, the Ontario government announced an investment in the Community Access to Long-Term Care pilot program. This includes one-time funding of \$2.18 million for Peel’s Thrive Program.

Thrive is designed for seniors who are waiting for long-term care or may soon need it. By offering a combination of health and social supports, the program helps residents live safely at home for as long as possible. This reduces hospital visits, giving their families peace of mind.

Preparing for Peel’s growing future

This work is now more important than ever. By 2041, one in 5 Peel residents will be over the age of 65. As our



population ages, the need for specialized, accessible, and high-quality seniors’ care becomes a necessity.

Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor offers:

- 177 long-term care beds for seniors needing full-time support.
- Adult Day Services.
- Overnight respite care for caregivers.
- Specialized support through the Thrive program.
- An Integrated Care Clinic.
- On-site dental services and wellness resources.

It also has a café, salon, and a resource center.

Setting a new standard for care

By combining specialized services, we’re setting a new standard for seniors’ care in Ontario. In the future, our strong partnerships and dedicated staff at the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor will help create a healthier community for seniors, caregivers, and families across our region.

Visit peelregion.ca/health/seniors/peel-long-term-care/seniors-health-wellness-village-peel-manor for more information.

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Happy Spring!

Here are some important regional highlights and engagement opportunities.

Break the Cycle Summit

In collaboration with Peel Committee Against Women Abuse (PCAWA) and Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU), I brought forward a motion to advance the Break the Cycle Summit: Focusing on Housing Solutions in Response to Gender-Based Violence in Peel.

This Summit will address one of the greatest obstacles to ending gender-based violence (GBV), intimate partner violence (IPV), and human sex trafficking, which is a lack of safe/stable housing.

Supported by Peel Region and in collaboration with women’s organizations and the Faculty of Community Services at TMU, this initiative hosted at the Brampton Medical School will bring together survivors, individuals with lived experience, frontline service providers, housing experts, academic partners, developers, and government leaders. Together, participants will co-design coordinated, Peel-specific housing solutions and wraparound supports to help survivors safely leave abusive situations and build long-term stability.

The urgency is clear. After 6 years of leading the “Break the Silence” campaign and declaring an epidemic in 2023, coordinated action with other levels of government is essential. Survivors cannot leave abuse if they have nowhere safe to go, which is even more detrimental in a housing crisis. This Summit will move us beyond awareness to deliver real housing solutions and identify gaps across the continuum of care to break the cycle of abuse for women and their children.

Local neighbourhood safety

We’ve made big investments such as 475 more frontline police officers over two years, and breaking ground on new police stations. However, when a stranger tries to open your car door in the middle of the night, your Amazon package is stolen off your porch, or something is stolen from your shed, your sense of personal safety is violated. I want to hear about your experience so we can work with police to find better solutions. **Please scan the QR code to share your feedback** so we can work together with police on practical, community-driven solutions.



Join the Santos Youth Council

Join the team! We are always excited to welcome new members to Councillor Santos Wards 1 and 5 Youth Council. You will be invited to participate in local community events, provide input on upcoming initiatives, and earn your volunteer hours! Register at councillorsantos.ca/youthcouncil.

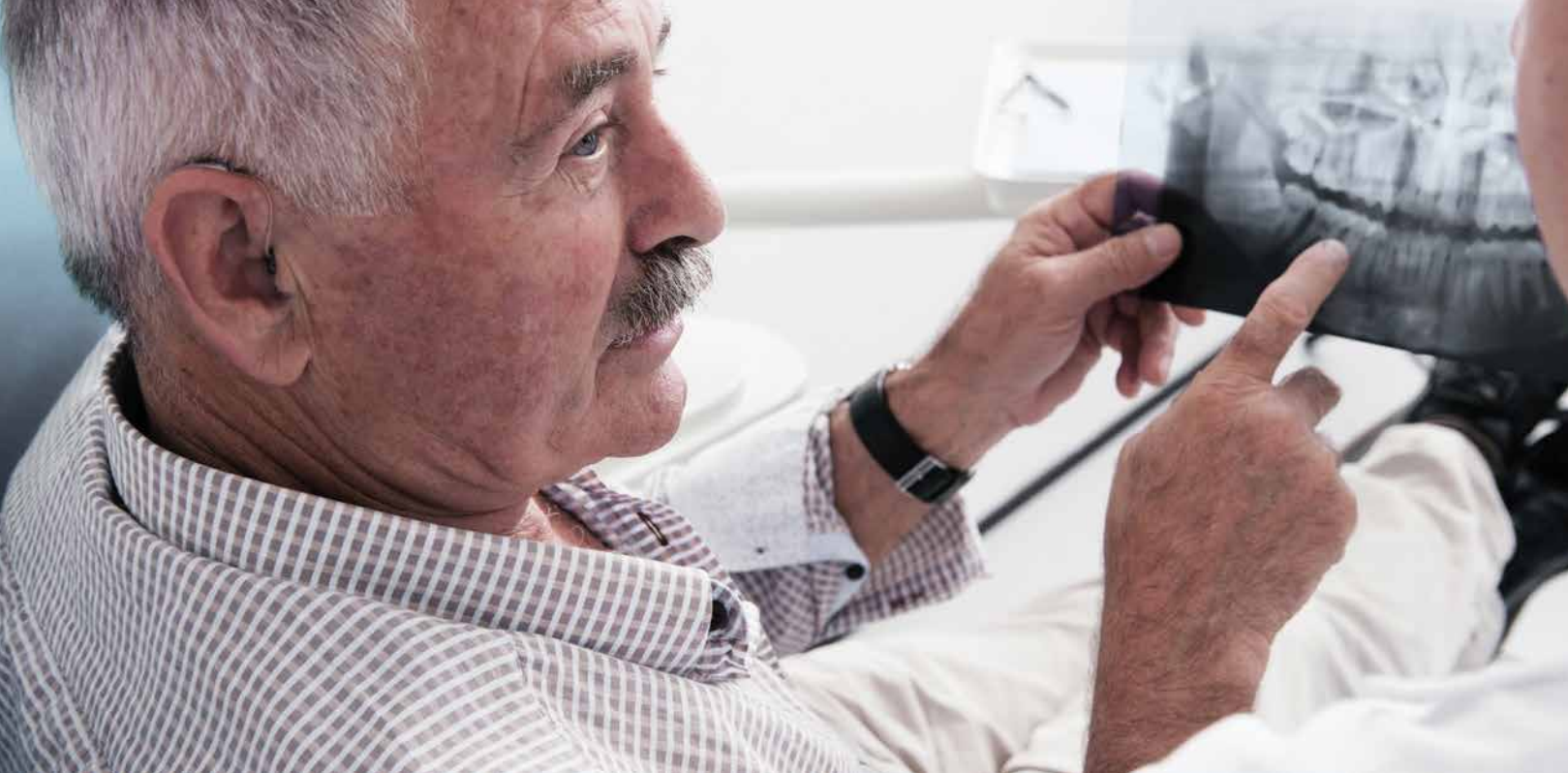


Yours sincerely,

Regional Councillor, Rowena Santos, Wards 1 & 5



◀ **On February 12 at Peel Regional Council.** Left to right: Andrine Johnson (Embrace), Rebecca Pacheco (PCAWA/Embrace), Sharon Mayne (Safe Centre of Peel), Councillor Rowena Santos, Jannies Le (Armagh House), Thanah Sriskantha (Armagh House)



Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

As we age, taking care of our oral health is important for our overall well-being. Regular dental visits are crucial for this, but they can be expensive.

The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) offers free, routine dental services for eligible low-income seniors 65 years and older.

These services include:

- Regular dental check-ups.
- Pain treatment.
- Repairing dentures and other services.

Who can apply

You can apply for OSDCP if you:

- Are 65 years of age or older.
- Are an Ontario resident.
- Have an annual net income of \$25,000 or less for a single senior.
- Have a combined annual net income of \$41,500 or less for a couple.
- Do not have any other form of dental benefits, apart from the Canadian Dental Care Plan (CDCP). This includes private insurance or other government program.

If you are enrolled in CDCP and meet these criteria, you can also apply for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

How to apply

Applying online

Visit seniors.accerta.ca to apply for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program.

Applying by mail

Download and print the application form at forms.mgcs.gov.on.ca and mail it to:

Ministry of Health

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program
Station P, P.O. Box 159
Toronto, ON M5S 2S7

You can also pick up the application form at one of these locations:

- 7120 Hurontario St, Mississauga (Service Peel)
- 10 Peel Centre Dr, Brampton (Service Peel)
- 9 Wellington St. E., Brampton (Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives, Reception Desk)
- 325 Central Parkway W, Unit 21, Mississauga (Fairview Clinic)

Peel Public Health can help you fill out the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program application form.

For more information, contact Peel Public Health at **905-799-7700** or visit peelregion.ca/services/dental-care-ontario-seniors.

Find local food supports with the Peel Food Map

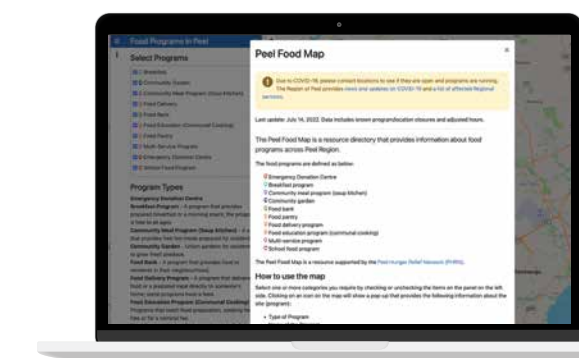
Finding local food programs has never been easier.

The Peel Food Map is an online directory that connects residents to essential food services across the region.

The map is supported by the Peel Hunger Relief Network (PHRN) and Findhelp211. It highlights a wide range of community programs, including food banks, community meals, school food programs, breakfast programs, community gardens, delivery services, and more.

The newly re-launched food map is easy to use. You can browse different types of programs, see what's available nearby, and click on locations to learn more about each service. You can also find contact details and hours of operation for specific programs.

For more information, visit peelregion.ca/planning-maps/foodprograms.



Program types

Emergency donation centre

Breakfast program: A program that provides prepared breakfast or a morning snack; the program is free to all ages.

Community meal program (soup kitchen): A site that provides free hot meals prepared for residents.

Community garden: Urban gardens for residents to grow fresh produce.

Food bank: A program that provides food to residents in their neighbourhood.

Food delivery program: A program that delivers food or a prepared meal directly to someone's home; some programs have a fee.

Food education program (communal cooking): Programs that teach food preparation, cooking for free or for a nominal fee.

Food pantry: A site which provides up to 2-3 days of food per visit.

Multi-service program: Sites that provide a food program and additional services; programs are free or for a nominal fee.

School food program: Free breakfast and snack programs that operate in schools only and are restricted to students attending that school.

2026 Peel Region budget

Peel Region's 2026 Budget focuses on affordability, housing and community safety.

In December 2025, Peel Regional Council approved the 2026 Budget. The goal of this year's budget is to address the growing needs of our community through investments in deeply affordable housing, improving community safety, building and maintaining infrastructure, and managing ongoing funding challenges.

Key investments that support the needs of our community include:

Housing and infrastructure

- Water safety investment of \$1.9 billion to support our basic infrastructure, water supply and wastewater services.
- Maintaining community housing—\$203.9 million for the maintenance of Peel Living, Peel-owned shelters and buildings and taking care of Community Housing Providers' loans.
- Developing housing—\$16.5 million to continue implementing the Peel Community Housing Development Program.
- Road safety—\$341.3 million for road construction, intersection improvements, and active transportation.

Public safety and emergency services to address population growth

- Hiring an additional 175 police officers and 25 civilian professionals to meet the needs and demands of a growing community, address the increasing complexity of crime, and address staffing shortages.
- \$38 million for improvements and maintenance of ambulances, other paramedic fleet, and ambulance equipment.
- Adding 4 ambulances available 24 hours 7 days a week to support a growing and aging population, manage increased call volumes, and system pressures.

Community wellbeing

- Responding to the issues related to increased immigration and refugee populations in Peel Region.
- Advocating for resources and support to prevent human sex trafficking in Peel.
- Protecting residents from environmental hazards through programs and urgent response plans, catching up on routine school immunization, record screening, and enforcing the Immunization of School Pupils Act, 1990.

Through this budget, Peel Region will continue to tackle affordability and build a safe, healthy, and thriving Community for Life.

For more information, visit peelregion.ca/budget.

Peel Region no longer manages recycling collection

As of January 1, 2026, Circular Materials manages Ontario's recycling program.

This change is a part of an Ontario-wide mandate that shifts the responsibility of recycling operations and costs to the producers who supply packaging and paper. The Ontario government requires these companies to be fully responsible for funding and managing recycling programs.

The goal of this change is to:

- Encourage sustainable packaging.
- Create consistency for all municipalities.
- Improve recycling outcomes across Ontario.

Visit circularmaterials.ca/peelregion to find your recycling collection schedule and learn more about recyclable items.

Green For Life Environmental Inc. (GFL) is the recycling collection contractor hired by Circular Materials for Peel region.

If you have any recycling bin or collection issues:

- Visit gflenv.com/canada-recycles
- Call **1-877-268-4351**



New recycling provider