



HAZEL HEIGHTS RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION



NOTES: Peel Police Virtual Session: Nov 26, 2024

Please note: there may be inaccuracies in these notes as the speakers have not reviewed them

Superintendent Joshua Colley - Peel Regional Police
Constable Rowena Pryce: Community Liaison Officer 11 Division - Peel Regional Police
Gerald Adad - Safe City Mississauga
William Pitcher - City of Mississauga
16-20 HHRA Members attended

Moderated by Ruchi Ambike - Hazel Heights Residents Association

Update from Superintendent Joshua Colley/Constable Rowena Pryce

Crime Statistics:

- Residents have two top crimes of concern – Break and Enters, and Auto Thefts.
- Stats for both of these have significantly improved from 2023 to 2024 in the zone that includes Hazel Heights.
- B&Es were 41 in 2023 and 28 in 2024.
- Auto thefts were 68 in 2023 and 49 in 2024 with 14 in Hazel Heights.

Hazel Heights is considered to be a safe neighbourhood, with much credit to the work the neighbourhood is doing

- The 11 Division Traffic Unit has been doing significant work even if people don't see the cars. The focus is on high demand areas.
- Supt. Colley discussed a lack of investment in expanding the police service in years past has led to a critical need for police and staff now. There are 160-200 calls per day to 11 Division. The fact that Mississauga pays the majority of Peel Police services despite a similar population and call volume in Brampton was also mentioned.

Traffic Concerns: There is a concern that people are coming into the neighbourhood and committing traffic violations, but most are committed by neighbours. Peel Police spent 15 hours in another ward, issued 60 tickets and all were for residents. Because of the narrow focus of speed cameras, they are working with the City to identify high danger areas. Another issue is loud mufflers. It is a difficult enforcement issue because legislation does not prohibit the modifications. Noise infractions must be enforced as they happen. Police are conducting specific initiatives. At Ridgeway Plaza over one month, 1,000 tickets were issued – most for racing or loud mufflers.

Questions from Hazel Heights Residents:

Q: What arrests have there been related to police patrols of the ravine?

A: The Community Incident Response Team (CIRT) was formed 4.5 months ago. They have begun patrols, but Police will have to look at those stats regarding arrests.



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Q: What types of crimes are occurring in Hazel Heights?

A: We will have to share our crime stats and map with you.

<https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/in-the-community/crime-statistics-and-maps.aspx> Hazel Heights is not a hot spot.

Q: What should residents do to make the neighbourhood safer?

A: The Residents Association/Neighbourhood Watch is a great step. You can have the police and Safe City Mississauga assist with a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) program for individual houses as well as the neighbourhood overall. This examines features such as landscaping that might make crime easier this can even include an after dark walk in the neighbourhood to review potential areas of concern. Eliminating opportunity for crime is key to helping reduce crime.

Q: Should we hire private security?

A: Peel Police does not recommend that, nor is there any evidence that it works. For residential areas, that is a police function.

Q: Could a security fence be installed between the residents and the ravine?

A: The first hurdle is whether residents would want their view blocked. Councillor Horneck's office can see what precedent there is for that via the City. Some residents abut property owned by the mill. Others abut a narrow strip of City-owned property (in addition to the cemetery and long-term care properties). The City does not build fences between private property owners.

Q: Why is the gate by the Cemetery locked?

A: Grounds-keeping staff said this is a safety measure while using leaf blowers and other equipment.

Q: Can the City install security cameras?

A: Both the police and the City explained the privacy restrictions on placing surveillance cameras in residential neighbourhoods. Homeowner cameras are the better option, and they do help assist police in apprehending criminals.

Q: How can we report things such as the need to prune trees blocking street light illumination?

A: You can get links to report a wide variety of issues at joehorneck.com/reporting. In this case, select 'Tree – damaged or unsafe' which also covers trees causing safety concerns. For faster results, include photos. One can also contact publicinfo@mississauga.ca with concerns.

Ruchi invited Peel Police and Safe City Mississauga to attend Hazel Heights' very own CPTED: Light The Way on Dec 1 - CIRT has been confirmed to attend.