

Peel Police Highlights Successes Of 2017 In Report

Serving 1.3 Million People; Property & Violent Crime Solving Rate High; Road Safety Remains Priority

REGIONAL OF PEEL: The Peel Regional Police has released its 2017 Annual Report which was presented officially by Chief Jennifer Evans to Peel Regional Council this week.

“Our employees consistently go the extra mile to keep the Region of Peel safe. Their commitment to the vision of ‘A Safer Community Together’ is why I am proud to present our Annual Report,” said Chief Jennifer Evans.

“The key to our success has been our commitment to community partnerships and the professionalism and dedication of our employees. In 2017, our Community Mobilization Teams, School Resource Officers, Joint Forces Operations, Crime Prevention Teams and Road Safety initiatives clearly demonstrated the strength of partnerships and how proactive policing can increase our capacity to combat crime.

“I recognize and praise the hard work of frontline officers, the determination of our civilian employees and the skillset of the investigators within the investigative units.

“Each day I witnessed examples of our ongoing commitment to community safety as our highest priority. By collaborating with the community, we are also enhancing public trust.

“Last year was a busy year for us and we have many accomplishments to be proud of.”

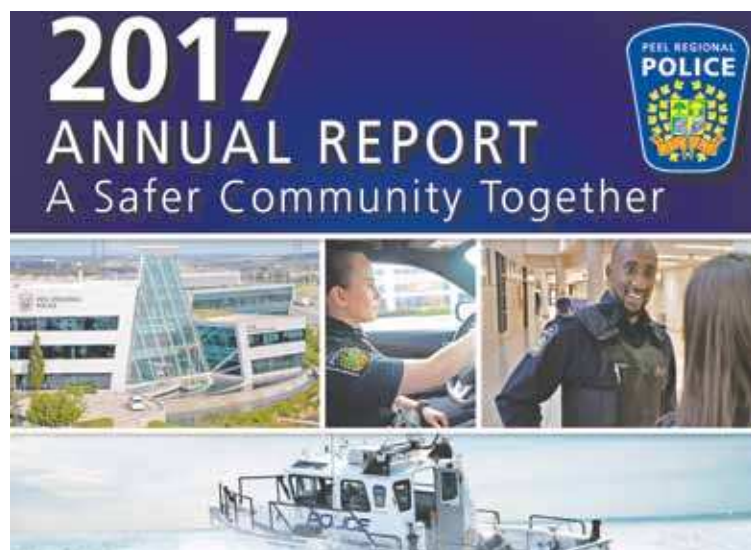
Peel Regional Police serves over 1.3 million people living



in the cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the 47.1 million travellers who pass through Pearson International Airport annually. Peel Regional Police has five divisions and two Community Stations serving the public. The Malton sub-station maintains a police presence in the community.

Below are some of the highlights for 2017:

- Call volume increased 2.5% we've added 37 police officers to offset that.
- While we have seen an increase in gun violence we laid



183 shooting-related charges. Our solvency rates for property and violent crime are above the National and Provincial rates.

• Violent Crime rates in Peel Region were and continue to be below Provincial and National averages.

• Road Safety remained a priority. Impaired driving offences, and traffic collisions are down. Use of electronic device charges increased 19% and our officers laid more than 88,200 Highway Traffic Act Charges which is an average of 242 charges per day.

• Health Canada is researching an appropriate device for testing THC levels to prepare us to test those who are suspected of driving under the influence of marijuana.

• Intimate partner violence, also known as domestic violence, is up by almost 6%. Our officers are increasing awareness using fact sheets, our website, social media and partnerships with support agencies.

• Our partnership with Special Olympics Ontario saw us play host to the Ontario Provincial Summer Games, a real showcase of how police employees and community volunteers can demonstrate their support.

This year, efforts are focused on the three key Areas set out in the 2017-2019 Strategic Plan:

1. Community Safety Together;
2. Professional, Diverse And Supportive Workplace;
3. Quality Service and Fiscal Responsibility.

Brampton Bylaws On Parking & Public Nuisance Approved

BRAMPTON,: Brampton City Council recently approved two new by-laws with a focus on maintaining the quality of the city – the Unauthorized Parking By-law and the Public Nuisance By-law.

Unauthorized Parking

On May 30, 2018, Council approved the Unauthorized Parking By-law to restrict illegally parked vehicles on grass boulevards and front and side yards.

Under the new By-law, officers can issue a Parking Penalty Notice of \$75 for vehicles that are illegally parked on unsurfaced areas. Penalty notices may now be issued immediately by Enforcement Officers, who are on patrol 24 hours per day.

Under the former By-law, Property Standard Orders were issued when vehicles were parked

on landscaped front or side yards and Penalty Notices were issued when vehicles were parked on landscaped boulevards.

Those found in violation by parking on a grass boulevard were ticketed \$35, and those parked on a private front or side yard were provided with a minimum of 21 days to comply by moving their vehicles. In addition, charges laid could take up to one year to resolve.

The new By-law will allow Enforcement staff to spend less time on parking complaints related to front and side yards, reallocating labour resources to other significant by-law issues, while simultaneously improving the appearance of local neighbourhoods.

Public Nuisance

In response to an increase in nuisance parties where loud and



obnoxious behaviour is taking place by people renting residential properties for weekend stays, weddings or other special events, Council approved the Public Nuisance By-law on June 27, 2018.

The By-law will address issues of offensive and/or vulgar behaviour and actions by residents and their guests, the use of profanity, and any other potentially disruptive behaviour.

It will also address a variety of other public nuisances including panhandling, graffiti and public property damage, and will prohibit the emission of objectionable odours or smoke, dust, or airborne particle matter, except where permitted by the City.

The Public Nuisance By-law will assist and provide additional tools to City Enforcement staff and the police in dealing with is-

suues surrounding nuisance parties and other public nuisances.

By-laws help maintain the quality of the city, and every Bramptonian has a role to play in upholding these standards. Residents and visitors are asked to do their part to contribute to Brampton's well-being by following City by-laws to help ensure everyone can enjoy a clean, safe city.

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