

I am a Ward 7 resident, and have lived in the same location for the past 23 years.

Like MOST residents of Mississauga I was completely shocked and very upset by the recent 9.2% increase to our property taxes for 2025.

This is ON TOP of the previous 3 years of Property Tax Increases totaling over **25% in just 3 - 4 years.**

Mayor Parrish was quick to point out that these increases are due in large part to the ever increasing budget of the Peel Police which is funded in large part (62%) by Mississauga residents, as opposed to Brampton residents (38%)

Data here : https://www.mississauga.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/13145102/myr_MayorTaxNewsletter_residential_25186_f.pdf

I understand this was voted on by both Brampton & Caledon municipalities. If the Peel Police don't operate in Caledon, how can they vote on our budget ?

I also see the Peel Police Budget has increased even more than our property taxes - **80% since 2020!**

We have more than doubled the number of Peel Police Services personnel who earn more than \$100,000 over the last 10 years.

Data here: <https://www.ontariosunshinelist.com/employers/regional-municipality-of-peel-police-services>

This begs the Question: why has the Police budget being going up so much nearly EVERY year for the past 20 years?

What is happening in Mississauga that justifies this massive increase in salaries & personnel?

You would think that with so many Police in Peel, our crime rate would be minimal. But unfortunately that's not the case. Mississauga has a Crime epidemic !

Data Here : <https://www.peelpolice.ca/en/in-the-community/crime-statistics-and-maps.aspx#Break-and-Enter>

In the last 10 years I have had my **locked car stolen off my driveway** at night & my **house broken into** and robbed of whatever valuables I owned.

Both times, a constable was sent to my house and mentioned this was most likely criminal gangs from South America, then filled out a Police Crime report. **I don't see Crime Prevention, I see Crime Documentation.**

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But the Peel Police are not the only ones who have been getting huge increases in Salaries,

bonuses & benefits: our Mississauga Councillors have also been the beneficiaries of large increases in Salaries, Car allowances and Expense accounts.

Appendix 1 <https://pub-mississauga.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=69017>

https://www.mississauga.com/news/council/they-made-how-much-heres-4-things-to-know-about-mississauga-councils-2024-pay-including/article_254b09f1-1298-5e06-9293-a9ba0de5a3f2.html

How do you justify voting yourselves huge compensation increases?

In 2009 Ontario Premier Mike Harris froze the salaries of all MPP's in an effort to tie performance to Compensation. Ontario's finances were in a mess. Now Doug Ford has reversed that & given MPP 's a huge increase. <https://www.morrisburgleader.ca/2025/06/05/editorial-huge-mpp-pay-increase-inappropriate/>

You are in Public Service to Serve the people of the City of Mississauga for a fair compensation, Not to Enrich yourselves off the backs of the taxpayer.

Why not modify your compensation plan to incentivize Performance - finding efficiencies, cost cutting, crime reduction, spending reductions.

For example : Why did you just pave the parking lot at Huron Park C.C. ? I use this facility weekly. I did not see an issue with the previous asphalt, but you have spent probably 1 - 2 million \$ to pave it ? Is that the best use of taxpayer funds ? We don't need perfect Asphalt.

Private & Public businesses are required to operate within their means, be discerning with spending, and run efficient operations to stay viable. I don't see that in Mississauga.

Where is the OVERSIGHT committee on Council spending ?

Where is the Auditor General/Treasurer/Ombudsperson to put the brakes on this overspending ? Do we not have documented budget increase/Tax increase restrictions?

I also understand there will be a 1% tax levy next year on Mississauga residents to help pay for the ongoing construction of the Mississauga Hospital - a Provincial jurisdiction. Where will this end ?

Where is the accountability to the residents, many of whom are elderly & on fixed incomes ?

What prevents you from raising our Property taxes next year by 10%, 20%, 50% ?

Will you commit to a 0% increase in Taxes for the next 3-5 years ?

Mike Harris, [REDACTED].

From Councillor Stephen Dasko - Understanding Your 2025 Property Tax Bill

You may see different numbers when discussing tax increases at the City and Regional levels, so here's a clear breakdown of what Mississauga taxpayers will experience:

City of Mississauga Residential Property Tax Increase: 3.3%

Region of Peel Property Tax Increase: 5.9%

Total Combined Property Tax Bill Increase for Mississauga Residents: 9.2%

This combined increase includes:

- The **City's tax levy budget increase of 8.8%**, which impacts **37%** of your total property tax bill, resulting in a **3.3%** increase.
- The **Region's tax levy budget increase of 12.5%**, which affects **47%** of your tax bill, resulting in a **5.9%** increase.

Why I Did Not Support the Regional Budget

I did not support the 2025 Budget at the Region of Peel because this outdated funding structure continues to place an unfair burden on Mississauga taxpayers, because the population of Brampton and Mississauga are similar. I also felt that the 23.3% increase in the Police budget was far too much on the backs of the property tax payers.

What we need:

- **Higher levels of government to help fund Peel Police**, just as the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) receive provincial support in Caledon.
- **A more equitable funding formula** for Peel Police that reflects today's population and municipal contributions.
- A stronger commitment to **ensuring Mississauga keeps more of its tax dollars** to fund local services.

This is not a new issue—Hazel McCallion fought for a fairer funding model for years. We must continue to push for change to ensure Mississauga taxpayers are not overburdened.

Peel Police Budget: A Broken Funding Model

One of the most significant cost drivers this year is **policing**, with a **massive 23.3% increase** in **Peel Police funding**—adding **\$144 million** to their budget.

The **total Peel Police operating budget** is now approximately **\$762 million**.

Mississauga taxpayers fund 62% of Peel Police, while **Brampton taxpayers fund 38%**—an outdated formula that no longer reflects our city's population and growth.

How Your Tax Dollars Are Allocated

For every dollar collected from Mississauga property taxes:

36% stays in Mississauga to fund city services like transit, fire, and infrastructure.

45% goes to the Region of Peel, which covers services like police, paramedics, and housing.

19% goes to Education.

For **commercial and industrial properties** in Mississauga, even less stays in the city:

24% goes to Mississauga

30% to the Region of Peel

46% to Education

This imbalance places an increasing burden on local taxpayers, and it is clear that this funding model is **unsustainable**.

Contributions to Peel Police by Percentage

