

## *Honour Roll*

### *Patricia (Pat) Saito*



Pat Saito was first elected to Council in the City of Mississauga and Region of Peel in 1991.

Having had a long history of community involvement that included serving on the local residents' association and bringing recreational and social programs to her community, Pat's focus during her long career in politics has been on community development.

As a volunteer and now as Councillor, Pat dedicates much of her time to crime prevention, traffic safety, health and youth and children's issues.

Pat was a founding Director of the Mississauga Crime Prevention Association (now Safe City Mississauga) in 1992 and served as a director for much of her time on Council.

Working with Tom McKay of Peel Regional Police, Pat initiated the very successful Peel Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design Committee in 1994, which she chaired for many years. This committee resulted in CPTED being incorporated into all planning within the City of Mississauga and the Region of Peel and developed principles of design that are still in use today.

As the work of the Peel CPTED Committee was fulfilled, in 2005 Pat initiated and served on the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network. She also served on the Peel Regional Police Internet Safety Committee.

In 2006, Pat's contributions were recognized by Peel Regional Police who awarded her the prestigious Robert Boyne Award for Crime Prevention. In 2013 she was further honoured with the Crime Prevention Ambassador Award by the International Society of Crime Prevention Practitioners.

Pat believes that it is important to design communities that encourage residents to get outside walking and cycling as it promotes both health and safety. She was instrumental in ensuring that an entire community of 50,000 people in her ward was designed to be pedestrian and transit friendly as well as safe. By implementing basic CPTED principles, the Churchill Meadows community in northwest Mississauga is an example of how the proper design can create safer streets and parks.

Pat presented the plans for this community at a Making Cities Livable Conference and hopes to go back in the future to show how successful the design has been. She continues to apply CPTED on a daily basis to resolve crime issues and concerns in her community and to educate residents on how some simple changes can improve the safety of their property.

Pat was the second person to be named to the CPTED Ontario Honour Roll at the 2015 CPTED Ontario conference.