

COMMUNITY

Gael Miles Regional Councillor WARDS 7 and 8



Fall/Winter 2017



Pat FortiniCity Councillor
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Message from Regional Councillor Gael Miles

I am happy to keep you updated about the great things happening in our City. Brampton is in a time of change and we are preparing for the future. Rapid transit, a University, a Riverwalk in the Downtown, Economic Development, a Recreation Master Plan, and an Arts and Culture Master Plan are on the Council agenda at this time.

Your opinion is important and you can contribute by sharing your ideas and input for our brilliant future on www.brampton.ca/future ready. Get engaged in Brampton's Arts and Culture Master Plan and contribute to Brampton's position as a hub for innovation and opportunity.

As Council gives consideration to its Parks and Recreation Master Plan I will continue to advocate for a Seniors Centre in the east end of the city and a public consultation process regarding the future of our aging recreation centres in Bramalea.

Health, safety and the economic prosperity of the city continues to be my top priorities. I encourage you to connect with me on issues in your neighbourhood or matters that impact our city.

Message from City Councillor Pat Fortini

I hope you had a wonderful summer, attending events, festivals and sharing time with friends and family. Together we have achieved many positive results for Wards 7 and 8, but there is still much more to do.

My aim is to keep you up-to-date on the many initiatives and projects happening in our community. I am committed to focusing on key priorities to maintain building a strong infrastructure and providing valuable services in Brampton. Many of you have expressed your concerns and objections to me about current proposals to build additional high rises around the Bramalea area. I want to assure you that I will continue to advocate on your behalf.

In addition, the City is currently assessing all existing recreational facilities in the Bramalea area to meet the needs of residents. Your continued input in the 2018 budget and decision-making process is important.

I am always happy to meet with you to discuss your ideas or attend an event in the community. Please feel free to connect with me at anytime via email or phone.



City commits to university investment



The City of Brampton has committed to an investment strategy for a new university facility and a centre for education, innovation and collaboration in downtown Brampton. The \$50M will be spread over 10 years into a post-secondary facility, and up to \$100M into joint-use community space that could include a new central library, and entrepreneurial and cultural space in close proximity to the university facility. Specific decisions around timing, type of funding, and sources of funding will be made at a later time. Ryerson University and Sheridan College will be submitting its final proposal to the Province in Fall 2017, and the Province is expected to announce details later in the year.

Clearing the way



Winter will be here before we know it. When it snows, please don't park on the street until it has been salted or plowed — not even if you have a valid permit to park. It blocks access for snow clearing equipment and delays service to you and your neighbours. You could be fined and have your vehicle towed at your own expense.

The priority of Brampton's work crews is to clear the travelled portion of the road. The only place to move the snow is onto the boulevard, which includes driveways. As a result, the snow left at the end of driveways (known as "windrows") is unavoidable. The City does not clear windrows at this time, due to the high cost of providing this service. For all the information you need this winter, including service levels, tips and a snow plowing status map, visit www.brampton.ca/snow.

Seniors snow removal grant



Are you a senior or someone living with a permanent disability? If so, the City can help cover the cost of hiring someone to clear your snow. If you qualify, you can receive up to \$200 for a non-corner lot, or \$300 for a corner lot with sidewalks on two sides (if neither one is cleared by the City). Visit www.brampton.ca/snowgrant to learn more and find out how to apply.



Parks and recreation in Bramalea

The City has completed a Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) to guide the delivery of parks, open space, recreation and sport facilities over the next 15 years. This includes optimizing the use of older community centres in the Bramalea neighbourhood. Staff is now assessing the types of recreational activities and amenities the area needs, and how to best meet those needs, considering the age and condition of existing buildings. The PRMP also recommends the City offer a community centre for older adults on the east end. Analysis is underway, no decisions have been made yet. Watch for opportunities to provide your input as the planning process unfolds.



Widening driveways

Know the rules before you plan to widen driveways:

- For cutting the curb or widening the boulevard (land between road and sidewalk), you may require a permit from the City.
- For changing the landscape or grade of your property, you may also require a Fill Permit from the City. This is for the materials (soil, stone, concrete, sod etc.) that will be used on your driveway.
- You must also leave at least 0.6 m (two feet) of permeable landscaping between your driveway and side lot line

Visit brampton.ca or call Zoning services at 905.874.2090 for details.



Chinguacousy branch library gets a makeover

Check out the renovated Chinguacousy Branch, which includes an audio recording studio, new group study rooms, an expanded computer lab, a second location for Makerspace Brampton among other upgrades. Makerspace Brampton offers workshops and free access to 3D Printers and advanced technology to support creativity, innovation and 21st century learning.



Outdoor Skating

Enjoy the cold weather this winter at one of Brampton's three outdoor skating rinks. Skate through the trees at beautiful Gage Park, hit the ice at Mount Pleasant Village Square, or glide around the new canal-shaped skating trail at Chinguacousy Park. All our outdoor rinks are free to use, as weather permits. For hours of operation and updates on ice conditions, visit www.brampton.ca.

Fully accessible activity hub coming in Spring 2018

A fully accessible activity hub is coming in Spring 2018 at

Creditview Road and Sandalwood Parkway. This 100-acre park facility will be fully accessible for persons with physical, mental, and emotional challenges.



What's your vision of Brampton?

Brampton is a diverse and rapidly growing city, and Council has identified the need for a comprehensive planning vision to guide us as we grow. This vision will help us understand what Brampton can – and will – be in 25+ years, and the critical steps along the way. As part of this journey, the City is working with internationally acclaimed urban visionary Larry Beasley.

Extensive community engagement is critical to developing this vision. Over the past weeks, the City has been asking for your thoughts on Brampton's future. For up-to-date information, visit www.brampton.ca/futureready.



Fitness trails

As part of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure funding, new outdoor fitness equipment is being installed along the perimeter trail of Chinguacousy Park. This new equipment will provide running and fitness options geared toward all levels of fitness for youth (13+), seniors, and people with disabilities. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2018.





ActiveAssist fee assistance program

ActiveAssist is a fee subsidy program designed to help low-income families and individuals in Brampton participate in recreation programs. This assistance is given in the form of a credit to your account of \$275/person, per 12-month period. Confidentiality is always maintained.

To apply, complete the ActiveAssist Application Form (available online or at any recreation centre).

Applicants will need to provide proof of residency, proof of total family net income, and proof of legal responsibility for all dependents listed on the application. A list of acceptable support documentation is available on the ActiveAssist webpage and application form.

brampton.ca/recreation activeassist@brampton.ca 905.874.2313.

Events

November

Great Pumpkin Party

Wednesday, November 1 Garden Square

Remembrance Day Parade/Service

Saturday, November 11 Ken Whillans Square

Tree Lighting

Friday, November 17 Ken Whillans Square

Christmas Market

November 17 - 19 **Downtown Brampton**

Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, November 18 **Downtown Brampton**

December

New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31 **Downtown Brampton**

January 2018

New Year's Levee Date, location tbc

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www.brampton.ca TTY: 905.874.2130

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Message from the Mayor



Brampton is the ninth largest city in Canada, and the second fastest growing. Our population is one of the youngest, most diverse and dynamic in Ontario.

Ryerson University and Sheridan College have applied to the Province to bring an exciting, unique campus into Brampton. Securing a University wasn't easy but now all the associated economic and social benefits which have been a priority for our City and our residents are within reach.

Your elected representatives and staff are working on delivering something truly extraordinary for Brampton. Committing to a historic investment in our University, we ensure a brighter future for our residents, our businesses, and our youth.



Sidewalk not Slidewalk



Keep sidewalks safe for everyone by clearing snow promptly. If you're in a corner home, clear the front and the side. If you see uncleared sidewalks on your street the day after a snowfall, call 311 to alert the City.



Respect the Space

When you're out for holiday shopping or enjoying a winter activity this season, avoid parking in or overlapping on an accessible parking spot. Help keep these spots free for those who really need them.

Storing waste carts

Region of Peel waste carts (for garbage, recycling and organics) must be stored in your side or back yard or the garage. In the case of townhouses, if such space is not available, then they may be permitted to store in the front yard.



Report a problem

Want to report a pothole? Need a City-owned tree pruned? You can report problems and request services by calling 3-1-1 or emailing 311@brampton.ca. Through 3-1-1, the Service Brampton team will review, create, and dispatch your request to the relevant City staff.

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