



COMMUNITY Update



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Councillors' Message

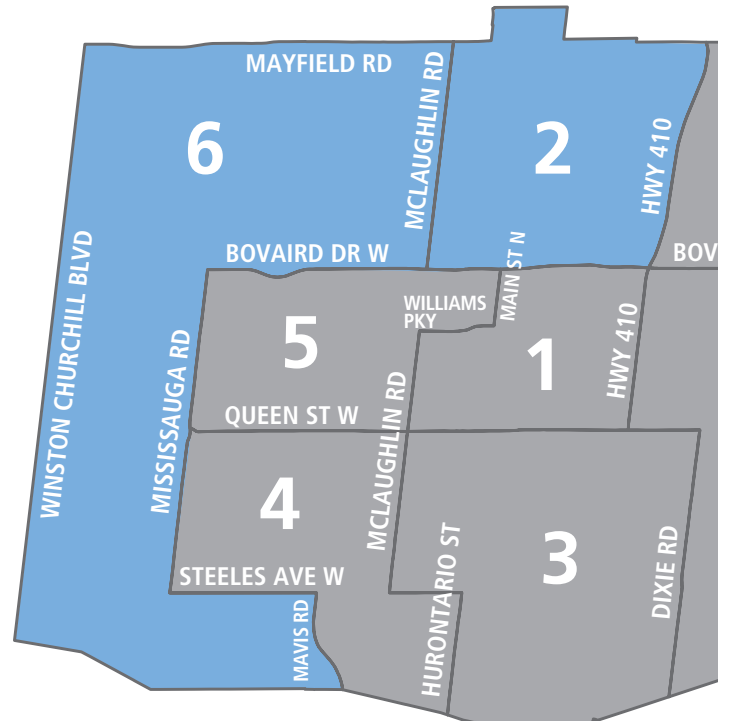
We are pleased to have this opportunity to reach out to the residents of Wards 2 and 6 with this semi-annual newsletter. This community update is designed to inform you about matters of interest, not only in Wards 2 and 6 but across Brampton. We hope you will take the time to look through it.

Wards 2 and 6 contain a number of unique and exciting communities. Some areas have a long history - Heart Lake, Churchville for example - while others are much more recent like Mount Pleasant Village. Wards 2 and 6 will continue to evolve, develop and grow as Brampton remains one of the fastest growing cities in Canada. We are committed to ensuring all future growth in Wards 2 and 6 will reflect and enhance the historical past and modern-day diversity of our existing neighbourhoods.

The most important purpose of this newsletter is to engage you in your community. Please feel free to contact either of us; we are here to help you and represent your interests. Your input and comments are invaluable in building a community you will continue to be proud to call home.

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Community Building

Both of our fathers made a significant contribution to Brampton. Former Mayor Ken Whillans and former Regional Councillor Paul Palleschi served during a time of enormous growth and development in our city – they helped shape the city we know and love today and contributed meaningfully to lay the foundation for Brampton’s future success. They had a clear sense of commitment to working with their residents for the greater good ... a strong, stable and predictable future for the City of Brampton. This is known as ‘community building’.

We are committed to building on the strong sense of community that already exists in Wards 2 and 6. Working with you, a Farmers’ Market and Movie Night in the Mount Pleasant Village Square have become events our residents look forward to. These incredibly successful events bring people from all our neighbourhoods and, in fact, neighbourhoods across the city. These are marvellous family events and are fast becoming a hallmark of the Mount Pleasant Village community.

In the Heart Lake community, local residents worked with a builder/ developer, city staff and us to deliver a new subdivision that is complementary with the existing character of the neighbourhood; an infill development supported by surrounding residents is an infrequent outcome. This successful conclusion was the result of a long and challenging process. The commitment of our residents and all involved in the project ultimately led to a well-designed, attractive enclave that adds to the character of a long established community. Neighbourhood participation and positive engagement is the ultimate expression of good community building.

Community Building begins with engaged and involved neighbours who have a constructive, future-oriented vision for their community. Hand in hand with similarly committed local representatives and landowners, the future of Wards 2 and 6 will continue to respect our proud past and celebrate our emerging diversity, and that means Brampton will continue to have a strong, stable and predictable future.



Regional Government ... Brampton’s Position

During the last term of Regional Council, a decision was made to begin a review of the governance model at the Region of Peel. A task force consisting of the Mayors of Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga, the Regional Chair, and senior staff was created to report back on (i) governance of the Region of Peel; (ii) the options for election of the Regional Chair; and, (iii) the composition of Regional Council. The report is due this month.

The City of Brampton’s position on this matter is straightforward. If the Region of Peel continues as a level of government, Brampton must have representation at the Regional Council table that reflects our current (and future) population. This notion of ‘representation by population’ has been part of the Canadian political system since the time of Confederation. For larger municipalities such as ours, it is central to achieving fair and balanced representation particularly in two-tier governments like Peel.

Brampton continues to advocate for an increase in our Regional Council representation by four additional members. In other words, all Brampton Councillors should sit at the Regional Council table, as they do in Mississauga. In this way, our City’s needs are equally represented at the Region of Peel and our taxpayer’s interests are properly and fully represented.



Councillors Whillans and Palleschi at the opening of the Mount Pleasant Farmers’ Market

Your City. Your Tax Dollars. Get Involved.

The City of Brampton has started to develop Budget 2017. This includes deciding how much money the City will need to maintain current service levels and future infrastructure needs. Budget 2017 will decide how much property tax will be collected and how it will be spent. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and get involved. There will be lots of opportunities for residents to provide feedback. Visit brampton.ca/budget for details.



What's New with Brampton Transit?

In September 2016, Brampton Transit will introduce increased Züm service from the Downtown Terminal west along Queen Street connecting to Mount Pleasant GO Station.

Brampton Transit continues to grow to meet the city's growth and ridership demand. It carried over 21 million passengers in 2015, a 3.7 per cent increase from the previous year.

Brampton Transit offers its customers a fleet that is 98 per cent accessible, continued improvements to service and the convenience of the PRESTO card. Riders can access next-bus information through Next Ride – a service that provides real-time information via text, email and a mobile site. To find out more, visit bramptontransit.com and click on Next Ride.

To stay up-to-date on service improvements and other projects, sign up for Brampton Transit's new e-newsletter at bramptontransit.com.

Brampton Sports Hall of Fame

Honour a Bramptonian who has made an outstanding contribution to sport – nominate an athlete, builder, veteran or team for the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame. Nominations for potential 2017 inductees are due by December 15, 2016.

For eligibility criteria and nomination forms, visit bramptonports.ca.



Carabram: Brampton's Multicultural Friendship Festival — July 8 to 10, 2016

Carabram celebrates Brampton's diverse culture through music, dance, food, art and story-telling. Visit carabram.org/ for more information.

Second Units

Second units are permitted in detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings in Brampton, subject to zoning requirements and restrictions. In order to be legal, second units must be registered with the City of Brampton. A second unit is a self-contained residential unit located within a house. It may be in any part of the house, including the basement.

Registering a second unit is a one-time process to make the dwelling safe for the residents of both units. To be legal, a second unit must be registered with the City of Brampton and meet the following general requirements:

- Zoning By-law compliance
- Building Code and/or Fire Code compliance
- Electrical Safety Authority compliance
- Verification of homeowner's insurance
- Payment of all required fees

You may also see second units referred to as:

- Basement apartments
- Two-unit housing
- Granny flats
- In-law suites
- Accessory apartments
- Secondary units/suites

For more, visit brampton.ca/secondunits.



Events

June

June is Recreation Month

June 1 – 30, Check your local recreation centre for activities

Springfest

June 3, noon – 3 pm, Knightsbridge
June 10, noon – 3 pm
Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre

CeleBRAMPTON

Saturday, June 11, 11 am – 4 pm
Downtown Brampton

Brampton Farmers' Markets

Downtown Brampton (Saturdays)
June 18 to October 8, 7 am – 1 pm
Main Street and Queen Street

Mount Pleasant Village (Thursdays)

June 23 to October 6, 4 – 8 pm
(until 7 pm as of September 8)
Mount Pleasant Village Square

July

Canada Day Celebration

Friday, July 1, noon – 10 pm
Chinguacousy Park

Summer Camps

July 4 – September 2

August

Seniors Open House

August 8, noon – 3 pm
Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre

Canada 55+ Games

August 16 – 19, Various locations



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Message from the Mayor

Brampton is one of the fastest-growing and diverse cities in Canada and more than 600,000 people proudly call it home. My Council colleagues and all City of Brampton staff are focussed on building and maintaining a liveable, active, vibrant and healthy city.

Your Council's vision for Brampton is a connected city that is innovative, inclusive and bold. As a team, we are all working together to move the city forward through our strategic priorities of: Good Government, Smart Growth, Move and Connect, and Strong Communities.

I believe robust community engagement is the cornerstone to building a city that meets the growing needs of a young, well-educated and diverse city on the cusp of many great things. Since taking office, this Council has committed to communicating and engaging with you – our residents – on many important issues facing Brampton. Over the coming years the City will be reaching out to you on important city building issues like; the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, youth engagement, the City's Official Plan and of course our Budgets.

All of us on Council look forward to hearing from you and working together to build a better Brampton.

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