



COMMUNITY Update

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Message from the Councillors

We hope you enjoy the Ward 7&8 Newsletter, showcasing great things are happening in Brampton. This summer there are activities, events and festivals to be enjoyed by the whole family. Brampton as host of the 55+ Seniors Games, will welcome thousands of athletes and their families from across Canada. Saturday mornings enjoy the World Class Farmers Market in our Historic Downtown and enjoy the taste and sounds of local artists. Brampton has always got something to offer and we encourage you to enjoy your city.

Economic Development is a key priority of Council. Our city is financially sound with a Standard and Poor's Triple "A" credit rating, and Brampton has one of the lowest property taxes in the GTA. These important facts mean more jobs and a stronger economy.

We are proud to represent you at City and Regional Council, and encourage you to contact us with your opinions and your concerns.

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely, Gael & Pat

Chinguacousy Park Skating Trail

Exciting news for Brampton residents and visitors: a new outdoor ice skating facility is coming to Chinguacousy Park by the end of 2016!

Designed in the shape of a canal, the rink's features allow for new and experienced skaters to move freely and safely without interrupting the flow. During the summer months, the 'canal' will become a large, shallow reflective pool that will allow some water play. When required, the pool can be drained to provide a large plaza to support outdoor events, performances and other gatherings.

In addition to the skating trail, this multi-use facility will have pedestrian pathway connections, an open space/plaza, seating areas, and new landscape, lighting and furniture. Stay tuned – great things happen in Chinguacousy Park!

Community Update: Howden Recreation Centre

Wards 7 and 8 have several older recreation centres that have reached their normal life span. A recent staff report to Council highlighted the challenges with some of our more aged facilities, noting a backlog of required work exceeding \$50 million. Faced with this reality, the municipality will have to make some difficult choices about these facilities.

One of the first challenges to be addressed involves the future of Howden Recreation Centre. Built in 1974, the facility's most recent building audit estimates show the facility needs approximately \$4.4 million in capital improvements. This includes a new roof, retrofit of the pool and decking, building foundation work, and new heating, air conditioning and dehumidification systems – plus various other requirements. The upgrades also need to meet current Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act standards.

Three options are being considered for Howden: fix only the most urgent concerns to extend the life of the building for the short-term; conduct major renovations to allow for a longer-term use of the facility; or replace the entire building (either on the same site or elsewhere). The pool will remain closed while Council considers all the options. Public consultation will occur before Council makes any decisions about this facility. If you would like to participate, contact our office via phone or email.

Meanwhile, the City is developing a Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which may factor into the discussion about Howden. The Master Plan will provide a long-term, strategic framework to guide the delivery of parks, open space, recreation and sports facilities for the City over the next 15 years. Please visit brampton.ca/PRMP for more information.



Adopt-a-Park in your Neighbourhood

Make a commitment to Brampton's environment – adopt one of the City's 400 parks, parkettes or green spaces! In the Adopt-a-Park program, community groups and volunteers carry out cleanups of their adopted park on a regular basis. Visit brampton.ca for more details.

Idling Gets You Nowhere

Idling contributes to poor air quality and affects public health. As little as 10 seconds of idling uses more fuel than when you restart your engine. In Brampton, the average car idles for eight minutes per day. Over a year, that will cost \$114 in gas (at current prices) and releases 202 kg of CO₂ into the atmosphere. When you are waiting in your car in driveways, parking lots, drive-through lanes, at schools or stopping to talk to friends, remember that idling gets you nowhere!

Lobbyist and Gift Registries

Lobbyist and Gift Registries are now in effect, boosting transparency and accountability at City Hall. Any individual or organization lobbying a member of Council or staff must register with the City, and all lobbying activity will be made public. Statements of gifts will be posted four times a year, at brampton.ca



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.

Get Active, Stay Healthy, and Enjoy Life!

Did you know that 55% of our population is overweight or obese according to the Medical Officer of Health? Brampton offers many ways for you and your family to get active and stay healthy.

Biking, dancing or swimming – there are all kinds of ways to stay healthy and active in Brampton! Register today at brampton.ca. Participate in Bike Brampton's Community Rides on July 10th, 9.45 am starting at Chinguacousy Park and July 19th, 6.15pm at Clairville, Dairy Queen. For more information go to bikebrampton.ca

Trails and parks

Brampton boasts five major trails and more than 6,000 acres of parkland – walking, running and cycling are fun and healthy ways to get around the city. Look for Brampton's Trails & Pathways map online or at City facilities to guide your way.

Fitness programs

City of Brampton fitness memberships include city-wide, unlimited access to fitness classes, weight rooms, tracks, public swims and skates, shinny, squash, and racquetball. Programs and facilities are available for all ages and levels of ability.

Swim to Survive 14+

Brampton is the first municipality in Canada to offer the Lifesaving Society's Swim to Survive programming to adults. The Swim to Survive program is FREE and can help save a life by teaching the skills it takes to survive a fall into water. Swim to Survive 14+ is available for teens and adults at recreation centres across the city.

Economic Development: A Council Priority

Brampton continues to attract residential and business growth, rating sixth nationally with \$2.7 billion in construction activity. Large and medium size businesses recognize our great location, young, diverse and skilled work force, AAA credit rating, and enviable quality of life. Companies like Amazon, Air Canada Operations, Canadian Blood Services, Gap Inc, and BMW Canada have set up offices here, creating more jobs and opportunities for our residents. Competing in a global market, our excellent team of professionals are building strategic partnerships with business leaders internationally to attract and support our existing businesses. For more information see Brampton's Annual Economic Report for 2015 at brampton.ca



Construction

Starting each spring, the City repairs a number of roads throughout Brampton. Visit brampton.ca/roadworks for a full list of projects; updated daily.

Protect Yourself and Your Family

In case of fire, get out and stay out!

The law requires working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide (CO) alarms on every storey and outside every sleeping area in your home. If a fire breaks out, there is one very simple rule to remember: get out and stay out. Every second you wait to call 911 results in a larger fire with more damage. It puts you, your family, your neighbours and responding firefighters at serious risk. Each family should have a fire emergency plan with a pre-planned meeting place outside of the home and do not go back in the house for any reason. Call 911 immediately from a mobile phone or a neighbour's house, and wait for properly trained and equipped firefighters.



Second Units

Provincial legislation requires municipalities to establish policies and zoning by-laws allowing second units in detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings, as well as in secondary structures. 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, and it must 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

Brampton Transit

For up-to-date transit related information, including Next Ride, service improvement and other projects, visit bramptontransit.com, and sign up for Brampton Transit's new e-newsletter.



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

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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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2016 Canada 55+ Games

From August 16-19, the 2016 Canada 55+ Games will bring more than 2,000 athletes, coaches and officials to Brampton to participate in a variety of events. 22 sports will be played at community centres and recreational sites including the historic Chinguacousy Park, Cassie Campbell Community Centre and the state-of-the-art Gore Meadows Recreation Centre. Special events include the Opening Ceremony at the Powerade Centre, live entertainment at Garden Square in downtown Brampton, and a concert in Gage Park.

Visit c55plusgames2016.ca for schedules, sports venues and more.

Thanks Neighbour!

Guide to City By-laws

By-laws help maintain the quality of life for our residents –and every Bramptonian has a role to play to upholding these standards. Knowing and following our by-laws helps everyone enjoy a clean, safe neighbourhood and shared public spaces

Have you ever wondered what the rules are for parking on the street in front of your house? Thinking about home renovations and not sure what permits are required? Concerned about meeting the standards for yard maintenance for the property you rent out?

Find all of this information and more from Enforcement and By-law Services in the new, updated "Thanks Neighbour" online guide at brampton.ca/bylaws.

Volunteers Needed!

Become an ambassador for your city and volunteer to be a part of the Canada 55+ Games. With a variety of positions available (sport specialist, food services, hospitality and general Games volunteers), we have something for every skillset, interest and ability.

Benefits of volunteering:

- Get connected – have fun, meet new people and be part of a team while enjoying the event activities
- Learn and develop a new skill
- Get hands-on experience while fulfilling your required 40 hours of community service in order to graduate from high school

Visit c55plusgames2016.ca for information and to register.

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