



# COMMUNITY Update



**John Sprovieri**  
Regional Councillor  
WARDS 9 and 10



**Spring/Summer  
2017**



**Gurpreet Dhillon**  
City Councillor  
WARDS 9 and 10

## Message from Regional Councillor Sprovieri



It has been my pleasure to serve the Wards 9 and 10 communities for 28 years on City Council and 14 years on Regional Council. I am excited, as a Councillor, father, neighbour and resident to be a part of this city as it grows and evolves into a progressive and [future ready](#) city.

The University, the Gore Meadows expansion and new Springdale Library are three great new and exciting initiatives for Wards 9 and 10 – please find more details included in the newsletter.

I look forward to continuing to serve the constituents and take our city to new heights.

## Message from Councillor Dhillon



Building a better Brampton for you and your family has been my top priority since taking office over two years ago. Along with my successful motion last year to create more employment lands, I am proud that I sat on the Blue Ribbon Panel that helped bring a university to our city. The university will not only create opportunities, it will also have a major economic impact.

With an estimated 20 years left until Brampton's land is fully developed, I am committed to ensuring that we will have the jobs, education, and necessary transit to sustain the nearly 900,000 residents that will be living here. Like you, I am excited for the opportunity that our children will be living in a city that is ['Future Ready'](#).

The Dhillon family: Kawaljit, Karam Singh, Shabaig Singh, Gurpreet

## University for Brampton

The process to bring a university to Brampton continues to progress. Recently, the Province revealed that Ryerson University, in partnership with Sheridan College, submitted an application to establish a new facility in Brampton. The Province will work with Ryerson and its partners over the coming months to refine its proposal. The City is excited to continue its discussions with Ryerson University, the Province and all stakeholders to develop a unique centre that combines education with innovation and collaboration – something beyond a traditional university campus. We're still in the early stages. Stay tuned for more details.

## They've been named



A new library and park coming up at 10705 Bramalea Road now have names. The Springdale Branch Library, a 26,000 sq. ft. (2,415 m<sup>2</sup>) facility, will also house a seniors space and program rooms in a progressive and innovative triangular design. The library will be complemented by the Komagata Maru Park that includes a themed, accessible playground, a small splash pad, and a garden/water feature known as the Unity Garden.

The park and garden design will commemorate the Komagata Maru incident while also conveying a broader message about immigration, multiculturalism and how Canada, and Brampton in particular, have become destinations for immigrants from across the world.

The project is set to open in late fall.

## Electric buses in Brampton by Spring 2018



Up to 10 battery-electric buses and four high powered overhead on-street electric charging stations are coming to Brampton. The new 100 per cent battery electric buses will be launched on two existing conventional routes in Brampton, routes 23 Sandalwood and 26 Mount Pleasant, with new overhead charging stations at the Mount Pleasant Village terminal, the Queen Street/ Highway 50 Zum station, and the Sandalwood Transit Facility.

The fully electric buses could hit Brampton's streets as early as spring 2018.

Better understanding of battery electric bus technology will help prepare Brampton Transit to meet the future growth demands of the city, while reducing fuel costs and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

**How will a university benefit Brampton?** Any successful world-class city needs a talented work force to help it grow and prosper. A university presence in Brampton will ensure that our residents have options for higher education right here at home.

Consider this: the cost of a university degree is a significant investment for students and families. Approximately half of Ontario students live at home while pursuing a university education. For full-time Brampton students attending university in other GTA locations, transportation costs could amount to about \$1,700 per year. This cost could be cut in half if students had the opportunity to attend university in Brampton.



## Gore Meadows Community Centre and Library is growing

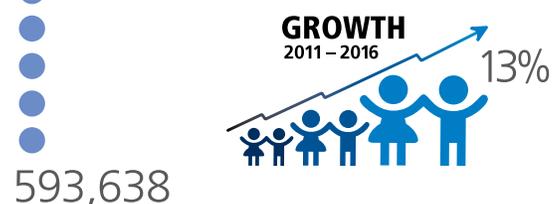
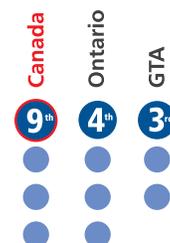
Construction is progressing well on Phase Two of Gore Meadows Community Centre and Library. When it opens later this year, the facility will be more than double its original size! The additional 80,000 square feet will house a huge aquatics area with an eight-lane lap pool, a leisure pool and water slide. A new and improved fitness centre will be greatly expanded, with a small group training studio, new fitness equipment, and a walking track.

An outdoor covered skating rink is also being built for your winter fun.

Meanwhile, in the existing building, summer camps and other registered programs such as sports, preschool and dance will continue as scheduled.

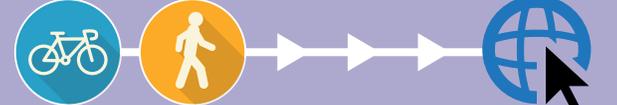
## Brampton is Growing — 2016 census

### LARGEST CITY



# Planning for Brampton's future

For a city of nearly 600,000 people, there is continuous and extensive planning that is required. If you've heard of the City's master plans but don't know what they are about, here's a quick guide:

<b>Official Plan</b>	Guides everything from housing development to transit and more. Public engagement starts in fall.	 <a href="http://brampton.ca/opreview">brampton.ca/opreview</a>
<b>Environmental Master Plan</b>	<b>10-year</b> plan for a healthier, resilient and more livable Brampton. <b>Brampton Grow Green</b> plan guides environmental sustainability.	 <a href="http://brampton.ca/ecopledge">brampton.ca/ecopledge</a>
<b>Parks and Recreation Master Plan</b>	<b>15-year</b> plan to improve and develop parks, recreational facilities and programs. Opportunities for healthy living, accessible to all. Public input is important when plan is finalized this fall.	 <a href="http://brampton.ca/prmp">brampton.ca/prmp</a>
<b>Queen Street Transit Master Plan</b>	<b>30-year</b> plan to improve transit on Queen Street corridor (McLaughlin Rd. to Regional Rd. 50). Bus rapid transit or light rail transit or a combination of both. Public consultation in 2017.	 <a href="http://brampton.ca/QSTMP">brampton.ca/QSTMP</a>
<b>Active Transportation Master Plan</b>	Strategy for building a connected cycling and pedestrian network. Encouraging cycling as a viable means of travel for work and leisure. Public can provide input using online form.	 <a href="http://brampton.ca/atmp">brampton.ca/atmp</a>

## Widening driveways

Are you thinking of widening your driveway? Here's what you need to know:

- If you are cutting the curb or widening the boulevard portion (the land located between the road and the sidewalk), you would require a permit from the City.
- If you are changing the landscape or grade of your property, you will also require a Fill Permit from the City. This is for the materials that will be used on your driveway, such as soil, stone, concrete, sod etc.

Visit [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca) or call the City's Zoning department at 905.874.2090 for details of the permit. The City's website also has useful information about the maximum area that you can widen your driveway based on the width of your property.



## Brampton Transit route cards

Brampton Transit plans to eliminate route cards due to significant growth of services and the increased frequency of changes to bus routes. Starting September 2017, PDF versions of the route cards will be available online but will no longer be printed. In September 2018, PDF versions of route cards will be eliminated, only route maps and frequency guides will be available online.

Brampton Transit offers a number of tools to help passengers access schedule information that is more accurate and reliable than route cards. These include Next Ride, Triplinx and the Brampton Transit Customer Contact Centre at 905.874.2999. Residents can visit [www.bramptontransit.com](http://www.bramptontransit.com) and click on the **Plan Your Trip** link for more information on these services.



## Trail and playground improvements

The City is making improvements to a number of playgrounds and trails in your neighbourhood. Playground equipment at Softneedle Parkette, Clover Bloom Parkette, Upwood Park and Ezard Park will be replaced for better accessibility. Some sections of Nasmith Park, Sesquicentennial Park and Stephen Llewelyn Trail will also be updated for improved pedestrian and cycling access. For more details, visit [www.brampton.ca/parks](http://www.brampton.ca/parks).

# Events

## June

### **CeleBrampton**

Saturday, June 10, 11 am onwards  
Downtown Brampton

### **Municipal 101**

Thursday, June 8, 12 noon to 2 pm  
Gore Meadows Community Centre

### **Farmers' Market**

Saturdays, June 17 – Oct 7  
7 am to 1 pm  
Downtown Brampton

### **Mount Pleasant Market**

Thursdays, June 22 – October 5  
5 to 9 pm

## July

### **Celebrate Canada Day Brampton**

Saturday, July 1, 12 noon to 10 pm  
Chinguacousy Park

## September

### **Animal Shelter Open House and Adopt-a-thon**

Saturday, September 16  
475 Chrysler Drive

### **Culture Days**

Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1  
Various locations

### **Brampton Arts Walk of Fame**

Saturday, September 30  
Garden Square

### **Doors Open Brampton**

Saturday, September 30  
Various locations

### **Councillor Dhillon's Basketball drop-in program**

Tuesdays September 2017 to June 2018  
Louise Arbour Secondary School  
365 Father Tobin Rd, Brampton

## October

### **Downtown Harvest Market**

Saturdays, October 14 – November 4,  
9 am to 1 pm  
Downtown Brampton



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## Message from the Mayor

Brampton has a lot to be excited about. Our City is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest in Canada, and the second fastest growing. We are an emerging innovation hub on the Toronto-Brampton-Waterloo Region Innovation Super Corridor, the second largest high tech cluster in North America. Your Council is focused on building a future ready city, and has recently approved our 2016-2018 [Strategic Plan](#). The new plan will help move Brampton forward as a connected city that is innovative, inclusive and bold with a focus on six priorities: planning vision, health partnerships, university, regional

connections, urban centres and Riverwalk.

What truly sets us apart is our people; we have a young, diverse and highly educated population looking to be players on the provincial, national and international stage. Together as a team, we are working to realize the full potential of our City, and we are looking forward to hearing more from residents like you. A robust community requires an active citizenry and your local Councillors are looking for your feedback and suggestions – be active in your local government, in your local community, and on your local issues. We are on the cusp of something great in Brampton, and together we can bring about the change required to push our City forward.

Linda Jeffrey

## Fire safety checklist



- Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms - IT'S THE LAW**  
Replace batteries and test alarms monthly.
- Visually inspect electrical cords and outlets**  
Replace worn or damaged cords. Have a licensed electrical contractor repair loose-fitting outlets.
- Clear the clutter, a clean garage is a safer garage**
- Clean eavestroughs thoroughly**  
Use a sturdy ladder and rubber gloves. Works in pairs to ensure safety.
- Clean and check BBQ**  
Clean burner ports and tubes. Test for those leaks with a 50/50 water/soap solution.
- Never cook with propane burners or barbecues in the garage or in the house**
- Store fuel and other combustibles safely**  
Keep them in a well ventilated shed away from sunlight and heat sources. Keep no more than 30L of gasoline in an attached garage.
- Make your house number visible from the road**  
Remove lot numbers and any low hanging branches from the front of the home

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