

Community Safety & Correctional Services

Hon. Michael Tibollo



Ministry of Community Safety & Correctional Services

The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Minister

Meeting: The Honourable Michael Tibollo, Minister
Monday, August 20, 2018
10:00 am – 10:10 am
Shaw Centre, Room 106 (Room 106)

Topics: Community Safety & Well-Being Plan

Community Safety Initiatives

OUR ASK:

Collaborate with the City of Brampton to develop and implement a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, to ensure our community remains one of the safest places to live, work and raise a family.

On June 27, 2018, Brampton's City Council passed a resolution bringing together community stakeholders, the City, the Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police to immediately develop and implement a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (the Plan).

The Plan will be to address safety concerns in our community and focus on measurable outcomes. The Plan includes a comprehensive community education, awareness and communications strategy, in multiple languages and utilizing multiple channels of communications and community engagement.

The City is leveraging strong networks and partnerships that are already in place, such as the work of our Community Safety Advisory Committee, partnerships with school boards, and our participation in local Town and Gown efforts on neighbourhood solutions around post secondary institutions. The City has reached out to partner agencies to complete a holistic and coordinated Community Safety Plan.

Safe Place Program

- The City is moving forward with implementation of the Safe Place program. Recently launched by the Peel Regional Police, the program partners with the residents and businesses in the Region of Peel, to assist victims of hate-motivated crime and incidents in the LGBTQ+ community. It provides a secure location for victims to report a hate-motivated crime and to get the assistance they need, with compassion and dignity.
- Businesses that wish to sign up can pledge their commitment online. The business will then receive a specially designed Safe Place sticker to be displayed prominently on the front window of the business. This sticker will serve to notify the community that this business is committed to providing safety to the victim by allowing them to enter their business premise, provide them with shelter and safety and by assisting the victim in contacting police to report hate-motivated crimes and incidents.

All City facilities will feature the Safe Place sticker at the facility entrance(s) and staff will receive training on city-wide procedures.

Emergency Management Planning

- Brampton is nationally recognized as a leader when it comes to being prepared for emergencies. We have a robust Emergency Management Plan, and undertake regular exercises to be certain that we are ready to respond to emergencies and weather-related events in our community.

Initiatives to Protect Transit Riders

- Brampton Transit's "Operator Assault Task Force's" mandate is to review incidents of assaults, and analyze the events leading up to and after the assault with an aim to make recommendations for improvement.

Education & Awareness

- Introduction of Brampton Transit's award winning^[1] "See Something, Hear Something, Say Something" public security awareness campaign.
- Developing a "zero-tolerance" policy regarding operator assaults which will be communicated via public education using digital and print media, and increasing the size and visibility of signage on the buses.
- Exploring the introduction of advanced technology features to support the program, including SMS/text reporting and a security app for mobile devices (similar to the TTC's "SafeApp" service provided by Elerts).

Recent City of Brampton's Community Safety Initiatives

- Advocating for Brampton's fair share of federal and provincial funding related to community safety.
- Requesting the new provincial Minister responsible for post-secondary institutions to immediately investigate illegal private colleges to ensure international students are meeting the intent of the federal government's policies for recruiting international students.
- Starting in September 2018, staff will begin conducting neighbourhood audits across the city by engaging with residents on improvements necessary. These discussions will include improvements related to safety such as lighting, open spaces, safe open pathways, and other enhancements that residents feel are necessary.

^[1] In 2016, Brampton Transit was the recipient of a national Corporate Leadership Award from CUTA for the introduction of the "See Something, Hear Something, Say Something" public security awareness program.

- Providing a technology solution to engage residents and partners in community safety issues through our GeoHub platform by identifying geographical areas of concern and working together on targeted solutions.
- Using our Nuisance By-law to increase our Enforcement Officers' ability to address nuisance concerns in the community such as loitering and loud music.

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