

Brampton



Ward Report



Bob Callahan
City Councillor
Wards 3 & 4

SPRING/SUMMER 2011 WARDS 3 AND 4

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Regional Councillor
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City Councillor Bob Callahan and Regional Councillor John Sanderson at the Peel Memorial Hospital redevelopment site

Dear residents

I wish to, first of all, thank you for your support in the recent municipal election. I promise to use all my energies in representing your interests. Although I have stepped down from my longstanding position as Council Representative on the Seniors Council, I will continue to strive to protect the interests of seniors. I am pleased that an initiative pursued by me was passed by Council; it provides reduced transit fares for seniors (see page 6).

I will continue to support expansion of recreational programs and facilities for seniors, as I continue to believe that such steps can allow them to stay healthy. During the recent budget deliberations, I argued against the inclusion of the one per cent levy at this time since many citizens are either out of work or hard pressed financially. This additional levy will not help the plight of such citizens. It will weigh particularly on those who are on fixed incomes and where even a minimal boost in taxes can make it difficult, if not impossible, for them to remain in their homes.

I have always been an advocate for a clean and sustainable environment. As a new board member of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), and working with community partners, I hope to ensure that we work towards improving rain water management, increasing our tree cover and creating a wildlife habitat, and conserving energy and drinking water across both public and private lands. We will also be looking into various means to get more people interested and involved in this endeavour as well as educating our children. Just imagine: It's the year 2100, and our great-great-grandchildren enjoy living and working in a city and region that is cleaner, greener and healthier than the one we inhabit today.

I am always open to discuss your views on community issues that you wish me to pursue.

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Dear residents

I would like to thank all of you for your support in the recent Municipal Election. I made it a point of getting out and meeting as many of you as I could. I must tell you meeting residents face-to-face, listening to your concerns and helping with all your issues to the best of my ability is what I enjoy the most about my job.

Renovations and other improvements to our recreation centres are nearing completion, thanks in part to the financial assistance of the Federal and Provincial governments who contributed \$9.36 million to extend the life of the city's recreation assets. This will also create additional benefits for long-term economic growth and contribute to the health and quality of life of Brampton's residents.

It is my vision to have the William Osler Health Centre opened as an Integrated Health and Wellness Campus at the former Peel Memorial Hospital site. With our growing and diverse population, two hospitals are necessary to meet existing and

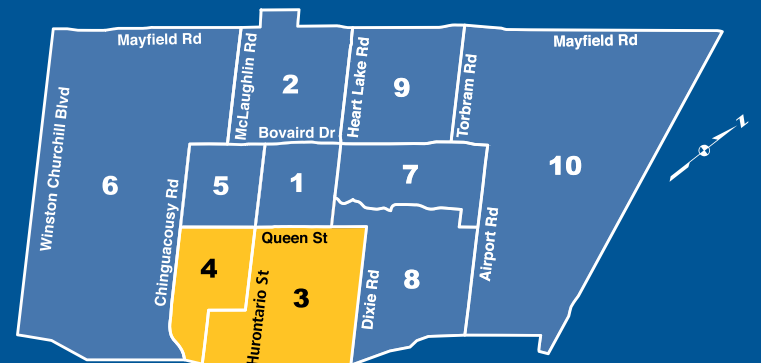
emerging health care needs in the community. As a member of the Community Partners Task Force, I am continuing to work with other community members and businesses to advocate for the redevelopment of the Peel Memorial Hospital site. The enhancement of our quality of life in Brampton is a priority for me.

I am looking forward to seeing you and your families out at the opening of the Farmers' Market on June 18 and I hope you stay and enjoy the Flower City Parade which begins at 2 pm. This year we are proud to participate in the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) and the parade will reflect Brampton as a diverse and dynamic place to live.

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Ward Map



Check out the Seniors Spring and Summer Activities Guide now available! Flower City Seniors Centre is home to over 120 recreation programs for men and women 55+. The centre offers a wide variety of activities such as tennis, badminton, sports, dance, computers, bus trips, special events as well as fun drop-in activities like cards and games. Don't forget a variety of services available to the members that include a salon, aesthetics, massage therapy and a foot care clinic.

The City's seniors programs are reasonably priced and a great way to stay active, meet new people, stay connected with the community and have fun. Pick up your Spring and Summer Activities Guide at the Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre, 8870 McLaughlin Road or call 905.874.3500 for details.

Fireworks safety

Fireworks may be a festive part of many celebrations, but they can also be dangerous. The City of Brampton has restrictions on fireworks to protect the safety of all residents.

- 1. ALL FIREWORKS ARE PROHIBITED in any other public area.
- 2. FIREWORKS MUST BE LAUNCHED FROM A PROPERTY THAT IS AT LEAST 60 FEET WIDE AT THE FRONT.
- 3. FIREWORKS ARE ONLY ALLOWED TO BE SET OFF ON YOUR PROPERTY ON FOUR DAYS IN 2011:
 - o Victoria Day (May 23)
 - o Canada Day (July 1)
 - o Diwali (October 26)
 - o New Year's Eve (December 31)
- 4. FIREWORKS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE SET OFF AT ANY TIME.

For more information on fireworks safety, call 311 or visit www.brampton.ca/bylaws

Emergency Preparedness Guide

The Brampton Emergency Measures Office (BEMO) has created a new Emergency Preparedness Guide for our community. The guide contains valuable information and helpful tips promoting awareness and preparedness in the event of an emergency.

The City of Brampton wants you to prepare for an emergency.

1. Learn how to be ready by understanding the hazards and knowing what to do during an emergency to stay safe.
2. Plan what to do by creating a family disaster plan.
3. Train and practise with your family.
4. Organize your emergency kits.
5. Secure and protect your home.
6. Safeguard your finances and have adequate insurance.

The new Brampton Emergency Preparedness Guides are available free of charge at Recreation Centres and the City Hall information kiosk. You can also visit BEMO at www.brampton.ca/prepared for an electronic copy of the guide or for additional preparedness information.

The BEMO is also available to give preparedness presentations throughout the year to schools, community groups, associations and businesses. Follow the Emergency Measures Office on twitter: www.twitter.com/bemoprepared

Heat alerts in Brampton

Last summer was the first in many years where a sustained Heat Alert was issued in Brampton. We actually had an extended heat alert for one day as well. With changing climates across the globe we should prepare to expect many more extreme weather events in Brampton in coming years.

The City of Brampton activates a number of procedures to help residents cope with the heat during a sustained heat wave. Cooling Centers are opened where all residents can relax, receive bottled water and other health information.

These are located at South Fletcher's Sportsplex, Cassie Campbell Community Centre, Century Gardens Recreation Centre and Earncliffe Recreation Centre. Pools, splash pads and recreation centres also extend hours during a Heat alert.

The Brampton Emergency Measures Office wants you to remember three key messages during a Heat Alert in Brampton:

1. Keep Cool
2. Stay Hydrated
3. Check on your Neighbours

For additional information on heat alerts in Brampton visit www.brampton.ca/prepared

Multilingual Services and alternate formats available

The City of Brampton takes pride in offering superior customer service to ensure that residents can easily and effectively access municipal programs and services.

Brampton is making every effort to ensure that the City's external communications (print and electronic) are accessible to all residents, including people with disabilities. A simple four word phrase – Available in alternate formats – is included on all external City publications to inform residents that if needed, they can request information in a format that meets their needs. For example: someone with a visual impairment may request for the information in larger font or in Braille. Overall, the intent is that the City will communicate using simple, plain language and use reasonable efforts to ensure that communications are appropriate to the situation and meet the individual needs of each customer.

To better serve our diverse community, the City of Brampton also offers a Multilingual Services Program. It includes interpretation and translation services that help with access to municipal programs and services. Telephone interpretation service is available in more than 150 languages, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. To use the service one has to identify the preferred language to the customer service representative. Also, translations of selected key documents are available on the City's website.

Making a Difference: a guide to By-Law Enforcement

Ever wonder what the rules are for parking on the street in front of your house? Thinking about installing a pool or hot tub and not sure what permits are required? Want to know if you are meeting the standards for yard maintenance? Not sure what they are? All of this information and much, much more can be found in one place.

Making a Difference, an easy-to-use guidebook that is now available from Enforcement and By-law Services.

Information is organized into sections that target each enforcement area including the home, yard, street, neighbourhood and park. Every resident plays a part in keeping Brampton safe and continuing to make it a beautiful place in which to live, work and play. This guidebook, which will be available at the end of June, can help all of us do our part to make a difference.

Pick up your copy at City Hall, Brampton Public Libraries or Enforcement Services at 485 Chrysler Drive (southeast corner of Williams Parkway) or get it online at www.brampton.ca/bylaws.

Municipal Responsibilities

E-mail

Department Phone Number

School Trustees

Regional Responsibilities

Provincial Responsibilities

Members of Provincial Parliament

Federal Responsibilities

Members of Federal Parliament

New lawn bowling facility at Flower City Community Campus

Brampton continues to be a leader in recreation and will be providing an opportunity for residents of all ages to learn the sport of lawn bowling at the new facility at the Flower City Community Campus. This facility is being funded through the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC)/Ontario Recreation (Ontario REC) Program funding.

The facility, adjacent to the Seniors Recreation Centre boasts eight outdoor bowling lanes and a 4,500 square foot clubhouse that includes a kitchen, indoor meeting space, a small administrative office and washroom amenities.

Although the primary use will focus on lawn bowling, the clubhouse component of the facility will be used for a number of other activities as well, including various seniors programs and special events. The new lawn bowling facility will provide an opportunity for new and existing members of the Brampton Lawn Bowling Club to participate in indoor bowls at both the recreational and competitive levels. It will also be available for use by members of the Seniors Recreation Centre, schools and local residents.

The revitalized Gage Park

Throughout the winter months, every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoons, Gage Park had fire pits and DJ music. Residents enjoyed some great skating and music. On special days such as Valentine's Day there were special draws and prizes offered. Family Day included games, music, and other activities for the whole family. With a new PA system in the Park, everybody had a rocking time. With the summer months ahead, exciting events are planned including the annual Rib N' Roll and Classic Cars. To get updates on the various events please visit www.brampton.ca. Hope to see you all there!

A Walk Through Time

This summer get yourself a copy of A Walk Through Time: Downtown Heritage Walking Tour, and take a whole new look at Brampton's history. This engaging tour showcases downtown Brampton's distinctive and vibrant built, natural and cultural heritage. The detailed, illustrated guidebook allows you to take the tour at your own pace, whether you have an hour or a full day. It provides walking directions and detailed information on such historically important sites as Alderlea, the Peel County Courthouse and Carnegie Library.

Brampton has a unique and distinctive heritage and is fortunate to have a heavy concentration of heritage sites located close together in the heart of the City. Pick up your copy at City Hall, the InfoKiosks or check online.

Main Street South Heritage Conservation District

Under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act, a municipal council may designate areas worthy of preservation as heritage conservation districts. In so doing, an historic neighbourhood becomes protected under the Ontario Heritage Act. Existing heritage buildings and landscapes are preserved and any new development must be compatible with the historic nature of the area.

This doesn't mean that homeowners cannot make changes to their properties. It means that any exterior changes, additions or new construction must contribute to the district's character.

Seven areas in downtown Brampton were identified as possible heritage conservation districts. The first of these to be pursued is Main Street South, from Queen Street to the point where the Etobicoke Creek crosses Main Street, between Harold Street and Nanwood Drive.

The large 19th and 20th century homes in this area, with their deep lawns and mature trees, act as a gateway to downtown Brampton and are a perfect candidate for this type of preservation. Since 1980, 76 heritage conservation districts have been designated by municipalities across Ontario. One of these is the Churchville area here in Brampton.

Since 2007 a series of studies and public consultations have taken place. Based on this, an initial report on the Main Street South conservation plan has been submitted by the consultant firm ERA and is currently being reviewed by City staff. The public will be invited to two Public Information Meetings to encourage community involvement and input into the development of the Main Street South conservation plan. Stay tuned for a Public Meeting notice. Once the plan is complete, a resolution will be brought to Council to approve

the Main Street South Heritage Conservation District, planned for fall 2011.

For more information on heritage conservation districts, call 905.874.2050 or visit www.brampton.ca

Chapelview Apartments goes "LEED Platinum"

On March 21, 2011, Martinway Developments Ltd. was officially informed by the Canadian Green Building Council that the newly completed Chapelview Apartments has achieved the highest environmental benchmark rating of "LEED Platinum". This 15-story 200 multi-residential affordable housing complex, together with six underground levels of residential and Brampton municipal parking, became the first project of its kind to achieve such a rating in North America.

In order to achieve such a milestone, Martinway Developments, through its innovative Corporate Sponsorship Program rallied some 40 Corporate Sponsors to join with them to not only achieve this Platinum rating status but also to create a greater awareness of the continued need for affordable housing in our communities and, in particular, in the Region of Peel.

The tenants living at Chapelview will have some of the best living conditions possible in a residential building. The "Chapelview Apartment Project" is representative of a "model" building and raises the bar by setting new construction and environmental standards. We hope that more buildings in Brampton will reflect these new standards. There is no greater accomplishment than achieving these milestones by providing the highest quality of living standards for individuals in our community with the greatest need.

County Court SNAP and the Green Home Makeover

The City of Brampton continues to partner with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Region of Peel to conduct a ground-breaking environmental study in the County Court neighbourhood. It's called the County Court SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan) and it's aimed at transforming the neighborhood to become more environmentally friendly and prepare it for climate change. Technical studies were performed on a wide variety of environmental factors including energy and water consumption, natural heritage and storm water management. Surveys were conducted with residents and business owners.

TRCA is now at the point in the project where they are starting to demonstrate ways that residents can make their home and their property more environmentally friendly.

The largest of these demonstration projects is the Green Home Makeover. In February, residents of the County Court neighbourhood were encouraged to enter for the chance to receive a complete green home makeover on both the inside and outside of their home.

After a rigorous selection process, one home was chosen from all the entries submitted. These neighbourhood champions (name was not available at press time) will spend the summer watching their home transform into a model for sustainable living. The home will receive over \$50,000 in appliances, home renovations and front yard landscaping, all of which will improve energy and water efficiency and reduce costs.

An open house is planned for the fall to showcase the makeover to the entire neighbourhood. For more information visit www.sustainableneighbourhoods.ca

Peel Memorial Hospital redevelopment

The new Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness promises to be more than a hospital. The William Osler Health System plan for Peel Memorial Hospital includes a multi-disciplinary integrated model of community-based care, anchored by an ambulatory and urgent care centre and a complex continuing care facility, to meet the health care needs of the residents of Brampton in an enhanced health and wellness campus.

Main areas of service include: urgent care; day surgery; treatment of health conditions; diagnostic services; women's and children wellness; mental health and addiction; seniors wellness and family health.

Redevelopment plans are as follows:

Phase 1: Ambulatory Facility – 2015

Phase 2: Inpatient Care Tower – 2025

Last year, in response to a formal request for funding by the William Osler Health System, Brampton City Council approved a \$60 million contribution, pending provincial government approval of the \$420 million redevelopment plan. The City of Brampton will lead the community effort to ensure that the Government of Ontario commits to the revitalization and restoration of health care services on the Peel Memorial Hospital site.



Councillor Bob Callahan and Regional Councillor John Sanderson with Danny Yiannakis, owner of the landmark DQ on Queen Street

Peel Village Golf Course

Located in the heart of Brampton is an oasis of green. The Peel Village Golf Club is constructed on a 67-acre flood plain surrounding the Etobicoke Creek. The course offers golfers nine challenging holes in a natural wildlife sanctuary.

The golf club offers the unique experience of actually playing in a wild garden. The course, a mix of tree-lined dog-legs and water hazards, is characterized by the beauty and difficulty of hole #3, and the course's signature hole, a par-5 featuring a double dog-leg carved out through the trees.

Peel Village joined the Audubon program in 1995. In 1998, it became the first municipal golf course to become fully certified under the Audubon Co-operative Sanctuary System. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

Parking meters

In 2010, Council approved the implementation of a number of recommendations identified in the Downtown Parking Strategy Report. These recommendations included the installation of new and additional on-street parking meters in 2011 at two locations: on George Street S, from Queen Street W to Wellington Street; and on Mill Street S, between Queen Street W and Wellington Street W.

Catholic Family Services Peel Dufferin (CFSPD)

This organization works with victims of violence and abuse providing access to services such as counseling, women's shelter, legal aid, law enforcement, children's aid and financial help. The centre, located at 60 West Drive, which is currently undergoing renovations, will be the future home of Peel Region's first and only Family Justice and Child Advocacy Centre. The agency received a \$1 million grant from Queen's Park and up to \$2.2 million from Ottawa under the Infrastructure Stimulus Funding (ISF) program.

The renovations will help provide CFSPD with a head office and co-located space for a number of complementary social and business services that will help many non-crisis clients get help. The Catholic Family Services Peel Dufferin serves some 20,000 people each year. The single "hub" will help families by offering a seamless and hassle-free service. Some agencies that will be housed at the new offices include: Associated Youth Services of Peel, Catholic Crosscultural Services, Family Education Centre, Peel Children's Aid Society, India Rainbow Community Services and Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse.



(Left to right, front row): Neil Davis; Regional Councillor John Sanderson; Madame Madaleine Meilleur, Minister of Community and Social Services; Linda Jeffrey, MPP Brampton Springdale; Emil Kolb, Chair of Peel Regional Council; and Harold Shipp

