December 28, 2013

City of Brampton Ice Storm Information Update

The City of Brampton continues to respond to the recent ice storm. Regular updates will be provided on information related to the severe weather. This is the update for Saturday, December 28. Ongoing updates are available on the City’s website www.brampton.ca.

Service updates from Hydro One Brampton are available at www.hydroonebrampton.ca

Shelters and Warming Centres

The Region of Peel Human Services is taking over shelter operations from the City.

Shelters
South Fletcher’s Sportsplex and Earnsliffe Recreation Centre are closing as overnight Emergency Shelters. Residents who require overnight shelter relief because of power outages caused by the ice storm may contact the Region of Peel Call Centre by calling 905.793.9200, ext. 0. The Region of Peel is able to support any resident at any time that requires shelter.

Additional information from the Region of Peel can be found on their website www.peelregion.ca.

Warming Centres
South Fletcher’s Sportsplex (500 Ray Lawson Blvd.) and Earnsliffe Recreation Centre (44 Eastbourne Dr.) will remain open as daytime Emergency Warming Centres between the hours of 6 am to 10 pm, until further notice.

Brampton City Hall will also remain open as a daytime Emergency Warming Centre, between the hours of 6 am to 10 pm.

New Year’s Eve Celebration – December 31 ● 7pm - 12:30am

The party is still on! Downtown Brampton will come alive at 7 pm on New Year’s Eve with free entertainment and activities for all ages. For full details, visit www.brampton.ca

However, due to the ice storm, some modifications have been made to ensure the safety of all participants:

- Gage Park (including the skating trail) will be closed due to tree damage
- The fireworks displays scheduled for 9 pm and midnight are cancelled

Residents are reminded that parking is limited and the best way to get there is on Brampton Transit which is FREE on New Year’s Eve. www.bramptontransit.com
Personal Fireworks on New Year’s Eve

Personal fireworks are allowed four days a year in the City of Brampton, one of which is New Year’s Eve. However, in light of the extensive tree damage caused by the ice storm and the piles of debris on the ground (branches, twigs, brush) the City is asking residents to refrain from using personal fireworks this year, for safety reasons.

Storm Debris Removal

Residents who do not wish to wait until their regular yard waste pickup may choose to bring ice storm brush debris (tree branches, twigs, etc.) to any of the following locations:

West
- Creditview/Sandalwood Park - Northwest Corner
- Teramoto Park - Northwest Corner
- South Fletchers Parking Lot - beside Ball Diamonds Northeast Corner

Central
- Conservation Park - Northwest Corner
- Fred Kline Park - Southeast Corner
- Duggan Park - Southeast Corner
- Bramalea Community Park - Southwest Corner

East
- Sesqui Centennial Park - Northeast Corner of lot off Bramalea Road
- Victoria Park - Old tennis courts

Click here to view a map of these locations. A mobile friendly version is available here.

Damaged Tree Removal

The City of Brampton’s Tree Preservation By-law 317-2012 (that conserves and protects trees and prohibits the injury or destruction of trees on private land) will be suspended for the following situations due to the recent ice storm.

Situations
A. Hazardous Trees - a destabilized or structurally compromised tree, or a tree with pest infestation, that may cause damage or injury to life or property
B. Injury to trees that are necessary for emergency work;
C. Trees located within two metres of an occupied building
D. Trees with a trunk diameter of less than 30 cm (12 inches)

Residents wanting to cut down their private trees (partially or fully) do not need a permit. However, the City must still be notified. These residents can Call 905.874.5143 from 7:30 am to 4:30 pm, or email parks.admin@brampton.ca.
Residents should contact Hydro One Brampton (905.840.6300, ext. 7250) to report trees in City parks that are hanging on overhead wires.

**Parks**

All parks remain closed, including Gage Park (and the skating trail).

Residents are advised to avoid parks, pathways and trails.

Staff is assessing damage within parks, and plowing is yet to begin in these areas.

**Updates and Information**

- Snow and road condition updates can be found on-line at www.brampton.ca/snow.
- Residents can also get updates by following @CityBrampton, @BramptonSnow, @BEMOPrepared and @MayorFennell on Twitter.