

Wards 1 & 5 | Spring 2026

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



ROWENA SANTOS



PAUL VICENTE

ROWENA SANTOS

Regional Councillor
Wards 1 & 5
905.874.2605
rowena.santos@brampton.ca

PAUL VICENTE

Regional Councillor
Wards 1 & 5
905.874.2601
paul.vicente@brampton.ca



It was a memorable start to 2026, with the Homecoming Celebration for Grammy and Juno Award winning artist Alessia Cara, Brampton's own, who was also inducted

into the Brampton Arts Walk of Fame. Congratulations, Alessia Cara!

Thanks to all residents who joined the Budget 2026 chat for Wards 1 & 5. We did it! We worked hard to achieve a ZERO per cent increase on operating, with the required contribution to support the hospital levy—prioritizing affordability, health and safety. Local highlights include the Chris Gibson Recreation Centre and Century Gardens Youth Hub openings this year, more programming at Bovaird House (including a refrigerated rink), a larger rink at Duggan Park to meet demand and the long-awaited playground at W.J. Clifford Park. Learn more at councillorsantos.ca/adopts-budget2026

Budget 2026 also includes more by-law enforcement and fire prevention officers, licence plate readers to address illegal on-street parking, 311 improvements and higher fines to hold repeat offenders accountable. I also led changes to fees and by-laws related to abandoned shopping carts to help prevent dumping in our green spaces and neighbourhoods.

Read more inside the Community Corner.

Rowena Santos
Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5



Since the start of the year, the City's 2026 Budget has been a key priority. In addition to Budget Chats held in wards across the city, I was pleased to take part in the Downtown Brampton BIA (DBBIA) roundtable, where local business leaders shared their insights and priorities for our downtown. We also hosted roundtable discussions with the arts and culture sectors, small and large business communities and heard directly from residents during our telephone town hall.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to participate and help shape this year's City Budget. It is an honour to serve the Brampton community as your Regional Councillor.

As Vice-Chair of the Budget Committee, I am proud to support Brampton's 2026 Budget, focused on delivering priorities and achieving results. Guided by affordability, safety and financial discipline, the budget invests in public safety, infrastructure and core services, while keeping property tax increases among the lowest in the GTHA. Together, we are building a strong, sustainable city for today and the future.

This newsletter highlights some of the work underway across the city. I remain committed to listening, advocating and working with you. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or my office.

Paul Vicente
Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5



L-R: Anna Chrzaniecki, Denise McClure, Councillor Paul Vicente, Louroz Mercader at DBBIA Roundtable



BUILDING STRONGER NEIGHBOURHOODS

Residents can help create a more connected community by becoming an Affiliated Neighbourhood Association. Affiliation offers access to City benefits, project support and funding through the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Program. In 2025, Brampton was home to 52 Neighbourhood Associations. These groups reported an 88% increase in a sense of safety within their neighbourhoods. For 2026, new applicants are encouraged to submit by April 30. Join your neighbours, strengthen local connections and help make your area safer and more welcoming for everyone. Learn more at brampton.ca/communitysafety



REVITALIZING DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON

Work continues in downtown Brampton with several projects moving forward. Riverwalk is entering early construction, bringing flood protection along Etobicoke Creek while adding new parks, walkways, bridges and public spaces. Streetscape improvements are progressing, with most of Queen Street expected to be completed in 2026 and work on Main Street beginning later this year. Demolition on Main Street North is complete and construction on the Garden Square expansion is planned for 2026. A new certified commercial kitchen will open soon, creating a culinary hub in the heart of downtown. For the latest updates, visit brampton.ca/downtown



PROPERTY STANDARDS: EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY

Keeping your property safe, clean and well maintained is a shared responsibility that helps build stronger communities. Property owners and tenants must ensure homes and yards are in good repair, free of hazards, pests and debris. That means cutting grass before it grows taller than a soccer ball (20 cm), properly storing garbage and waste carts, keeping driveways and walkways clear and using parking areas correctly, not on lawns or overhanging curbs. Homes must also meet basic safety standards, including working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and clear exits. Routine property maintenance supports safety and compliance with City by-laws. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws

ROAD SAFETY STARTS WITH YOU

As spring approaches, residents are reminded to slow down and stay alert -- especially in school zones and neighbourhoods. Warmer weather brings more pedestrians, cyclists and families outdoors, increasing activity on local roads. Always obey school crossing guards, reduce your speed and be prepared to stop for school buses. When a school bus stop arm is extended and lights are flashing, drivers must stop. This applies to traffic in both directions unless a raised median separates the roadway. By staying alert and following the rules of the road, we can all help keep our community safe. Learn more at brampton.ca/roadsafety



THINKING ABOUT WIDENING YOUR DRIVEWAY? KNOW THE RULES

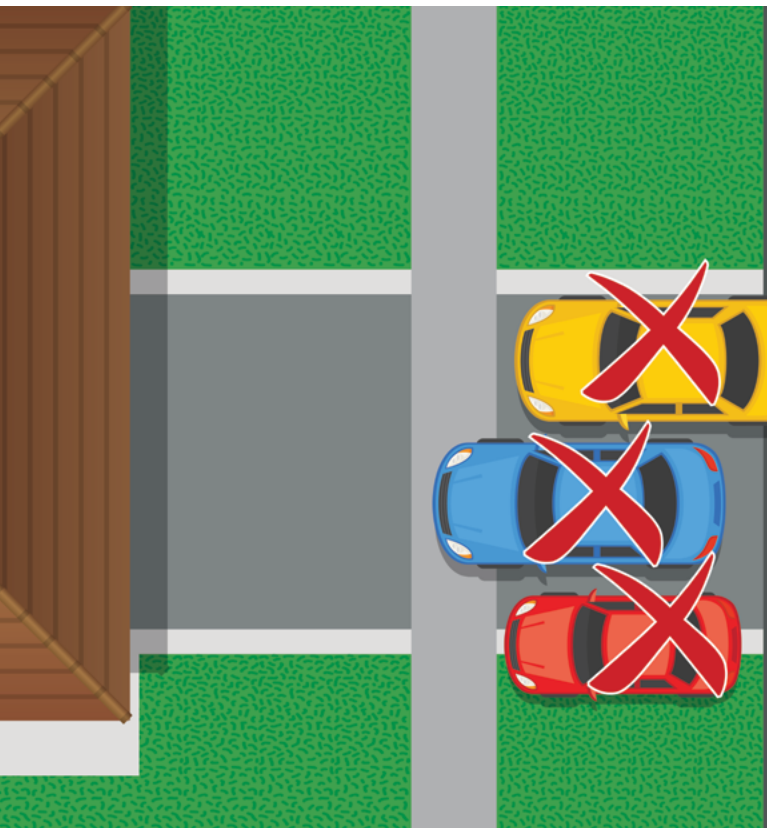
The City's Zoning By-law sets limits on driveway width and regulates how properties can be developed. Property owners must ensure that any contractor performing driveway paving is licensed by the City. A list of licensed contractors is available through the City. Both contractors and homeowners share responsibility for ensuring work follows City by-laws to support safer homes and an attractive community. Failure to comply can result in penalties for both parties.

If you're planning any driveway work -- paving, widening or landscaping -- you must first confirm your plans comply with the Zoning By-law by contacting the City's Zoning Office at zoninginquiries@brampton.ca



ALL RENTAL PROPERTIES IN BRAMPTON MUST BE LICENSED

The Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) Program requires owners of all rental properties with one to four units to be licensed. Unlicensed rentals are illegal and cannot operate in Brampton. This program helps ensure safe, well-maintained rental housing across the city. The licence applies to single dwelling units, two-unit dwellings and multi-unit residential dwellings. Landlords must register any Additional Residential Units, maintain proper insurance and comply with safety and fire standards. Operating an unlicensed or unregistered unit can result in fines from \$750 to \$1,500 or penalties up to \$500,000. The licence application is free. Apply today at brampton.ca/rrl



OBEYING PARKING RULES

On-street parking is restricted to a maximum of 3 hours and overnight parking is prohibited between 2 am and 6 am. Vehicles must not block sidewalks, bike lanes, fire routes or overhang curbs. Residents can apply for a parking consideration up to 14 days per calendar year, per licence plate. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaw



GARBAGE AND RECYCLING

In Brampton, recycling collection is managed by Circular Materials, while garbage and organics collection is managed by Peel Region. Learn how to sort properly. Items like hot and cold drink cups, black plastic containers, ice cream tubs and frozen juice containers are now recyclable. Learn more at brampton.ca/waste



CONTACTING SERVICE BRAMPTON (311)

Get in touch for easy access to non-emergency City services, programs and information 24/7, seven days a week. Customer service is available every day (Monday to Sunday), from 7 am to 12 am, in 150+ languages. Contact 311 via the Brampton 311 app or online at 311brampton.ca



LET'S CONNECT, BRAMPTON!

Strong communities start with conversation. Visit brampton.ca/engage to stay informed, share feedback and help shape local priorities. Explore project pages, take online surveys and discover engagement opportunities designed to make your voice heard. Your input helps build a better Brampton.



PARTICIPATE IN COUNCIL MEETINGS

The City of Brampton is committed to being open and accessible and values public input in its decision-making process. Residents are welcome to share their comments and participate in Council meetings. Meetings are open to everyone and residents can watch live at City Hall or online. Visit brampton.ca/council_and_committees to get involved.

PAYING PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied twice a year and residents have received this year's interim tax bill. Payments for this bill are due in three instalments. Learn more about payment options, including pre-authorized plans and how tax bills are calculated at brampton.ca/tax



KEY TO THE CITY - ANNIE BYNOE

A huge congratulations to Annie Bynoe, Executive Director of Knights Table, as she received the Key to the City, Brampton's most prestigious honour. Annie has spent decades supporting youth, families and vulnerable residents, tackling food insecurity through initiatives like the Mobile Community Kitchen and the Brampton Food Hub, while leading mentorship and skills development programs. Let's help Annie unlock a legacy to open the doors of their new Knights Table facility, featuring a food market, teaching kitchen and resource spaces that provide holistic support. Scan the QR code to support.



bcity.ca/knights



BUDGET COFFEE CHAT

Neighbours came together for a conversation on this year's budget. Thank you to Mayor Brown, City staff and the many residents who attended, shared insights and helped shape priorities for Brampton's year ahead.



It is always a pleasure to hear residents' thoughts and get feedback on what the City of Brampton should prioritize.

SERVING YOU BETTER - 311 IMPROVEMENTS

Your feedback from my customer service survey for Wards 1 & 5 residents highlighted frustrations with 311 communications. Based on this, I brought forward a motion for system improvements, better department integration and clearer communication. Residents' input remains essential as we modernize 311 for a smoother, more responsive experience. Learn more at councillorsantos.ca



BRAMPTON CELEBRATES CANON CANADA



As Vice-Chair of Economic Development, I joined business leaders at the Brampton Board of Trade's annual State of the City with Mayor Patrick Brown. We celebrated Canon Canada, this year's Business Excellence award recipient, accepted by Justin Lam, Executive VP of Canon's Business Operations Group. In 2024, I visited Canon's headquarters in Japan and met Kazuto Ogawa, now President of Canon Global, whose leadership brought Canon Canada's headquarters to Brampton a decade ago. We value our strong partnership as Canon continues to grow locally and globally.



From left to right: Dr. Kuljit Singh, Mayor Patrick Brown, Regional Councillor Paul Vicente, Candace Barone, Per Homer and Regional Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar at the signing ceremony.



LIBRARY IN YOUR POCKET

Browsing and borrowing eBooks with the Brampton Public Library has gotten easier! As a member of the Brampton Public Library Board, I'm excited to share that accessing your favourite novel or newspaper is now easier than ever with the transition to the Libby app. You can browse and borrow up to 20 eBooks and audiobooks on your phone, tablet, or computer, making library resources more accessible for everyone with a library card. Get yours today!

SAFETY IN YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD - I WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

I continue to provide opportunities for residents to engage with me directly. Local safety issues remain top of mind, especially when it comes to petty crime. Have you experienced porch piracy or shed and car break-ins? I want to hear your stories and ideas so we can work together on solutions. Share your feedback at bcity.ca/crime



EVENTS

Sikh Heritage Month | **April 4 - 25**

Journey to Freedom Day Celebration | **April 18**

The FOLD | **April 26 - May 3**

National Day of Mourning Ceremony | **April 28**

Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony | **May 5**

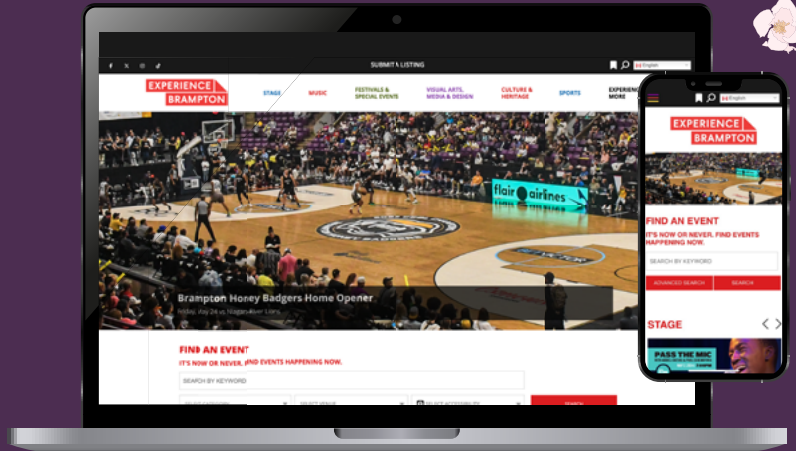
Citizen Awards Ceremony | **May 7**


Polish Heritage Month Celebration | **May 9**

Rib 'n' Roll | **May 22 - 24**

Guyanese Independence Day Celebration | **May 23**

Lusofonia | **May 29 - 31**



Check out the full event list at
experiencebrampton.ca 

CHECK OUT CITY MATTERS

 **BRAMPTON**



Sign up to the City Matters e-newsletter to stay up to date with the latest news and events happening in YOUR city.



ROWENA SANTOS

✉ rowena.santos@brampton.ca

☎ 905.874.2605

📘 @RowenaSantosBrampton

✂ @RoweSantos

📷 @RowenaSantosBrampton

PAUL VICENTE

✉ paul.vicente@brampton.ca

☎ 905.874.2601

📘 @StandUp4Brampton

✂ @PaulVicente

📷 @PaulVicenteBrampton