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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

Strong communities are built through consistent engagement, practical action and open communication. Across Wards 7 & 8, residents continue to raise important concerns related to everyday services and it is essential that these voices are heard and reflected in municipal decision-making.

Over the past several months, I have met with residents through community events, seniors meetings, neighbourhood outreach and a series of town halls, either in recreation centres, nearby parks or at your neighbour's driveway. Through these important conversations, residents have shared feedback on matters such as bike lanes, recycling collection, snow clearing, street parking and other day-to-day issues that directly affect our quality of life. These discussions help identify priorities and ensure local concerns are brought forward in a clear and informed manner.

As we move into the warmer months, we will be more active through local events, neighbourhood gatherings and seasonal initiatives. Community cleanups, public meetings and resident-led activities play an important role in maintaining shared spaces and strengthening a sense of responsibility and care for our neighbourhoods.

Addressing these matters requires collaboration and coordination. I continue to work on these issues alongside City staff, regional staff and municipal partners to review concerns, seek solutions and support effective service delivery across Wards 7 & 8. Staying informed, providing feedback and participating in local initiatives all contribute to a responsive and accountable City.

Continued feedback from you is always welcome. Please feel free to contact me by phone or email and stay connected through our social media channels.

Pat Fortini

Dear Neighbours,

Community means showing up, listening and doing the work — even when it's challenging. It's about putting residents first, advocating for safety and making decisions grounded in the real needs of our neighbourhoods.

I have worked closely with residents, City staff, community organizations and partners to advance priorities that matter most. This includes advocating for public safety and neighbourhood engagement, supporting youth through sport and community programs and being present at cultural, faith-based and community events so everyone feels included and heard.

I advocated for the Howden Recreation Centre project and presented a new motion for the addition of a new 30,000 square foot library, recognizing the importance of accessible recreation, learning and gathering spaces for families, seniors and youth. It passed unanimously and is targeting breaking ground this year. Another hot topic has been the Howden Blvd. bike lanes. During the 2026 budget process, Council also passed the motion I put forward to re-imagine these bike lanes, making the roads safer for everyone.

Throughout this time, I have remained accessible — meeting residents, responding to concerns and advocating during budget discussions to ensure our community receives fair attention and resources.

Thank you to everyone who continues to engage, share feedback and be part of our community. My commitment to you remains strong.

Rod Power



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



PLANNING A HOME UPGRADE? DON'T FORGET THE PERMIT!

Before starting a home renovation or construction project, make sure you have the proper building permit. Issued by the City of Brampton, a permit helps ensure your project meets the Ontario Building Code, zoning by-laws and safety standards that protect you and your neighbourhood. Before you begin, check your zoning, confirm what type of work you are planning and see if additional approvals are required. You can apply online, track your permit and book inspections through the City's Building & Business Portal. When in doubt, check first -- it's an important step in protecting your home and community. Learn more at brampton.ca/buildingpermit



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

GRASS AND WEED MAINTENANCE UNDERWAY

Spring has arrived and the City of Brampton's seasonal grass and weed maintenance program is underway. Beginning in late April, Parks Maintenance staff will start spring grass cutting across City parks and along boulevards. In addition to mowing, staff carry out citywide weed control, removing weeds and unwanted grass using mechanical and manual methods in landscaped areas such as parks, playgrounds and boulevards. Residents can stay informed about where crews are working by using the Grass Maintenance Tracker Tool, which provides updates on recently mowed parks and boulevards. Learn more at brampton.ca/parks



THINKING ABOUT WIDENING YOUR DRIVEWAY? KNOW THE RULES

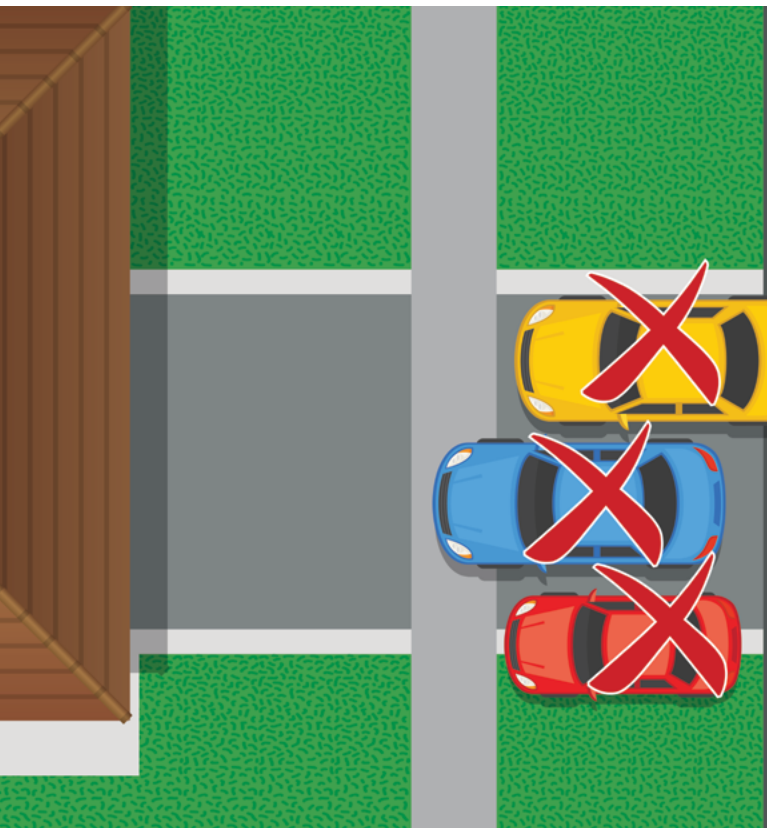
The City's Zoning By-law sets limits on driveway width and regulates how properties can be developed. Property owners must ensure that any contractor performing driveway paving is licensed by the City. A list of licensed contractors is available through the City. Both contractors and homeowners share 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

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



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.



Listening to the community and ensuring their voices are heard and reflected at City Hall during one of my town halls. (Oct. 2025)



Family events are fun times, like our Halloween day, where kids learned important safety tips and got some early treats! (Oct. 2025)



Residents came together to celebrate Christmas and enjoy games, food and great company, and we even had a special guest from the North Pole. (Dec. 2025)



Giving back is important, especially during tough times. I was proud to work with various charities over the holidays to collect donations of Christmas presents and non-perishable food items for those in need. (Dec. 2025)



Building strong neighbourhoods means investing in what matters most. Through tree planting, school partnerships, and supporting local businesses, we preserve what makes our community unique.

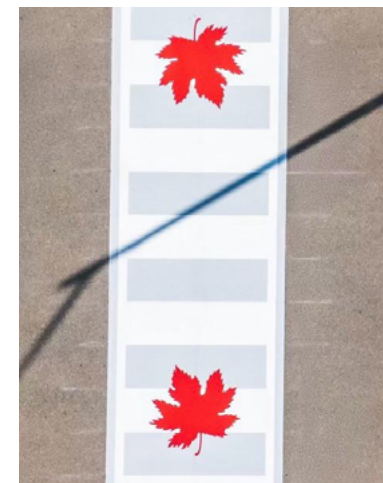
Throughout the year, I bring people together through our annual dinner with Santa event and community events. By being present at cultural festivals and neighbourhood gatherings, we create spaces where everyone feels heard, valued, and connected.



Every November, Canadians across the country pause and reflect on the great sacrifices our soldiers and veterans have made for us to enjoy a life of peace and freedom. (Nov, 2025)



Have you checked out the new statue to commemorate Terry Fox and the 45th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope? It's a beautiful celebration of his life, legacy and an inspirational landmark for all Canadians at Chinguacousy Park (Oct. 2025)



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**

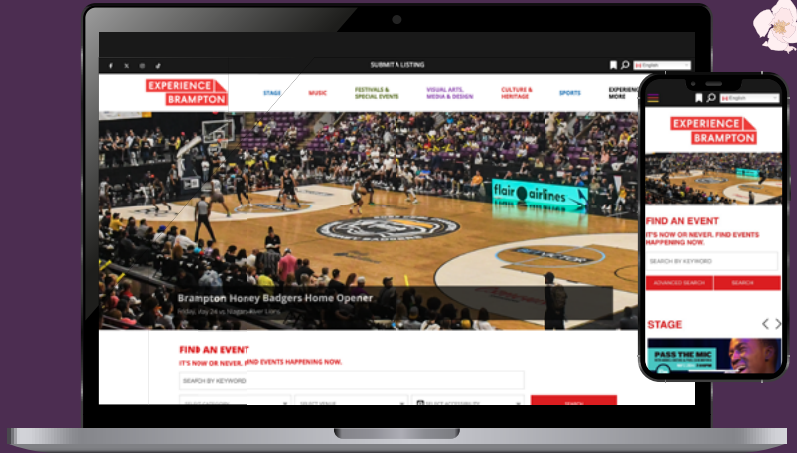
Citizen Awards Ceremony | **May 7**


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 

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