

WINTER 2024

City of Brampton WARDS 1 & 5 WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays, Brampton!

As we wrap up another year and look forward to 2025, I want to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible community spirit we have in Wards 1 and 5. With the support of my dedicated team, this year has been filled with meaningful opportunities to connect, engage and work together to get things done in our local neighbourhoods and across the city. To learn more visit, councillorsantos.ca



Meet the Team: Eva, Evie, Rajat, Vanessa and Councillor Santos

I had the pleasure of counting down the Christmas tree lighting with Mayor Brown, Councillors and local musicians at the annual tree lighting ceremony.



Councillor Santos Band: Point of Order



Councillor Santos with son, nieces and Janey at Santa Claus Parade

I hope to see you ice skating at one of our outdoor rinks at Duggan or Major William Sharpe Park or at the many festive events this season! For a full list of activities visit experiencebrampton.com/winter-in-the-city

From my family and team, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Here's to another blessed and even brighter year ahead!

Warmly,

Rowena Santos
Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5

As the winter season unfolds, I'm excited to share an update on what has been happening across our city.

In November, the groundbreaking of the City of Brampton's Third Transit Facility happened, alongside Members of Council and with our Brampton MP and MPPs. This is a huge investment for our city and marks a significant step forward in enhancing our transportation network. Turn to Page 2 & 7 to learn more about this project.



The winter season brings opportunities to come together and celebrate! The Annual Winter Lights Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony kicked off the most magical and joyous time of year. I hope you were able to enjoy the event as much as I did; it's always great to have the community come together. We have so many exciting winter amenities and events this season. To learn more about Winter in the City, visit experiencebrampton.com/winter-in-the-city



I truly appreciate your continued trust and support. Together, we can create a stronger, more connected community. Wishing you a great winter season and as always, I value your feedback and ideas—please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Paul Vicente
Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5



DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON REVITALIZATION

The City's downtown revitalization efforts are progressing at an exciting pace, with several transformational projects already underway. Streetscape work along Main and Queen Streets includes the removal of the existing sidewalk, expansion of the boulevard, new infrastructure installation, new traffic signals and installation of granite pavers and curbs, with phased work continuing through 2027.

In September, an international design competition was launched for the redevelopment of Ken Whillans and

Garden Squares, inviting top architectural firms from around the world to compete for the opportunity to shape the transformation of these spaces into world-class civic hubs.

Learn more about these initiatives and ongoing efforts to revitalize the downtown at brampton.ca/downtown



ROSALEA PARK – NEW WINTER TENNIS DOME

The City is thrilled to announce the completion of the new Rosalea Park Youth Winter Tennis Dome! This exciting project features three new high-quality asphalt acrylic tennis courts, covered by a seasonal winter dome to support the growing demand for youth tennis programs. Enhancements include upgraded parking to meet community needs and new planted trees. Select tennis programs are now open for registration through Premier Racquet Club Brampton and City recreation programs will begin in January. Don't miss this opportunity to stay active this winter! For details and registration, visit brampton.ca/recreation



THIRD TRANSIT FACILITY BREAKS GROUND

Situated at Highway 50 and Cadetta Road, Brampton Transit's new maintenance and storage facility will be named the Cadetta Johnston Transit Facility, honouring the Johnston family. The Johnston family's historical ties to the area date back to the early 19th Century and the facility's commemorative naming recognizes their significant contributions. Construction is underway and expected to be completed in 2027. The new facility is essential to support the continued growth of the bus fleet and will significantly enhance Brampton's capacity to meet the city's growing transit needs. The first phase of the new facility will be approximately 460,000 sq. ft. and is expected to house approximately 250 buses. It will be designed to accommodate future electrification, pending additional funding. Learn more at brampton.ca/transitfacility



LICENSING, CREATING SAFER RENTALS FOR ALL

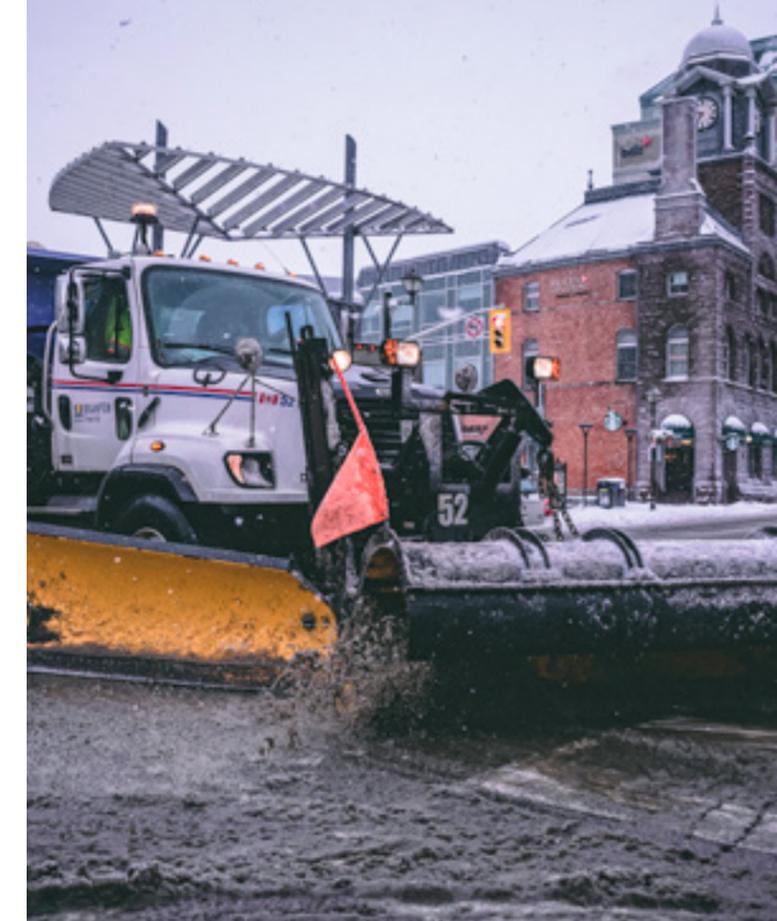
Brampton's two-year Residential Rental Licensing Pilot Program requires rental properties with four or fewer units in Wards 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 to obtain a business licence. These central wards were selected due to historically high rental violations. The program aims to protect the health, safety and human rights of residents while preserving neighbourhood integrity. Its goals include maintaining neighbourhood character, upholding property standards bylaws and ensuring the safety of individuals and families through Ontario Fire Code enforcement. Learn more at brampton.ca/RRL



WILLIAMS PARKWAY REDEVELOPMENT GOES GREEN

The redevelopment of Williams Parkway will meet the needs of all Brampton residents, regardless of age or ability, featuring multi-use pathways for pedestrians, cyclists, scooters, transit and drivers. Improvements to Williams Parkway include enhanced streetscaping and lighting on boulevards, trees and a centre median planting.

The first phase of work, from McLaughlin Road to Kennedy Road, started in Fall 2024. The second phase of work, from Dixie Road to Hwy 410, is set to begin in 2025, concluding with work on Hwy 410 to Kennedy Road in 2026. An Adaptive Traffic Control System will optimize traffic signal timings, to be adjusted in real-time, to increase green times for vehicles where needed.

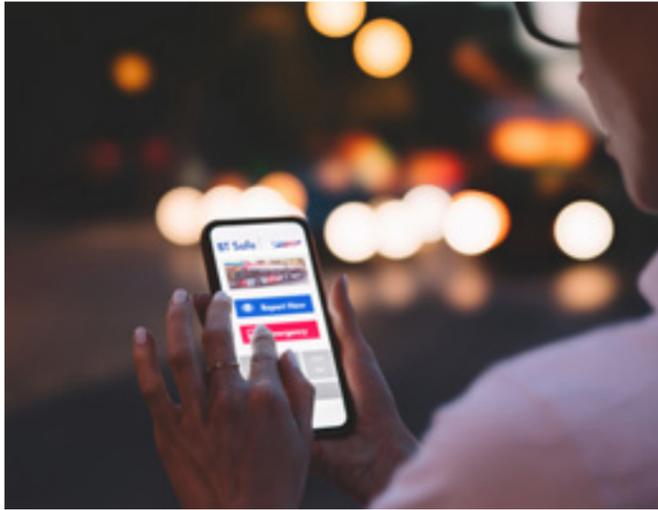


WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN IT SNOWS

Winter crews begin plowing major roads first, when there is five centimetres of snow, then plow local roads. Parking on streets is not allowed and any previously issued permits are invalid. Illegally parked vehicles may be tagged, towed and impounded at the owner's expense. Penalties for parked vehicles interfering with snow removal and/or winter maintenance are:

- first offence: \$125
- second offence: \$250
- subsequent offences: \$500

Residents must clear snow and ice from their sidewalks by 11 am the day after the end of a snowfall. To help seniors and people with disabilities, who not only own, but also rent property, the City has expanded its Financial Assistance Program. Learn more at brampton.ca/snow



BT SAFE APP

The BT Safe app is a Transit Safety Mobile Reporting Solution available for iOS and Android. It offers riders a convenient, user-friendly method for accessing service alerts, reporting harassment, safety concerns or suspicious activity. The app also allows riders to notify 911 directly. Learn more at bramptontransit.com



MAKE IT A FIRE-SAFE DECEMBER TO REMEMBER!

Make this December fire-safe! Brampton Fire reminds residents to stay alert: use outdoor-rated LED lights, water live trees daily, stay candle safe, test smoke/CO alarms, use extension cords as temporary use only, never leave cooking unattended, have a home escape plan, give portable heaters space and monitor lithium-ion devices to prevent overcharging. Stay safe Learn more safety tips at bramptonfire.com



WINTER REGISTERED PROGRAM

Embrace the season with Brampton’s exciting winter recreational programs! Whether it’s sports, STEAM activities, arts, swimming or skating, there’s something for everyone to enjoy. Stay active, learn and have fun all winter long. Visit brampton.ca/recreation for more information.



YARD CARE AND WASTE DISPOSAL TIPS

Maintaining a tidy yard is important for the health and safety of your property and neighbourhood. Remove garbage, debris and stagnant water from items. Don't leave waste carts in front yards and place items out for collection after 7 pm the day before pickup. Dumping waste on public or private property is illegal. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws



GIVE THE GIFT OF LIFE

This holiday season, give the gift of hope to an animal in need by donating to Brampton Animal Services’ Helping Orphaned Pets in Emergencies (HOPE) Fund. Your donation helps cover medical costs for injured or sick animals requiring urgent care. Every dollar directly supports their recovery and journey to a forever home. Learn more at brampton.ca/animalservices



HAVE YOUR SAY ON ENHANCED WINTER MAINTENANCE

Council has approved a new eight-year contract for winter maintenance of roads, sidewalks, transit stops and recreational trails. To determine if residents are willing to pay additional taxes for enhanced services, the City is extending the online survey until April 2025. Visit brampton.ca/engage to have your say.

REFLECTING ON OUR PROGRESS

November 2024 marked the mid-term of Brampton City Council. Together, we've made significant progress and improvements, guided by your engagement. Visit councillorsantos.ca/mid-term-2022-2026-review or scan the QR code to see all the highlights.



SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

Being in the community to support local initiatives and events inspires me every day. Attending tree plantings, seniors' events, block parties, small business openings, cultural celebrations, fundraisers, competitions, performances and more, truly showcases our Brampton spirit. One of my favourite events to organize each year is the Puppy Masquerade!



ADDRESSING YOUR CONCERNS

When you contact my office for a specific issue or concern, we open a new case and track it to closure. The cases provide us with an opportunity to proactively address issues, update our website and work on motions and bylaws. Over 715 cases have been addressed focusing on making Brampton safer and more livable. This includes addressing property standards, landlord licensing, enhancing road safety with traffic calming and speed enforcement and strengthening community safety through improved by-law enforcement. Your concerns drive these efforts to improve our neighbourhoods.



SUPPORTING YOUTH

As Chair of Community Services, I've championed spaces for youth to thrive: Youth Hubs, Atiba Hutchinson Soccer Courts, prioritized tennis programming for youth and the first ever hack-a-thon for young innovators. I am also proud to lead a Youth Council of nearly 300 dedicated youth who actively contribute and strengthen our community.



DRIVING CHANGE AT COUNCIL

Motions I have brought forward at Council address key priorities and issues to include, but not limited to, prioritizing safe public spaces for all, neighbourhood associations, support for transitional housing for women, addressing speeding and reckless driving, an operational review and plan for improved bylaw enforcement, free recreation programs for seniors and youth mental health resources. For more details, check out the mid-term review on my website.



BREAKING GROUND FOR BRAMPTON'S THIRD TRANSIT FACILITY

As the Chair of Public Works, I was very honoured to emcee and join Mayor Brown and Councillors, together with members of provincial and federal parliament for this historic groundbreaking. This new facility will help the city continue to grow and maintain our transit fleet, including our new all-electric and hybrid buses.



BRAMPTON REMEMBERS

We marked Remembrance Day this year with a number of services that were a poignant reminder of the men and women who paid the ultimate sacrifice and served our nation.



WORKING WITH OUR BRAMPTON MPP'S TO MOVE BRAMPTON FORWARD

In November, I joined Mayor Brown and Deputy Mayor Harkirat Singh to welcome our Brampton Members of Provincial Parliament to City Hall. We discussed a number of priorities including healthcare and projects that require provincial support to make Brampton a better city.



CELEBRATING DIWALI WITH JEAN AUGUSTINE SECONDARY SCHOOL

It was a special visit to Jean Augustine Secondary School to join their Diwali celebrations. So nice to see Dr. Jean Augustine, Principal Alderton and teachers, the students who worked so hard to prepare for the evening and the parents who enjoyed the show!



MEETING WITH MAYOR AND DELEGATION FROM PORTUGAL

It was a pleasure to receive two special guests from Portugal, Pedro Vaz and Francisco César, Deputies of the Portuguese Assembly of the Republic, together with Mayor Brown and Councillor Martin Medeiros to discuss new opportunities between Brampton and the Azores.



**SHOP AND SUPPORT LOCAL
FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$10,000!**

From November 15-December 31, 2024 shop in Downtown Brampton to enter to win the Holiday Shopping Spree. Visit dtbramptonspree.ca to learn more and head over to downtownbramptonbia.ca to stay in the loop!



CITY EVENTS

New Year's Eve
December 31

Mayor's New Year's Levee
January 5

Tamil Heritage Month
Celebration
January 25

Lunar New Year
Celebration
January 31

Black History Month
Kickoff Celebration
February 2



This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit
experiencebrampton.ca

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latest news and events
happening in YOUR city.



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