## City of Brampton WARDS 2 & 6 FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

MICHAEL PALLESCHI

Regional Councillor Wards 2 & 6 905.874.2661 michael.palleschi@brampton.ca

#### NAVJIT KAUR BRAR Regional Councillor Wards 2 & 6 905.874.2606 navjitkaur.brar@brampton.ca





As we embrace the arrival of fall and the cooler days it brings, let's take a moment to catch up with the Wards 2 & 6 team!

The summer months have flown by, filled with community events and tireless efforts to ensure that the voices and concerns of our residents are heard and addressed. With fall upon us, we're ready to get back into our regular routines, welcome the back-to-school season and dive into our ongoing Council work with renewed focus and energy.

We're thrilled to share that our first annual Community BBQ for Wards 2 & 6 was a success! It was wonderful to connect with so many of you in person, hear your thoughts and gather valuable feedback. Watching the community come together and seeing the kids enjoy their summer made the event truly special. We're already looking forward to making it even better next year!

This summer, we've been out and about in our neighbourhoods, engaging directly with residents, listening to your concerns and observing local issues firsthand. None of this would have been possible without the hard work of our dedicated summer students and volunteers from Wards 2 & 6. Thanks to their efforts, we've strengthened our community connections and gained deeper insights into what our residents need.

We also had the pleasure of attending the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference in Ottawa together this August. This event is a key opportunity for Brampton to share practices and advocate with provincial ministries on pressing issues and explore new funding opportunities to advance our community. We gained valuable insights and learned a lot, including hearing Councillor Brar's impactful speech on long-term care and Councillor Palleschi's insightful discussion on transportation. We're excited to put our new insights into action and build on the connections we made at the conference to guide our future efforts.

Speaking of great events, our recent Hockey Night in Brampton was a tremendous success! With hockey legends in attendance and the enthusiastic support of our community, we raised an impressive \$14 million for the Osler Foundation and Brampton's second hospital. A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to this remarkable achievement.

We appreciate your ongoing support and engagement and we hope this newsletter keeps you informed about your community. If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact our offices—we'd love to hear from you. Here's to a fantastic fall ahead, and best of luck to all the students heading back to school!

Michael Callenshi

Michael Palleschi

Navjit Kaur Brar



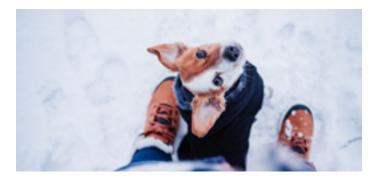
#### WINTER IN THE CITY

Bundle up for winter adventures and family-friendly activities. Sign up for exciting winter camps, participate in free outdoor skating, explore fun-filled activities at Mount Chinguacousy, Family Day programs and more! Keep active all winter long with over eight outdoor skating rinks across the city including in Gage Park, Chinguacousy Park, Boreham Park, Mount Pleasant, Gore Meadows, Sesquicentennial Park and others. Two more outdoor rinks will be added this year – stay tuned for details!



#### WARD BOUNDARY REVIEW

The City is conducting a Ward Boundary Review, which could affect which ward you vote in – and who you vote for – in the 2026 municipal election. The current ward boundaries were established in 2014. Since then, the city has grown in population, with some areas seeing more growth than others. The review aims to establish fair and equitable wards with better representation of citizens at Council. The review uses the principles of representation by population, future population trends, physical and natural boundaries and recognition of communities of interest to evaluate the existing ward structure and alternative options. Learn more at **brampton.ca/wbr** and stay tuned for upcoming public engagement opportunities.



#### KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE IN THE COLD

Be a responsible pet owner and protect your pets this winter by following these essential tips:

- If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet.
- Never leave pets in the car.
- Clean your pet's paws and stomach to remove ice, salt and chemicals.
- Keep your dogs on a leash.
- Avoid shaving your pet's fur in winter, as it provides warmth.
- Frostbite, hypothermia and even death can result from exposure to cold. Keep pets indoors.

Learn more at **brampton.ca/animalservices** 



#### INTRODUCING THE NEW BUILDING AND BUSINESS PORTAL

The Building division has launched a new online portal. This one-stop online service will enable our customers to complete tasks such as applying for permits and booking inspections. This collaborative workspace will streamline the interaction between applicants, homeowners and Building staff. By creating an account, customers benefit from a smoother, more efficient building permit process from start to finish. To access the new portal, visit **brampton.ca/bbportal** 



#### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN IT SNOWS

Winter road crews begin plowing streets when there is five centimetres of accumulated snow, clearing major roads first. Parking on streets is not allowed and will be enforced during winter weather events. Penalties for parked vehicles interfering with snow removal have increased:

- 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** 



#### LEADING THE WAY IN CREATING SAFER STREETS

Road safety is a top priority and the City is taking significant steps to address dangerous driving behaviours. Brampton's Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) program uses cameras and speed measurement devices to enforce speed limits, reminding drivers to slow down. With 50 cameras currently in operation, the program will expand to 185 cameras by 2025, including the addition of a new regional processing center.

Stunt driving, as defined in the Highway Traffic Act, includes driving at excessive speeds, racing and other reckless actions. Those charged with stunt driving face severe consequences, including license suspension, vehicle impoundment and heavy fines. Brampton's proactive approach to road safety demonstrates our commitment to ensuring safer streets for all. Learn more at **brampton.ca/ASE** 

FALL 2024

#### PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LICENSING IN WARDS 2 & 6

The City of Brampton is undertaking public consultation on possibly expanding its residential rental licensing (RRL) program to Wards 2 & 6 to address property standards and safety concerns. The program enforces property bylaws and the Ontario Fire Code to maintain neighbourhood character and protect renters. A two-year pilot program will evaluate its effectiveness, gathering insights on property conditions, safety and neighbourhood preservation. The results will guide the City's decision on whether to implement the program citywide, balancing the needs of renters, landlords and homeowners.

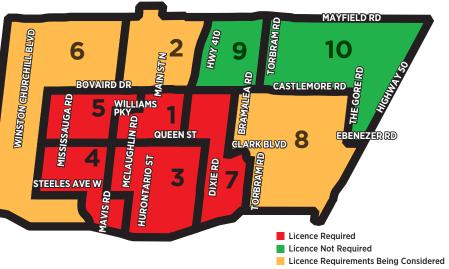
Take the Survey, Have your Say



You can also provide your feedback to us directly until the end of November:

Michael.Palleschi@brampton.ca 905.874.2661

Navjitkaur.Brar@brampton.ca 905.874.2606





#### CARBON MONOXIDE AWARENESS

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services urges you to protect your family from the dangers of carbon monoxide—an odorless, tasteless and invisible gas that can be deadly. Make sure to install carbon monoxide alarms near sleeping areas, test them monthly and replace batteries every 10 years. Get more safety tips at **BramptonFire.com** 



#### PREPARE YOUR 72-HOUR EMERGENCY KIT

Emergencies can occur suddenly and help may take up to 72 hours to arrive. Ensure you're ready by assembling an emergency kit with non-perishable food, water, extra keys, cash, warm blankets, toiletries, a first aid kit, medications and pet supplies. Learn more at **brampton.ca/prepared** 



#### **DO NOT FEED WILDLIFE**

Feeding wildlife is dangerous for both animals and residents. Residents must secure garbage bins, properly dispose of waste and pick up spilled bird seeds. Leaving food out, improper garbage disposal and spilled bird seeds are prohibited, including in residential areas and parks. Learn more at **brampton.ca/animalservices** 



#### **FIREWORKS SAFETY**

Under the Fireworks By-Law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale and offer to sell of fireworks is prohibited in Brampton. Sparklers are permitted. Penalties range from \$500 to \$1,000 and up to \$100,000 if a court summons is issued. Learn more at **brampton.ca/fireworks** 



#### **TREES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY**

Before having a tree removed from your property, the City's Urban Forestry team must be notified. Property owners do not require permission to prune privately owned trees. Visit **brampton.ca/trees** to learn about the Tree Preservation By-law and the role you play in protecting trees on private property.



#### HOW TO PAY A CITY PARKING TICKET

If you receive a Penalty Notice for a parking infraction, you must pay or dispute it within 15 days of the date it is issued. Payments can be made online, in-person, by telephone or by mail. For details, visit **brampton.ca/APS** 

FAIL 202A

### WARDS 2 & 6 COMMUNITY BBQ

We had an incredible turnout at our first Wards 2 & 6 Community BBQ! We are amazed at the positive response we received from residents and are grateful for the opportunity to meet so many of our great residents face-to-face and celebrate the summer weather together. We want to thank our wonderful residents, summer students and volunteers. We also appreciate Mr. Singh's Pizza and India Bazaar for generously providing delicious food for our community BBQ. A special appreciation to City staff and community partners, the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority, Credit Valley Conservation, and the Brampton Community Safety & Well-Being team for helping make this event a success with your fun and informative booths. We utilized the BBQ as an opportunity to give back to our community and we want to thank everyone who contributed to our food drive and backpack drive, which was donated to Knight's Table! We hope to continue to do community events where we can get to know our residents better, hear the feedback and celebrate our community together as well.



#### EMERALD COAST SENIORS CLUB SUMMER CELEBRATION EVENT

We had the pleasure to attend the annual summer celebration event hosted by the Emerald Coast Seniors Club at Emerald Coast Parkette! Our senior community members from across Wards 2 & 6 were in attendance and it was a great opportunity to meet with our residents, enjoy the summer weather and discuss opportunities for park improvements, community safety and other concerns. The Emerald Coast Seniors Club is one of the many seniors' clubs in Wards 2 & 6 that advocate for their community by keeping our offices up to date about community safety issues, by-law infractions and traffic concerns. They have also been very vocal about enhancements at Emerald Coast Parkette and have even advocated for other nearby parks to make sure that the needs of community members are addressed. The seniors' clubs in Wards 2 & 6 are an asset to their communities and to our offices. They continuously advocate for improvements to their neighbourhoods and provide community members with opportunities to congregate, celebrate and get to know their neighbours. We are so appreciative of everything they do for us!







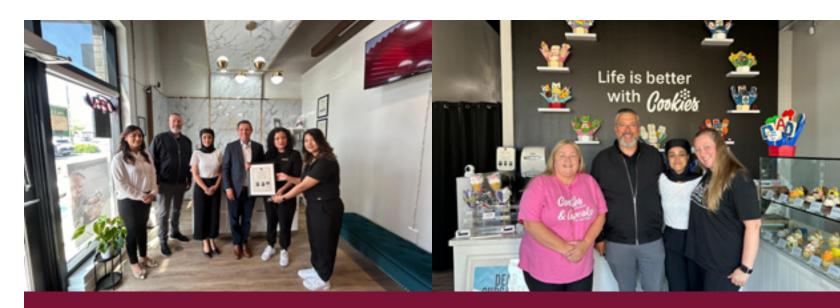
#### **PRP GROUNDBREAKING**

It was a true honour to attend the groundbreaking ceremony for Peel Regional Police's new 23 Division at Mississauga Road and Lagerfeld Drive. Being able to be a part of the advocacy and witnessing the years of hard work and progress leading to this moment, was truly rewarding. We are incredibly proud that our wards will host the first new police division in over 40 years. This milestone represents a significant leap forward in community safety and is just the beginning of many exciting projects for Wards 2 & 6!

#### WARD 2 BUSINESS VISITS

Small businesses are the heart of our communities and we'd like to shine a spotlight on The Food Quotient in Ward 2. Specializing in healthy food options, they offer meal plans, event catering and delivery throughout Brampton. We are incredibly proud that this local gem has been chosen as the exclusive caterer for our very own Brampton Honey Badgers basketball team. If you're in search of nourishing and delicious food, be sure to visit The Food Quotient located at 15 Fisherman Drive, Unit 17.

Another great local business that has been a part of the Ward 2 community for many years now is the Brampton North location of the Academy of Martial Arts. Since 1988, the Academy of Martial Arts has been offering karate, tai chi and other programming geared toward wellness and selfdefence. Their incredible team is devoted to not only training children, youth and adults in self-defence, but they are committed to helping each student grow, gain confidence and realize their potential as well. The Academy of Martial Arts is also deeply involved in community initiatives, working with schools, social groups, City events and giving back to charitable organizations as well. If you are interested in exploring martial arts, learning self-defence or even just adding some physical activity to your routine, visit them at their location at 13 Fisherman Drive or https://amadojo.net/brampton/



#### WARD 6 BUSINESS VISITS

Wards 6 is home to many amazing small businesses and we'd like to take the opportunity to highlight some notable ones that we had the honour of visiting. Clear Skin Medi Spa is one of the newer businesses to open in Ward 6 and it's already flourishing! They offer a variety of services that they personalize to each client's unique skincare and beauty needs and their team comes with over five years of industry experience. We loved the calm, welcoming atmosphere of Clear Skin Medi Spa and it was obvious that they are true professionals at what they do. If anyone is looking for a relaxing, personalized spa experience, check out Clear Skin Medi Spa at 8325 Financial Drive, Unit 4!

We're thrilled to share that Ward 6 is home to Cookies by Design's first location in Canada! They offer an array of gourmet cookies, cupcakes and stunning hand-decorated cookie arrangements. We had the pleasure of visiting, meeting their wonderful staff and enjoying some of their delicious treats. If you're in the mood for something sweet, be sure to visit Cookies by Design at 85 Montpelier St.



FALL 202A

### **CITY EVENTS**

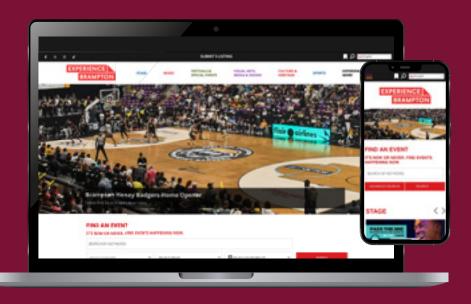
Diwali | November 1

Remembrance Day Services & Parades | **November 3 & 11** 

Winter Lights Festival | November 15 & 16

New Year's Eve Celebration | December 31

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



# CITY MATTERS

#### **BRAMPTON**



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



#### **MICHAEL PALLESCHI**

Michael Palleschi

💥 @COBMPalleschi

➤ michael.palleschi@brampton.ca

905.874.2661

O @councillormichaelpalleschi

**Esha Nijjar** esha.nijjar@brampton.ca Alexandra Wruck alexandra.wruck@brampton.ca Natalie Melhado natalie.melhado@brampton.ca Palweet Kaur Parmar palweet.parmar@brampton.ca

🛉 Navjit Kaur

𝒥 @Navjitkaurbrar

O @navjitkaur.brar

**NAVJIT KAUR BRAR** 

Ayesha Ahmed ayesha.ahmed@brampton.ca

navjitkaur.brar@brampton.ca

905.874.2606