

City of Brampton WARDS 7 & 8 FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER



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Dear residents,

I hope you had a great summer and an opportunity to rest, relax and enjoy some time off with your family and friends.

I spent most of the summer visiting neighbourhoods and meeting with residents to hear your concerns and frustrations. I know the list is growing but I am working with our different City staff and departments to address the many issues related to illegal rooming houses, excessive on-street parking, the lack of property maintenance and speeding and reckless driving on our roads.

To those affected by the heavy rainfall and subsequent flooding that occurred on July 16, the Brampton Emergency Management Office (BEMO) has conducted a preliminary assessment of damage to residential properties and submitted information to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's (MMAH) Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontario (DRAO) program.

I remind you that as our children have begun going back to school, please continue to be careful and mindful while driving on our streets, especially in the school zones. Children are eager to get to school and play with their friends, and often forget about road safety and crossing the street without checking for cars. Please slow down and watch for pedestrians.

Pat Fortini

As the summer ends, I hope you had a chance to enjoy the warm weather and take some time to relax and recharge. Over the past few months, I had the opportunity to meet with many of you at our community events and had important conversations about your concerns and suggestions for how the City can better serve your needs. I am committed to ensuring that your voices are heard and that we work together to build a stronger community.

One key issue that has been raised repeatedly is the need for improved road safety. I have been working with our City teams to identify areas where we can implement traffic calming measures, enhance pedestrian crossings and address speeding concerns. In the coming weeks, we will see the installation of automated speed enforcement (ASE) cameras and speed cushions at several locations. The City has also announced the opening of its Automated Speed Enforcement Processing Centre. This centre will serve as a key component in the success of the ASE program, helping to deter speeding and prevent traffic collisions and tragedies, significantly strengthening the City's efforts to enforce road safety.

In addition to our focus on road safety, the City has made significant investments and improvements in our parks, recreation infrastructure, and the Residential Rental Licensing Pilot Program to create safer rentals for all. These investments demonstrate our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all who call Brampton home. As always, I remain committed to being accessible and responsive to your concerns. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Rod Power

FALL 2024

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:

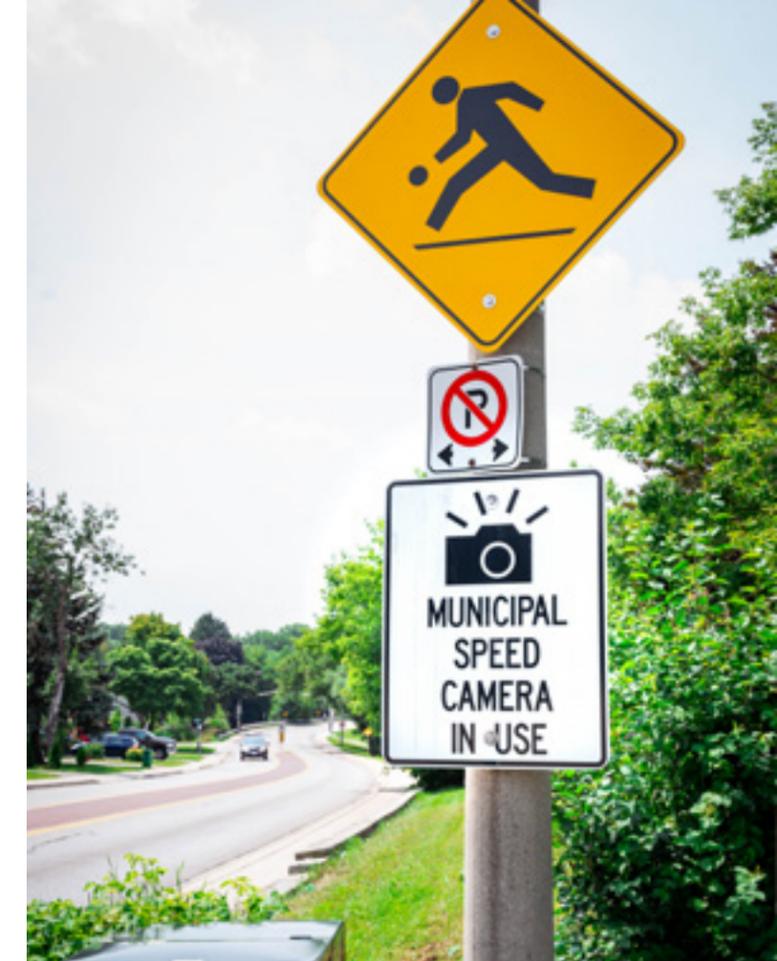
- first offence: \$125
- second offence: \$250
- subsequent offences: \$500

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



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.



ANNUAL BUDGET PLANNING UNDERWAY

Planning has begun for the City of Brampton's 2025 Budget. Building on this year's \$546 million investment in new capital projects and priority investments in infrastructure, transportation, recreational amenities, health care and community safety, the 2025 Budget will support key priorities in our Corporate Strategic Plan and continue to build the Brampton advantage.

The City is hosting a series of public engagement opportunities to better understand what matters most to Brampton residents and businesses. Find out how you can get involved at brampton.ca/budget



PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

Earlier this year, the City endorsed the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Five-Year Review and Update (PRMP). PRMP is a 15-year guiding document for the delivery of parks, open space, recreation and sports facilities to promote active and healthy lifestyles. Priority areas include uniting and supporting neighbourhood revitalization, connecting Bramptonians to the outdoors and planning for growth in greenfield areas. To learn more and review the PRMP highlights, visit brampton.ca/prmp



STORMWATER SAFETY

Rain is an essential part of life, but too much rain can cause flooding, erosion and pollution. As climate change progresses, we are seeing more frequent and intense rainstorms. Taking small actions at home can reduce the harmful impacts of stormwater runoff.

Here are some steps you can take to protect your home from flooding:

- watch where the stormwater flows
- check the slope of your yard and downspout placement
- keep gutters, roof downspouts and drains clear
- cover construction materials or stockpiles to prevent debris from entering storm sewers

Learn more at brampton.ca/rainready

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

PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LICENSING IN WARDS 2, 6 & 8

The City of Brampton is undertaking public consultation on possibly expanding its residential rental licensing (RRL) program to Wards 2, 6 & 8 to address property standards and safety concerns. The program enforces property by-laws 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.

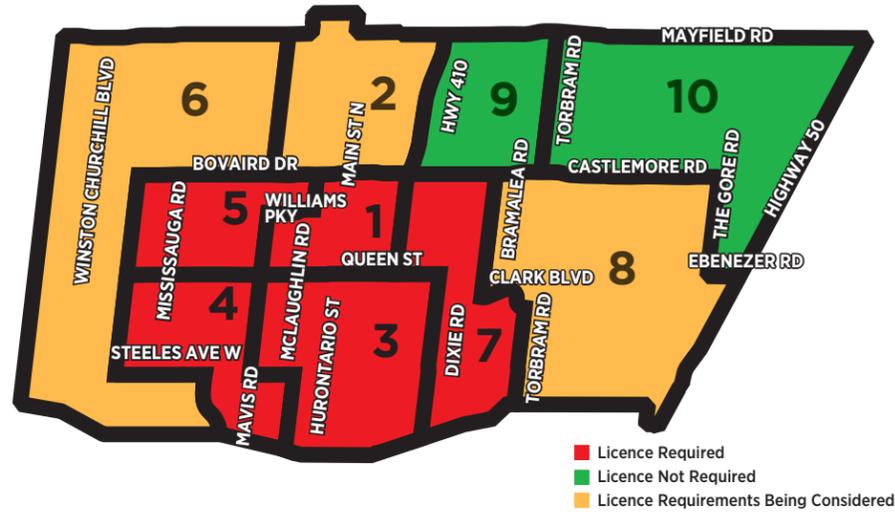
Take the Survey, Have your Say



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

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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



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.



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



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



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



PRP 23 DIVISION

On June 24, Peel Regional Police officially broke ground on the new 23 Division at the northwest corner of Lagerfeld Drive and Mississauga Road, set to be completed by the end of 2026. This Division will accommodate more officers than any existing PRP divisions across our region and ensure efficient deployment of officers across the northern section of Brampton. (June 2024)



HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON

I was thrilled to join my Council colleagues for Hockey Night in Brampton 2024, raising \$14 million for the Osler Foundation and Brampton's second hospital! Thank you to all the residents who came out to support this wonderful initiative and making it a night to remember! I'm already looking forward to next year's game! (August 2024)



LUSOFONIA

I had the pleasure of attending Lusofonia, an annual festival unifying all Portuguese-speaking communities together, showcasing real cultural diversity while preserving their traditions within Canada. There were performances, food, apparel and an amazing crowd bringing great vibes to Chinguacousy Park! (June 2024)



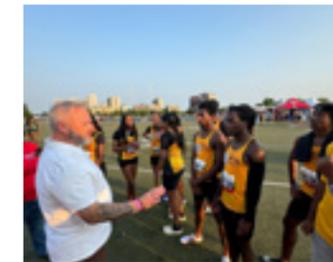
JAMBANA

The City gathered to honour Emancipation Day and the contributions of Black communities throughout Brampton. With vibrant performances, a variety of food vendors and artisans to make for a fun and lively celebration. (August 2024)



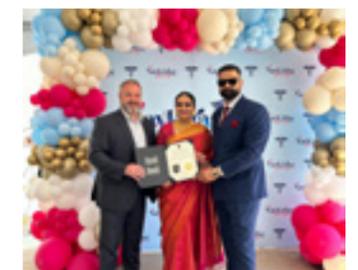
SPORTING EVENTS

Over the summer, I had the opportunity to visit and support many local youth sporting events. Through these activities, children and adolescents are believed to acquire values and skills that will serve them well as they prepare for the rest of their lives. It was truly amazing to witness the positive impact these programs can have on youth development.

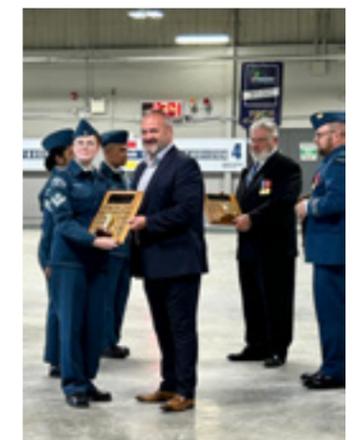


SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES

Always a pleasure to tour the local businesses that keep our community thriving. It is important to recognize the new and existing businesses that provide a wide range of products and services to our neighborhood.



AROUND THE COMMUNITY



CITY EVENTS

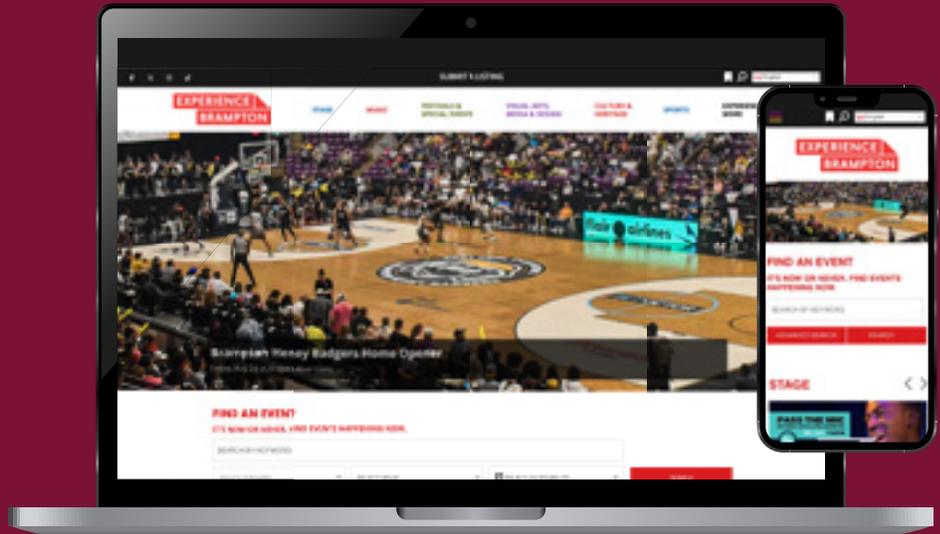
Diwali | **November 1**

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



CHECK OUT

CITY MATTERS



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



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