



City of Brampton | Spring 2023 Edition

# COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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As we look forward to warmer weather and blossoming flowers, I am excited to highlight a few initiatives and activities we are working on at the City of Brampton. Thank you for being an engaged resident, and I look forward to hearing from you as we move Brampton forward.

We are beautifying our neighbourhoods. A new grant process is being developed to support resident associations that know their local needs best. We are also working to proactively enforce property standards bylaws, license landlords, set caps on household units, fund public art, and collaborate with community groups like P.A.L. (People Against Littering).

We are engaging with our future. Ambassadors in our Community Youth Council for Wards 1 & 5 provide ideas and suggestions, interact with City staff, learn about municipal services and government, and volunteer to improve our community. We encourage all young people to participate.

We are improving community safety. The #StopCarTheftNow campaign addresses the rise in auto theft and the funding of organized crime by putting pressure on manufacturers and other levels of government for solutions. On our local roads, we continue to implement speed humps, automated speed enforcement, and other traffic calming measures to make our streets safer.

We are attracting investments and expanding post-secondary education. Magna International announced 560 new advanced manufacturing jobs in the city to develop battery trays for electric vehicles. Bramalea Civic Centre will also be the new home for the Toronto Metropolitan University School of Medicine. This will be the first new medical school in the region in over a century when it opens in September 2025.

Your Regional Councillor for Wards 1 & 5,  
Rowena Santos

It is an absolute privilege to be re-elected by the residents of Wards 1 & 5 for another four years. Thank you for the opportunity to continue the work to push Brampton forward. As always, I will collaborate with Mayor Brown and my fellow Council colleagues to ensure your interests are at the heart of our policy and decision-making process.

The City of Brampton is one of the fastest growing municipalities in the country. This term, I am continuing as the Chair of Public Works and Engineering, ensuring we build the appropriate infrastructure for the needs of residents across the city.

As Vice-Chair of Budget Committee, alongside Mayor Brown as Chair, and Members of Council, we approved a budget that is measured and will enhance the lives of Brampton residents and businesses. For residents, the 2023 Budget is a responsible approach; a budget that invests in the socioeconomic growth of our city, as well as strengthens our competitiveness among other major municipalities.

At the Region of Peel, I will serve as the Vice-Chair of Human Services, where important advocacy files such as affordable housing will be a priority. I will continue my role as the Peel Region representative at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO). This role is key to advocacy efforts to the Ontario government as Brampton and Peel Region continue to fight for a fair share of funding for health care, social services and critical infrastructure.

You may reach out to me to discuss issues that are important to you; I am committed to being accessible if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your Regional Councillor for Wards 1 & 5,

Paul Vicente



## BRAMPTON MOBILITY PLAN

The City has initiated a review of its Transportation Master Plan (TMP). The Brampton Mobility Plan is focused on providing alternative travel choices and reclaiming road space for other activities. The concept of 'Complete Streets' promotes safer travel options. Whether you walk, bicycle, take transit or drive, designing streets with dedicated spaces for all modes reduces vehicle volumes and speeds, helps 'calm' traffic, and makes our roads safer for all users. The City launched an E-scooter Pilot Program on April 3, allowing operators to run an electric scooter rental system across Brampton. Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/escooters](http://www.brampton.ca/escooters) and [www.brampton.ca/mobilityplan](http://www.brampton.ca/mobilityplan)



## COYOTES IN BRAMPTON

Coyotes are integral members of a diversified ecosystem and contribute to a necessary and healthy prey-predator balance. We benefit tremendously from their activities; however, human-coyote conflicts may arise when we intentionally feed them or inadvertently create opportunities for free food around our city. Residents can report coyote sightings online via an interactive map including food sources identified in the public, sick or injured coyotes, den sightings, and pet conflicts. If you require assistance with a sick/injured animal or an animal that is posing a risk to the public, call 311. If there is an immediate threat to public safety, call 911. Access the map and read tips on what to do if you encounter a coyote at [www.brampton.ca/animalservices](http://www.brampton.ca/animalservices)

## RECREATION DISCOUNTS FOR SENIORS

The City of Brampton offers several discounts to seniors 55+ and seniors 70+, with a special discount at the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre. In addition to program, drop-in and membership discounts, affiliated seniors' groups receive free daytime use of community rooms, with some exemptions. To learn more, contact the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre at **905.874.3500** or visit [www.brampton.ca/recreation](http://www.brampton.ca/recreation)



## WELCOME TO BRAMPTON, TMU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE!

Earlier this year, the City of Brampton and Government of Ontario made a historical announcement regarding the location of the new Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) School of Medicine. The school will be located right here in Brampton, at the Bramalea Civic Centre! The Civic Centre is strategically located within the City's health and life sciences cluster, making it a great win for our advocacy to secure fair and equitable health care for our residents. The school will open in 2025 and include 80 undergraduate seats and 95 postgraduate positions to ensure the next generation of health care practitioners can train locally in the city. It will make Brampton the home of a community-centric medical school focused on inclusivity, innovation, and primary care. This school will make Brampton the home to the first new medical school in the GTA in over a hundred years!

## 2023 BUDGET – BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

In March 2023, City Council unanimously approved the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets. The budget includes a \$496 million investment in Capital projects, and another record contribution of \$134 million to reserves. It focuses on expanding health care, supporting community safety and wellbeing, transitioning transit to green our fleet, investing in arts and culture, and enhancing and revitalizing our parks and recreation for youth, seniors and all to enjoy. It reflects input from the community from an extensive public engagement process, including a business virtual roundtable, two telephone town halls – with almost 14,000 households – and "coffee chats" in each of the ward pairings, as well as emails, phone calls and messages through Service Brampton and social media. Thank you to our residents and businesses for their input. More details are available at [www.brampton.ca/budget](http://www.brampton.ca/budget)



## GOOD FRIENDS ARE HARD TO FIND. LICENCE YOURS TODAY.

Under the municipal Animal Control By-law, all dogs and cats in Brampton must be licensed with the City each calendar year.

Licensing your pet is important. If your dog or cat goes missing, a licence is the best way to get them home safely. With the City's BluePaw Program, a pet licence also gets you special offers and discounts from local businesses.

The money collected from licences helps care for animals that come through the shelter doors.

Licence yours today online at [www.brampton.ca/animalservices](http://www.brampton.ca/animalservices), in-person, by telephone or by mail.





## BABY WILDLIFE IN THE SPRING

Spring is mating and breeding season for many wildlife in Brampton. Please keep your distance from wildlife, especially young animals. Many times, parents will leave their babies to locate food and will return. If a human or pet is around their offspring, they may feel unsafe to return. Do not remove animals from their natural habitats. If you have questions, call 311. Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/animalservices](http://www.brampton.ca/animalservices)

## MAINTAIN YOUR YARD

Help keep our beautiful city clean, green and safe year-round.

- Keep your yard free from all garbage and debris.
- Grass and weeds should be cut regularly (with clippings removed). If your grass is taller than a soccer ball, it's time to cut it.
- Do not dump waste items on someone else's property, along the roadside, or at another undesignated area.

Read more at [www.brampton.ca/bylaws](http://www.brampton.ca/bylaws)



## NOISE BY-LAW

As residents spend more time outside, they are asked to keep excessive noise down. Under the City's Noise By-law, persistent and recurring noise that causes disturbances to other Brampton residents can be enforced. Be a courteous neighbour, do your part. Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/bylaws](http://www.brampton.ca/bylaws)

## PARKING DOS AND DON'TS

- Do not park your vehicle on the street between 2 am and 6 am or for more than 3 hours.
- Do request a parking consideration to park on the street for up to 14 days each year, per vehicle licence plate.
- Do keep sidewalks clear. When vehicles overhang the sidewalk, they can be an obstacle and unsafe for others who walk or use a stroller on sidewalks.
- Do not park in a designated bike lane.

Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/bylaws](http://www.brampton.ca/bylaws)



## ROWENA SANTOS

Visiting local businesses in Brampton offers a unique opportunity to explore the diverse cultural, artistic and culinary offerings of the city. From authentic cuisine to trendy coffee shops and boutique stores, Wards 1 & 5 has something for everyone. Supporting these small businesses is a great way to strengthen the community and create a vibrant local economy. I always have the opportunity to visit some of these local gems in our community and encourage everyone to do the same.

### SEBINA COULTER, OWNER OF FANZORELLI'S RISTORANTE & WINE BAR

50 Queen St. W. | 905.450.9752 | [www.fanzorellis.ca](http://www.fanzorellis.ca)

Sebina was born in Brampton, and then moved to the U.K. and returned to Canada in 2011. Working as a server since she was 15 years old, Sebina's first job was at Fanzorelli's! In no time, Sebina worked her way up to becoming the Manager of this restaurant. In 2016, Fanzorelli's was listed for sale and she made the decision to purchase the business. Her love and dedication for her business has made it the #1 restaurant in Brampton, with all the help of her amazing team.

"I never dreamed about success... I just worked for it." -Sebina Coulter



### ZANDA RODRIGUEZ, OWNER OF MACARONZ

43 Queen ST E. | 905.929.5932 | [www.macaronz.com](http://www.macaronz.com)

In 2009, Zanda started selling her MacaronZ at the Farmers' Market, where she built her brand and connections with the community. She decided to open her first store, right in the core of Brampton in 2011. She has since expanded three times at this location over the years and added a very successful Afternoon Tea. Zanda has her daughter (Kayla) that works beside her as the baker. Their amazing artisanal pastries are freshly-baked and curated in-house daily. She now operates a second successful location in Port Credit.

"Opportunities don't happen! You create them" -Zanda Rodriguez



### DEBORAH KENNEY'S JEWELLERY

25 Main St. N | 905.460.5065 | [www.deborahkenney.ca](http://www.deborahkenney.ca)

Founded in the last century and even more vibrant now, this downtown gem provides services such as rejuvenating of old jewellery to make what's old new again. Their jewellery line includes custom pieces in silver and gold for all occasions. Their business is now the only jewellery store that offers permanent jewellery, the biggest trend in today's jewellery industry.

"I am fearless in the face of change" -Deborah Kenney



### GALLERY 35

35 Queen St W, E. | 905.457.3660 | [gallery35.ca](http://gallery35.ca)

Gallery 35 is a new art space in Brampton, showcasing established and emerging artists and cultivating an accessible public space for everyone to celebrate all that is art. John Cutruzzola's opening collection of artwork features pieces created in oils, watercolours, and sculpture. I visited this art gallery as part of an initiative for the Activate Downtown Brampton Exhibit and Auction, which showcased community efforts with limited edition artwork and photographs available for auction. The Activate Downtown Brampton Program transformed Vivian Lane and local Brampton artist Abiola Idowu created a colourful ground mural to reflect the project's objectives. The program engaged 40+ community volunteers, 30 vendors, and hosted 29 events within eight weeks. Visit [www.brampton.ca/ADB](http://www.brampton.ca/ADB) for more information.



### CARRIE PERCIVAL, ACADEMY OF MARTIAL ARTS

41 Main St. N. | 905.450.9925 | [www.amadojo.net](http://www.amadojo.net)

Founded in 1988, the Academy of Martial Arts operates two locations in Brampton. They offer a variety of martial art/fitness classes and programs to get your heart pumping! They are a successful recipient of the Government of Canada's My Main Street grant, awarding them \$10,000, allowing them to purchase upgrades for their business.



### CODE NINJAS

456 Vodden St. E | 289.499.2771 | [www.codeninjas.com](http://www.codeninjas.com)

Code Ninjas provides a space for youth to learn how to code as they build their own video games. Participants gain problem solving, critical thinking, and STEM skills in a fun, safe, and inspiring environment. Code Ninjas provide weeknight and weekend coding camps for those who want to gain new tech skills.

## PAUL VICENTE



### RAVI & NIRMALA PERSAUD, RAVI'S WEST INDIAN GROCERY

791 Bovaird Dr. W. | 905.796.6446

Ravi and Nirmala, residents and business owners in Ward 5, have owned their West Indian grocery store for 11 years. They specialize in importing foods and flavours from Guyana and locally sourced areas in the GTA. They are a successful recipient of the Government of Canada's My Main Street grant, awarding them \$10,000, allowing them to purchase upgrades for their business.



### NOVA GRILL AND BAKERY

131 Main St. N. | 905.454.6682 | [www.novagrill.ca](http://www.novagrill.ca)

A family-run restaurant serving up delicious Portuguese cuisine and pastries, located in the heart of downtown Brampton. They provide daily specials in their restaurant and offer catering for larger events. Mayor Brown and I had the pleasure of visiting and enjoying some tasty treats earlier this year.

## CITY EVENTS

**PARKS CLEANUP**  
April 1 to November 1

**EARTH DAY**  
April 22

**COMMUNITY BIKE RIDES**  
May 28 to September 24

**BRAMPTON FARMERS' MARKET**  
June 10 to October 7

**BRAMPTON CELEBRATES PRIDE**  
June 4

**BIKE THE CREEK**  
June 10

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**  
June 22

**CANADA DAY CELEBRATION**  
July 1

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**SIKH HERITAGE MONTH**  
April 21-23

**FESTIVAL OF LITERACY DIVERSITY**  
April 30 to May 7

**RIB 'N' ROLL**  
May 26-28

**LUSOFONIA**  
June 2-4

**KITE FESTIVAL**  
June 3-4

**HERITAGE SOUNDS OF MUSIC FESTIVAL**  
June 16-18

**CARABRAM**  
July 7-9

**VIBRANT BRAMPTON**  
July 21-22

**CHUTNEYFEST**  
July 29-30

**JAMAICA DAY**  
August 26-27

**WORLD OF JAZZ FESTIVAL**  
September 9-10

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



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