



City of Brampton | Summer 2023 Edition

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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The summer is finally here – a time to rest, relax and enjoy the sunshine and warm weather.

There is a lot happening around the city and throughout Wards 7 & 8, including new park amenities and splash pads to beat the heat. Check out the last page of this newsletter for some fun family activities around town.

You can join a community cleanup or volunteer to tidy up a local park or area in your neighbourhood. Get a group of friends or neighbours and make it a summer project to do together. Register your cleanup event at www.brampton.ca/cleanup

And remember, the Chinguacousy Library will be moving to a temporary new location at the Chinguacousy Ski Chalet, while the City finds it a new permanent home. In April, Council passed a unanimous motion to ensure our staff continue to support the Brampton Library on a short-term relocation in consultation with Brampton Library staff and minimize the impact to the local communities.

The City will work with the Brampton Library and fund the necessary work to determine the future site for the Chinguacousy branch that will best meet the needs of the local community and identify collaborative opportunities for coordinating long-term site plans into the City's recreation and facility planning processes.

Lastly, as of June, the provincial government decided to dissolve the Region of Peel by 2025, through Bill 112, or the *Hazel McCallion* Act, making Brampton, Mississauga and Caledon independent cities. Although there will be a number of significant changes and disruptions, I will remain active and ensure Brampton gets its fair share. I also extend support to my residents who work at the Region. I know this is a difficult time and the road ahead is filled with many tough questions and unknown possibilities. I'm here and I'm with you.

Pat Fortini

As your councillor, I have had the opportunity to work closely with our community and learn about the diverse needs and concerns of residents over the last few months. I am committed to ensuring that our community's voice is heard and that its needs are met. Through continuous engagement with our community, we will be able to develop efficient policies and initiatives that can drive growth and progress, while being inclusive.

At the April Committee of Council, there was a discussion item for Brampton Rental Landlord Registration/Licensing Program. This new program will centre around the landlord's duty of care, whether it be property, illegal lodging, parking violations, and other by-law infractions. An increased focus will be placed on landlords to ensure your concerns surrounding rental properties are heard. The program will be a licensing model, with a compliance and by-law component that will allow for periodic inspections and fines. Initially, this pilot program was to only include four wards. However, I am thrilled to announce that as a result of the efforts of other Ward Councillors and I, the program will be inclusive of Ward 7. This will allow residents in this area a greater sense of security and trust in their rental properties. The motion was passed and ratified, so the Brampton Rental Landlord Registration/Licensing Program will be coming into effect in 2024.

I would like to take a moment to extend my best wishes for your health and safety as you make the most of this summer season. Congratulations to those who are graduating, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

As always, you may reach out to me to discuss issues that are important to you, I can be reached by email or office numbers as listed in the newsletter.

Rod Power



GARDENS OF BRAMPTON: FRONT GARDEN RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Brampton is home to many front gardens, and we know residents take pride in keeping them green and beautiful. From July 1 to August 1, show us your front garden for a chance to be recognized! The City, in partnership with the Brampton Horticultural Society and Chinguacousy Garden Club, will judge and select the best gardens in Brampton. Those recognized will be announced in September, featured online, and will receive a recognition sign. Submission criteria and registration details are available at www.brampton.ca/parks



BRAMPTON FOOD GUIDE

Brampton is one of Canada's most diverse cities and our culinary offerings provide a unique experience with flavours from around the world. If you are looking to explore some of the tastiest spots across the city, the second edition of the Brampton Food Guide is full of recommendations from celebrity chefs, food influencers, and residents that will satisfy every palate. View the new feature 'Eat Where the Locals Eat' profiling the top 10 food spots in Brampton, as chosen by residents. To discover your new favourite, visit www.experiencebrampton.ca

BEAT THE HEAT

With summer on the horizon, it is the perfect time to enjoy Brampton's beautiful parks and splash pads. Did you know Brampton is home to more than 15 splash pads and more than 340 playgrounds across the city? Parks Maintenance and Forestry staff maintain approximately 1,119 hectares of parkland and 278 kilometers of recreational trails for residents to explore and enjoy. Visit some of our newest splash pads at English Street Park, Loafer's Lake Park, Gore Meadows Activity Hub, and Sesquicentennial Activity Hub (opening late summer 2023). Learn more at www.brampton.ca/splash



WAYS TO CONTACT SERVICE BRAMPTON

Service Brampton provides direct access to all non-emergency municipal government information, programs and services provided by the City of Brampton and Region of Peel. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in more than 150 languages. Connect with us by downloading the Brampton 311 app, visiting the website at www.311brampton.ca, emailing 3-1-1, or visiting us in person. Remember, between the hours of 12 am and 7 am, please call 3-1-1 for urgent inquiries only.

BRAMPTON RECREATION FEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ActiveAssist is a fee subsidy program to help low-income families and individuals access Recreation services and programs. Participants receive an annual subsidy amount of \$275, per person, valid for a twelve-month period. Once approved into the program, participants qualify for a two-year period. The account credit can be applied to program registrations and camps. There are three easy ways to apply - online, in-person or by mail. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/activeassist



PLAN. GROW. PLAY. TOGETHER.

The City is undertaking a review of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan guides the delivery of parks, open space, recreation and sport facilities with the goal of promoting an active and engaged community where attention to personal and public health is paramount. The five-year update to the Plan will rethink and examine the original recommendations against today's landscape and make further recommendations to reflect the current needs and demands of the city and its residents. For more information, visit: www.brampton.ca/splash



CITY OF BRAMPTON FIREWORKS BAN

Under the new Fireworks by-law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale, and offer to sell of fireworks is strictly prohibited in Brampton. This includes all fireworks such as sparklers, roman candles, rockets, ground spinners, fountains, flying lanterns, bombshells, etc.

The safety of residents is the City's top priority. A ban on fireworks:

- Mitigates the risk of fires, injury and damage to residents, pets, and properties.
- Reduces air pollution and debris keeping the City clean and green.
- Reduces excessive noise causing stress to children, veterans, and pets.
- Protects animal habitats.

Penalties for failing to comply range from \$500 to \$1,000, and may reach up to \$100,000 if a court summons is issued.

The City of Brampton is dedicated to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment. Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day, Diwali, and New Year's Eve at City-led events with Pyrotechnics.

To learn more, visit www.brampton.ca/fireworks



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. 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

BULK WASTE

Bulk waste is any large item that is too big to fit into a bin or garbage bag such as furniture, mattresses, and barbecues. The Region of Peel collects acceptable bulky items from the curb free-of-charge on your regular collection day. Help maintain a safe and attractive environment for everyone – don't dump waste on public or private property. Learn more at www.peelregion.ca



SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services wants to help ensure all Brampton residents protect their home, loved ones, and summer memories from the impacts of fire.

Make sure to:

- Install working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Create an escape plan with your family.
- Always stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Use barbecue grills only outdoors, positioned away from combustible objects.

For more safety tips, visit www.bramptonfire.com



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



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





Attending the special 34th annual Baba Balak Nath Ji Challa ceremony with Mayor Patrick Brown and the Hindu community (April 2023).



Joining Member of Provincial Parliament, Amarjot Sandhu (Brampton West), and his youth council, supporting their local food drive (December 2022).



I was proud to attend and support Algoma University's inaugural gala that raised \$50,000 to support a new scholarship for equity-deserving students. The event celebrated the university's tremendous development within the City of Brampton (May 2023).



With my friend Len Carby, the newly-appointed member of the Peel Police Services Board. Len has been a long-time volunteer and advocate for equity and inclusion. I extend my sincere congratulations to him on this important and historic appointment.



The provincial government unveiled new upgrades to the Bramalea GO Station, supporting future two-way, all-day GO train service along the Kitchener line.

Pictured (L-R): MP Maninder Sidhu, Councillor Fortini, the Hon. MPP Charmaine Williams, Premier Doug Ford, and Hon. Caroline Mulroney (May 2023).



With Regional Councillor Martin Medeiros (Wards 3 & 4) addressing crime and safety concerns by residents (May 2023).



At the Bramalea GO Station announcement with Premier Doug Ford and my provincial counterpart, the Hon. Charmaine Williams.

WELLSPRING CHINGUACOUSY TOUR

I had the opportunity to meet with Gael Miles, President of Wellspring Chinguacousy Foundation, and tour the Wellspring Cancer Centre right here in Brampton. Wellspring is a leading network of cancer support centres in Canada, which aims to provide a sanctuary of understanding for cancer patients, their families, and caregivers. Wellspring programs help with stress management; health restoration and rehabilitation; education and information; successful transitions back into the workforce; and financial advice and management. Wellspring has been able to sustain its important work and make a significant impact in the lives of many Canadians affected by cancer. Wellspring's dedication to providing a safe and supportive space for those affected by cancer is commendable.



EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEANUP

Despite the rain, the Earth Day community cleanup event was a success! Participants braved the weather conditions to gather litter and show their commitment to protecting our planet. It is heartwarming to see so many people come together for a common cause, and we are grateful for the hard work and dedication of all involved in making the event a success. A special thank you to the volunteers, City of Brampton Parks and Recreation employees for supplies for the BBQ, Enbridge team for their support, and Starbucks for supplying the coffee and tea and keeping everyone warm.

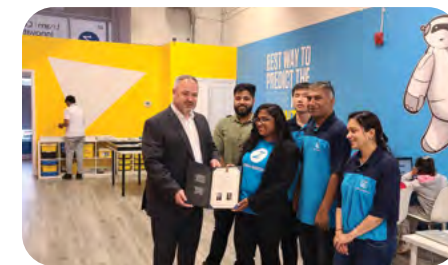
SUPPORTING BRAMPTON BUSINESS



30th anniversary celebration of Greenfield Global. An amazing company with a global reach right here in Brampton.



Ribbon cutting celebration of GM Logistics and Real Estate Solutions Centre investment in Brampton.



It was a pleasure visiting Zebra Robotics and meeting the young inventive minds. Zebra Robotics offers 25 courses in robotics coding and Technology for kids.



COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS & CELEBRATIONS



CITY EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE IN GARDEN SQUARE
July 7 to September 1

GARDEN SQUARE MOVIE NIGHT
Every Wednesday and select Saturdays until September 2

BRAMPTON FARMERS' MARKET
Saturdays, 8 am - 1 pm until October 7 in Gage Park

JAMBANA (IN CELEBRATION OF EMANCIPATION DAY)
August 7

HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON
August 23

LATINO HERITAGE MONTH
September

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September

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VIBRANT BRAMPTON
July 21-22

CHUTNEYFEST
July 29-30

JAMAICA DAY
August 26-27

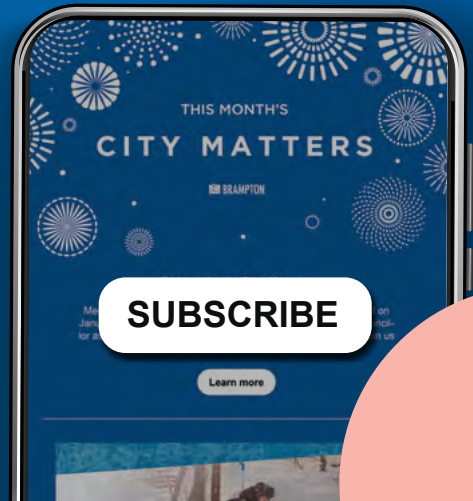
WORLD OF JAZZ FESTIVAL
September 9-10

This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit www.brampton.ca/events

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