



# Rowena Santos



Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### Santos Leading Brampton's Declaration of Climate Emergency

Brampton (ON) – As an item brought forward by Regional Councillor Rowena Santos at the June 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, members of council discussed issues surrounding climate change and how the city of Brampton can play a part in reducing greenhouse gases.

“Residents and especially our youth in Brampton, have identified climate change as one of the most important issues of our time,” said Santos. “During our discussion today, I brought forward a motion to join 35 municipalities across Canada, to declare a climate emergency.”

Earlier this year cities like Ottawa, Vancouver, Halifax, Hamilton, and Burlington declared climate a city emergency that requires action at the municipal level. With temperatures rising around the world, causing natural disasters and negative impacts locally, it is essential that the City of Brampton take pre-emptive measures to mitigate, adapt, and prevent climate change.

“Addressing climate change requires us to think globally but act locally,” added Santos. “Our youth, partners like Sheridan College, community organizations, and city departments are already doing tremendous work when it comes to the environment.”

The motion includes examples of different ways that Brampton is already taking action to address environmental issues. However, a bold statement to re-emphasize Brampton's commitment is necessary.

“The motion tabled will help coordinate all of the existing plans and work being done under one bold statement - Brampton is taking action to address this climate emergency.”

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