

City of Brampton

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Thank you for continuing to engage with us. We have spent the last few months and the start of 2021 engaging with our residents virtually and look forward to once again being able to see you in person in your neighbourhood. We have been working hard to ensure that all Bramptonians are equipped with the information and tools they need to continue to fight the ongoing pandemic, while keeping busy taking action on important issues. Here are just some key highlights over the past several months:

- We passed a motion for the City of Brampton to oppose the 7-eleven application that would allow on-site consumption of alcohol.
- We hosted a virtual Downtown Community Safety Town Hall where we addressed concerns from residents and followed-up with your questions.
- We hosted a Wards 1 and 5 COVID-19 Update Townhall virtually with Dr. Loh, the Peel Medical Officer of Health, to provide residents with the most recent facts and information concerning the pandemic.
- Council unanimously passed a motion to have a letter sent to the Provincial and the Peel Medical Officer of Health requesting an improved lockdown framework to be considered that would better support small businesses in Brampton, if further lockdown measures are declared.
- The advocacy efforts from our Fair Deal for Brampton campaign worked towards the Ontario Government granting the Phase II expansion of Peel Memorial, to transform it into a fully functioning hospital with 250 beds.
- In addition to Automated Speed Cameras and Active Transportation, we are implementing additional traffic calming measures on Wards 1 and 5 streets including: Vodden Street West, Centre Street North, and Royal Orchard Drive. Suggested traffic calming measures such as: speed cushions, bicycle lanes, and pavement markings are being considered. Traffic calming measures are expected to lower vehicle speeds, reduce cut-through traffic, improve safety, and improve pedestrian accessibility within the adjacent neighbourhoods.

These are just some examples of the latest initiatives this spring. Your feedback is valued! Together, let's build a brighter future for Brampton.

Rowena Santos

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BRAMPTON TRANSIT GOES GREEN!

Brampton Transit is a proud participant in the first-of-its-kind electric bus pilot project. The unprecedented initiative has brought multiple levels of government, bus and charger manufacturers, system integrators, academia, and funding partners together to implement electric buses in Brampton.

This project is the largest single global deployment of standardized and fully interoperable battery electric buses and high-powered overhead on-route charging systems.

Brampton Transit unveiled the new electric bus brand and introduced buses into service earlier this spring.

Brampton is a Green City and these zero-emission, state-of-the-art vehicles will save approximately 235 tonnes of CO₂ per year, per bus, contributing to Brampton's goal of reducing emissions by at least 80 per cent by 2050.



COVID-19 UPDATES AND VACCINATION ROLLOUT

Please continue checking our website **brampton.ca** for COVID-19 updates and safety measures to keep you, your family and friends safe. In line with the Province's COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan, the Region of Peel is working diligently to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine safely and quickly to our community. For updates on vaccine appointments, eligibility, priority groups and distribution, please visit Peel Region's website **peelregion.ca**



The City is building an innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystem, in the heart of downtown Brampton, branded the Innovation District.

The district offers an array of supports for entrepreneurs, businesses and start-ups at every stage of their journey. These supports are allowing us to capitalize on partnerships with educational institutions to provide education, talent development, and start-up incubation and accelerator space.

There are more than 10 existing partners, ranging from co-working spaces, accelerators, incubators, and a national centre for innovation and collaboration in cybersecurity – and still more to join, including BHive, a soft landing pad for international entrepreneurs.

The continued evolution of our Innovation District is a key piece of our Economic Recovery strategy. Learn more at **bramptoninnovationdistrict.com**



BRAMPTON PLAN

Official Plan Review Engagement

The City of Brampton began developing a new Official Plan “Brampton Plan” in late 2019. An Official Plan guides how a city develops and affects virtually every aspect of daily life. It guides the location and type of housing, industry, offices, stores, as well as the infrastructure needed to support a growing city – including streets, parks, transit, schools, and recreational facilities.

The Brampton Plan Engagement Strategy provides the opportunity for fulsome engagement by residents, stakeholders, staff, community groups/agencies, vulnerable communities, and more.

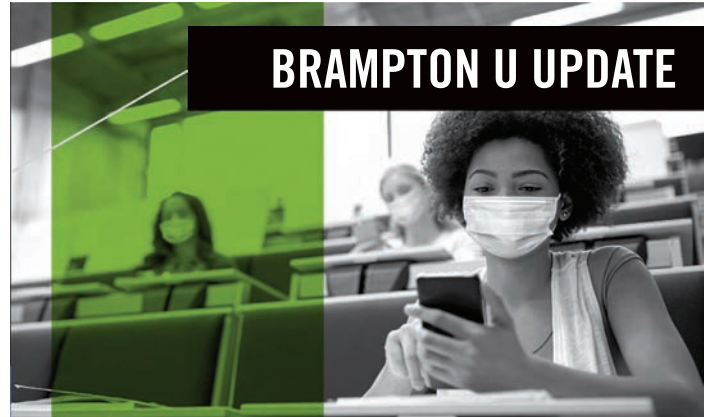
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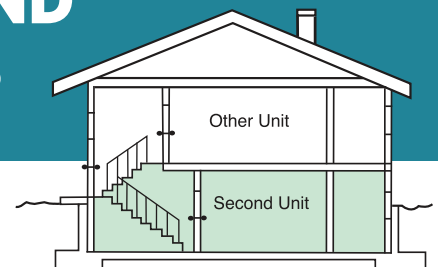
BRAMPTON U UPDATE

The City welcomes the expansion of more postsecondary opportunities including the budget announcement from the Provincial government to provide financial support for the development of a new institute of medical education in Brampton in partnership with Ryerson University.

Brampton continues to work on bringing a comprehensive university to the city. This is important because training and reskilling individuals with the most relevant skills and capabilities for jobs of the future will ensure our economy’s resilience. In summer 2020, the City released critical components from its BramptonU proposal, including Academic, Governance, and Economic models for the development of BramptonU. The City has continued to build on stakeholder engagement, specifically with local businesses, through workshops to ensure there is awareness of the BramptonU project and determine how local stakeholders might become further involved in the development of the university. Currently the City continues to advocate to the Province to legislate BramptonU into existence by passing the Brampton University Act and discuss what the best path forward to doing so looks like.

Read more at bramptonu.ca

SECOND UNITS



Registering second units (basement apartments) with the City ensures that they are safe, legal and livable. It helps the City provide the unit with its own municipal address. This information is shared with Brampton Fire, in case of an emergency, they will know there is a second unit in your house before they arrive. This can save precious seconds in a life-or-death situation. The registry is also available on the City’s website allowing residents to confirm if a property is legally registered. For illegal second units, fines could go up to \$25,000.



BARBEQUE SAFETY

Now that the weather is warming up, it means barbeque season is upon us. Follow these tips to make this a fire-safe barbeque season:

- Clean, inspect and test all connection lines
- Never leave a lit BBQ unattended
- Never BBQ inside your garage
- Do not place the BBQ close to anything that can burn
- To avoid a fire, make sure grease does not build up on the burners or at the base of the BBQ
- Keep children and pets a safe distance away
- Turn off all fuel sources after use and leave the lid open to let it cool before you safely store it away

Learn more at bramptonfire.com

YARD MAINTENANCE

By-laws help everyone enjoy a clean, safe neighbourhood and shared public spaces. On your private property, keep grass cut to 20 cm (8 inches) or shorter, and trim trees and hedges to avoid overgrowth. Remove stagnant water (often accumulated in wading pools, pool covers, buckets, etc.), and be sure not to store damaged or partially working items or debris on your property.

brampton.ca/bylaws



USING FIREWORKS FOR VICTORIA DAY, CANADA DAY, DIWALI AND NEW YEAR'S EVE?



Only short-range fireworks, those that tend to travel less than three metres (10 feet) when set off, are allowed on Victoria Day, Canada Day, Diwali and New Year's Eve. Examples include fountains, wheels, ground spinners, sparklers. All other fireworks are banned in Brampton, and no fireworks are allowed on sidewalks, at schools, parks and other public properties.

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SAFETY TIPS:



Keep a container of water or a hose line that's filled with water available to extinguish fireworks



Never light a firework or hold a lit firework in your hand, other than a sparkler



After using sparklers, place them in a container of water to fully cool before disposal



ACCESSIBLE PARKING

One in seven Ontarians has a disability, and not all disabilities are visible. Be mindful of accessible parking spots. If you park next to an accessible parking space, don't park over the yellow-striped access aisles. They provide additional space for those with disabilities to get in and out of vehicles with ease. Drive slow when you are near accessible parking areas and close to building entrances.



CITY OF BRAMPTON LAUNCHES FOOD GUIDE

Explore tastes from around the world in the globally inspired and locally rooted Brampton Food Guide, now available online! The Brampton Food Guide features 54 restaurants & specialty markets and highlights the City's Best Bites, local chef favourites, Brampton's Burger Tour and recommendations from local food influencers.

As one of Canada's most diverse communities, the City of Brampton offers a unique culinary experience that is rich in authentic tastes with flavours from around the globe. Check out the new guide at brampton.ca/foodtourism and explore an international cuisine, while safely supporting independent local businesses.



KEEPING BRAMPTON CLEAN AND GREEN



Until November, residents and businesses are encouraged to register for self-led clean ups at one of our many parks.

If you collect recyclables during your cleanup, please remember to recycle them. To learn more about how to sort your waste, visit the Region of Peel's website at peelregion.ca. Together, we can keep Brampton clean and green!

Share your cleanup photos with us by emailing bramptongreencity@brampton.ca

For more information, including any restrictions that may be in place, visit brampton.ca/cleanup



BRAMPTON RELEASES UPDATED ENVIRONMENTAL MASTER PLAN

On March 24, 2021, Brampton City Council unanimously approved the update of the Brampton Grow Green Environmental Master Plan (EMP), building on its commitment to being a Green City. The update of this pivotal document highlights the City of Brampton's environmental successes and how the environmental priorities have evolved since the EMP was first released in 2014, and provides a refreshed Action Plan to drive these goals forward. The Action Plan features 60 high-impact actions that chart the course for a greener city over the next decade, and will accelerate Brampton as a healthy, resilient, and environmentally sustainable community.



ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WALK, RIDE OR ROLL

Brampton is an active city with more than 40 kilometres of guided and paved recreational trails. This year, the City is adding nearly 30 kms of new linear cycling infrastructure (bike lanes, urban shoulders, multi-use paths and recreational trails/paths). We're building *Streets for People* to provide a safe, comfortable, and sustainable street experience regardless of how you choose to travel.

Brampton is dedicated to becoming a bicycle and walk-friendly community that fosters and promotes active transportation; one where residents and visitors can safely and conveniently access places, goods and services with a network of on and off-road options.

Want more information on our recreational trails? Visit brampton.ca and check out the Brampton Cycling Map or the interactive Peel Recreational Trails Map.





(Left)

Getting geared up for the new Active Transportation Bike Lanes with Mayor Patrick Brown and Councillor Harkirat Singh. Excited to take them on a ride down Vodden St.



(Above)

At Murray Street Park looking forward to more proposed park enhancements.



(Above)

Supporting local small business with good friend MPP Sara Singh.

(Right)

Proudly presenting certificates and gratitude to Sahiba and Kanwar, who courageously assisted in the rescue of a Brampton resident at Lakeland Village Pond.





(Above)

Visiting the Peel Regional Police Substation at 45 George Street South equipped with an interactive kiosk, allowing residents to speak to a live officer 24-7.



(Above)

Joined environmental activist group People Against Littering for a park clean up in Ward 1 at Allan Kerbal Park.

(Right)

#SupportLocalBrampton with takeout for the whole family.



(Right)

Touring newly arrived Nova Electric Bus.



The City of Brampton remains ready to respond to shifting circumstances and adjust events to ensure community safety during COVID-19. Events and their respective dates are subject to change.

June 1 – 30	Pride in Brampton
June 2	Italian Independence Day
June 10	Portuguese Independence Day
June 12	Philippines Independence Day
June 19 – Oct 23	Brampton Farmers' Market
June 21	National Indigenous Peoples Day

July 1	Canada Day
July 10	Virtual Carabram*
July 23-25	Arts & Culture Initiative of South Asia**
July 24 – 25	Canadian Indo-Caribbean Festival**






*This event is not hosted by the City of Brampton

**This event is supported through the City of Brampton Marquee Festival & Event Fund





Disclaimer:

Please note that with the current conditions, it is assumed most events will be online this year. Please mark these dates in your calendar, and check in at [brampton.ca](https://www.brampton.ca) for details closer to event dates. Note all event information is subject to change.

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