

City of Brampton

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear residents of Wards 9 and 10,

COVID-19 has been challenging for all of us and I want to reassure you that I have and will continue to work hard for you and your families during these unprecedented times.

Keeping our community safe remains a priority, and I am happy to share that we have made progress on key initiatives. Thanks to you, we successfully campaigned against a retail cannabis store in the heart of a residential neighbourhood. In addition, the City of Brampton and Region of Peel supported my request for a community police station in Brampton's east end, which is currently in the planning phase.

For the third year in a row, Brampton achieved a ZERO percent property tax increase. COVID-19 has not only been tough on our health, but also our economy, and this means more of your hard earned money will remain with you.

Finally, I am proud to announce Peel Memorial will be expanded to a FULL hospital, and Ryerson received a planning grant for a new medical school.

As this year progresses, I will continue to advocate for more vaccines, better transit, and further economic support from the provincial and federal governments.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call or e-mail me.

Sincerely,

Gurpreet Singh Dhillon
Regional Councillor, Wards 9 and 10

Dear residents of Wards 9 and 10:

I hope you are doing well and keeping safe during this time. The Region of Peel began its vaccine roll-out in March, we're happy to see things moving forward given that this past year has undoubtedly had its ups and downs.

Over the past few months, my office has continued to place an emphasis on communication by ensuring we answer every call, consistently follow up with each inquiry sent to our office, send out as many community notifications by mail and provide continual updates through social media as this has become a new normal and we would like to ensure everyone feels that they are being kept in the loop.

I am hopeful that we will return to some sense of normalcy as the vaccine roll-out continues but until then, we are thankful for your patience and your willingness to contribute to the safety of all Bramptonians. Read more about what I've been up to on my page in the middle of this newsletter!

Thank you for your support and please feel free to reach out to my office at anytime. I can always be reached through a call at 905.874.2610 or email at harkirat.Singh@brampton.ca

Stay safe,

Harkirat Singh, MSc, MBA.
City Councillor, Wards 9 and 10



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 bramptoninnovatiiondistrict.com

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



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.



STAY ACTIVE AND HAVE FUN



There is no shortage of activities to keep fit, active and engaged this season. The City of Brampton's Recreation team have a number of things on the go for residents of all ages including virtual fitness, inclusive activities, on-demand Rec at Home programs and more.

Visit brampton.ca/recreation for updates throughout the summer, and get ready for your next activity and challenge!



The new exterior building signage for Save Max Sports Centre (formally Brampton Soccer Centre) will be up soon. The City retains full ownership and operation of the facility, and besides a new name, a new free afterschool basketball program for youth will be offered at the location – made possible through the naming rights agreement.

Brampton has taken a progressive approach to finding alternative revenue sources to offset the tax burden on residents. The sale of naming rights brings more money to the facility to improve the delivery of programs and services, directly benefiting residents using that facility.

The City is actively identifying other facilities for naming rights, including Gore Meadows Community Centre. Learn more about the Council-approved Sponsorship and Naming Rights Policy and current opportunities at brampton.ca/sponsorship

THE NURTURING NEIGHBOURHOODS PROGRAM CONTINUES ONLINE IN 2021!

Our teams are excited to continue exploring and learning as we plan tours of 15 new neighbourhoods. Videos of selected neighbourhoods will be posted with welcome messages from Mayor Brown and area Councillors. Residents can explore destinations within each neighbourhood, complete surveys and pin areas with comments as we cover themes of community safety and well-being, open spaces and the environment and more!

Our program partners are motivated to continue connecting with more residents across the city.

If you would like to see the Nurturing Neighbourhoods Program visit your area or want to stay up-to-date with what's happening in your neighbourhood visit brampton.ca/neighbourhoods





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

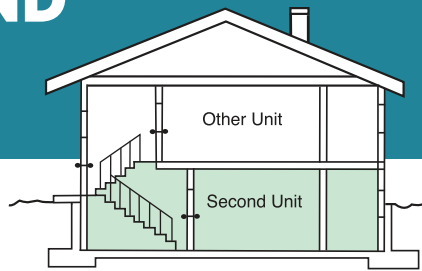


ACCESSIBLE PARKING

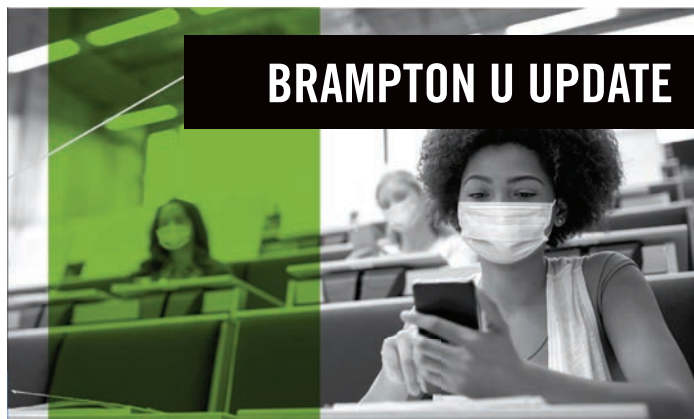
One in seven Ontarians has a disability, and not all disabilities are visible. Be mindful of accessible parking spots. If you park next to an accessible parking space, don't park over the yellow-striped access aisles. They provide additional space for those with disabilities to get in and out of vehicles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



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.



BRAMPTON U UPDATE

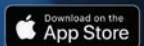
The City welcomes the expansion of more postsecondary opportunities including the budget announcement from the Provincial government to provide financial support for the development of a new institute of medical education in Brampton in partnership with Ryerson University.

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

QUICK AND EASY WAYS TO REACH 311 BRAMPTON!

- Download the **311Brampton app**
- Visit 311Brampton.ca
- Call 311 within city limits
(905.874.2000 outside city limits)



FAIR DEAL FOR BRAMPTON

It's time for change - Brampton needs a fair deal when it comes to auto insurance rates. Auto insurance rates form a major portion of family expenses, and Brampton residents pay rates that are approximately 123% higher than Ontario's average. The City of Brampton is requesting the Province of Ontario expedite the review and reform of car insurance rates in Ontario.

Together, we can take a stand now to get a #FairDealForBrampton. Visit brampton.ca/fairdeal for details.

VIRTUAL TRUCKING TOWN HALL

In March 2021, Councillor Dhillon organized a virtual Trucking Town Hall in collaboration with Peel Regional Police and industry specialists, in order to address the needs of commercial truck drivers and business owners. Twelve per cent of all jobs in Brampton are related to trucking and logistics. Specialists from the industry included: Peel Police Crime Units, the Toronto Trucking Association, the Ontario Trucking Association, and the Insurance Bureau of Canada, all of whom were asked to give presentations. The event provided attendees with an opportunity to learn safety and prevention tips from panelists, as well as ask any questions. The Town Hall was the first of its kind and was deemed a success as panelists and hosts confirmed the event would be held on a regular basis.

Commercial Trucking Online Town Hall

Hosted by Councillor Gurpreet Singh Dhillon
Thursday, March 18th, 7pm to 8:30pm

Register for the virtual meeting at gurpreetsinghdhillon.com
WebEx link will be emailed 48 hours prior



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REGIONAL COUNCILLOR
GURPREET S. DHILLON



PEEL REGION CHAIR
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Discussion will include panelists from:



WARD 9 AND 10 PARKS AND TRAIL PROJECTS

Councillor Dhillon has been consistently advocating for improvements to our local parks since first taking office. He has worked hard alongside City staff to clean up, refurbish, and remodel parks throughout wards 9 and 10. Now he would like to hear from residents and seek their opinions on what enhancements they would like to see for the parks in their neighborhoods. Reach out to his office with your thoughts at gurpreet.dhillon@brampton.ca!



FAIR DEAL FOR AUTO INSURANCE

Councillor Dhillon moved a motion in Council to advocate to the provincial government for fairer insurance rates for Brampton drivers. Sign the online petition here: brampton.ca/fairdeal



Councillor Dhillon encourages everyone to do their part in keeping Brampton clean. He works with local community members and city staff to organize and facilitate neighborhood cleanups.

BLOOD DRIVE WITH CANADIAN BLOOD SERVICES

Over the past few months, Councillor Singh collaborated with Canadian Blood Services to help collect blood donations in honour of the farmers who have lost their lives while peacefully protesting in India. These protests have had an immeasurable impact on our local community, which is why Councillor Singh felt the need to take action to help raise awareness on these issues. We are greatly thankful for Canadian Blood Services for providing such support during this time and to our amazingly considerate community who showed up and did their part to help raise donations.



**FARMER'S TRIBUTE
BLOOD & STEM
DRIVE**
IN HONOUR OF FARMERS WHO HAVE
LOST THEIR LIVES

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NEW LONG-TERM CARE HOME

Councillor Singh is happy to share that a new long-term care facility has been approved in wards 9 and 10! 160 beds have been allocated for this facility, which will be located at the intersection of Sandalwood Parkway and Fernforest Drive. Councillor Singh is thankful to our Provincial Government for approving this application. This facility will provide inclusive and quality health care to senior residents. The aim of this long-term care facility is to provide a brand new, culturally-sensitive, experience for seniors in Brampton. We are hoping for more facilities similar to this one as the years go on. Brampton is a mosaic and each community's unique experience will always be celebrated in our City.

SAVE MAX SPORTS CENTRE RENOVATIONS (formerly Brampton Soccer Centre)



To better serve the needs of the community, the City has been working to transform part of the Save Max Sports Centre outdoor site into a year-round multi-sport venue. Amenity upgrades include:

- two outdoor multi-sport fields have been changed from natural to artificial turf, allowing for extended play season, as well as making the fields suitable for a variety of sports
- LED lights are being added to both fields to allow extended hours of use, while reducing glare and improving energy efficiency

- a seasonal dome is being built over one field, which will cover the field from November to April each year (allowing for usage over the colder months)
- a pavilion building is being added near the new dome to provide change room and washroom facilities for field users
- a straight running track is being incorporated into the dome area

Construction is nearing completion. The new facility is expected to be ready by Summer 2021, and the dome is expected to be installed in November 2021.



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 23-25	Arts & Culture Initiative of South Asia*
July 24 – 25	Canadian Indo-Caribbean Festival*

*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 for details closer to event dates. Note all event information is subject to change.

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