City of Brampton COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Summer 2021 Edition

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Hello residents:

As we continue to reopen slowly, we're working with our partners to deliver the COVID-19 vaccine safely, widely, and quickly to as many residents as possible. Together, let's help our community **Get Back to Better, Brampton.**

Public Health measures along with the vaccine program are critical to changing the course of this pandemic. Even if you have been vaccinated, please remember to follow all health and safety measures meant to keep our community safe and stop the spread of COVID-19.

As a reminder, until further notice, appointments are required before arriving at various City locations for in-person City services. No walk-ins are permitted, so please call 3-1-1 to book your appointment or book online.

Many of you have been complaining about the loud exhaust sounds in residential areas. The Region has passed a resolution to address this problem and has asked the Ministry of Transportation to consider amendments to the Highway Traffic Act relating to amplified sounds for exhaust systems, including stricter penalty with a minimum fine of \$500.

I hope you and your loved ones stay safe, and I am looking forward to connecting in person with you again soon. As always, please contact my office if you require assistance on City or Regional matters. **Charmaine Williams** City Councillor WARDS 7 and 8 905.874.2671 charmaine.williams@brampton.ca



Dear neighbour,

I hope you have been enjoying the summer and spending time outdoors safely in our City parks, recreational trails, splash pads, and playgrounds.

We have faced some challenging months, and I want to thank you for your efforts in doing your part to protect the health and wellbeing of our community.

We learned to pivot and do many things virtually, and for some of our local students, that included launching companies through the Summer Company program, an Ontario government program offered through the Brampton Entrepreneur Centre. What a wonderful opportunity for our Brampton youth! I wish them all every success in their future endeavours.

As the summer slowly winds down, I would like to encourage everyone to continue to maintain their yards. Our Enforcement and By-law division does an excellent job in helping to maintain the quality of our city, and we each play a role in upholding these standards. Thank you for keeping your property clean and tidy for the surrounding neighbourhood to enjoy.

My staff and I continue to support the residents of Wards 7 and 8 and are here for you. Please contact my office should you have any municipal questions or concerns.

Take care, Charmaine Williams

Pat Fortini

COVID-19 UPDATE

Let's keep going toward full vaccination of Brampton residents – we are reaching important milestones in the collective fight against COVID-19, including good progress on first dose coverage, but we are not done yet. For the best protection, all eligible Brampton residents need to get fully vaccinated – this means taking the first step by getting a first dose and showing up for a second shot when eligible.

Visit **peelregion.ca** to view eligibility and **brampton.ca** to see our vaccine campaign video > click COVID-19 updates (top left corner) > Vaccinate Brampton.



GET BACK TO BETTER

HEAT WARNING SAFETY TIPS

When temperatures are over 31°C or humidity is high, heat warnings are issued. Remember to:

- Stay indoors; limit exposure to sun
- When outdoors, choose shaded spots or City splash pads
- Avoid strenuous activities between 10 am and 4 pm when it's the hottest
- Eat well-balanced, light, regular meals and drink plenty of water
- Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight and light-coloured clothes
- Protect your face and head by wearing a wide-brimmed hat
- Never leave children or pets alone in a parked car
- Check on seniors, young children and those who may be vulnerable

Read more at **brampton.ca/prepared**



CELEBRATING SUMMER COMPANY YOUTH

The 2021 Summer Company program chose 11 young entrepreneurs from Brampton. The program helps students set up a summer business through start-up money and mentoring.

Many of the businesses met the unique needs created by the pandemic. Armaan Sengupta offered virtual robotics building classes while Cameron Dunkerley provided online Lacrosse training. Meera Arambarajah sold handmade jewellery online. Matthew Bissoon produced personalized video gifts as a way to commemorate milestone events. Miwako Chang created instrumentals and an opportunity to join an online community of like-minded artists.

For a full listing of this year's students, please visit: **brampton.ca/bec**

WHAT'S ON DECK WITH REC

Say hello to summer! Get out and enjoy all of the great outdoor amenities Brampton has to offer. From golfing at Peel Village Golf Course, playgrounds, and splash pads to more than 40 km of guided and paved recreational trails throughout the city, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

Looking to beat the heat? Splash pads and wading pools are located all around Brampton and are a great way to have fun and stay cool. Physical distancing is required and residents are asked to self-assess for COVID-19 symptoms before attending.

Visit **brampton.ca/summerfun** for a complete list of amenities and program information, including hours, status updates and COVID-19 safety requirements.

The Region of Peel is expecting to begin construction of a watermain and sanitary sewer replacement project in September 2021 which is necessary to address aging infrastructure. The Region of Peel and the City of Brampton will work together to keep everyone informed and aware of this work and we appreciate your patience as this necessary work is completed. The City's work will involve repaving the roadway once the watermain and sanitary work has concluded. For more information, please visit the Region of Peel **peelregion.ca/downtownbrampton**

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Vaccines play a critical part in building back communities stronger together. I had the privilege to tour a few vaccine sites with Dr. Loh and William Osler Health System staff over the last few months.

Please continue to protect yourself and your loved ones by getting vaccinated. Check the Province's vaccine booking portal or Peel Health's website for eligibility to book your vaccine. Together, we will stop the spread of COVID-19 and get back to seeing and enjoying our friends and families.

CHARMAINE WILLIAMS



Gardens of Brampton: Front Garden Recognition Program

Thank you to those that officially participated in this friendly competition by submitting a photo, and to everyone that planted a garden this year. You are truly making Brampton a more green and beautiful city.

The Chinguacousy Garden Club and the Brampton Horticultural Society will be selecting the best six front gardens. Winners will be announced in September, featured online, receive a recognition card, and win a gift certificate to a local nursery. Stay tuned for the winning gardens announcement!

WATERMAIN, SANITARY SEWER REPLACEMENT, ROAD REPAIRS AND RESURFACING PROJECT: WORK BEGINS AFTER SUMMER 2021



All school zones and other high-risk areas will be converted to Community Safety Zones for the potential implementation of ASE cameras. Installations are ongoing, and "Municipal Speed Enforcement, Coming Soon" signs will go up in locations where the ASE will be placed at a future date.



Accessibility Awareness in the Park

A friendly reminder that playgrounds are intended as a place of inclusivity and accessibility for all to share and enjoy. Part of child skill development comes with emphasizing the importance of sharing spaces and equipment with others.

Be mindful of all children and their individual abilities. Some children have unique requirements in the playground to accommodate their developmental needs.

Let's keep our playgrounds a fun play zone for all and remember to share so that children of all abilities have a turn on the equipment.



YARD MAINTENANCE

Maintain your yard and keep our city looking great! If your grass is taller than a soccer ball, it's time to cut it. Grass and weeds should be cut regularly, with clippings removed, to ensure that they do not exceed a maximum of 20 cms in height. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws



NOISE BY-LAW

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



PARKING DO'S/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
- When parking on the street, don't obstruct the flow of traffic. This includes lanes that have been designated for bicycles, so be sure not to park or stop your vehicle in cycling lanes



BRAMPTON FARMERS' MARKET IS GOING STRONG

Running Saturdays, 8 am to 1 pm until October 23, the Market is relocated to Gage Park, Ken Whillans Square and on Wellington Street West for the 2021 season. Free parking is available in the underground lot at City Hall. Visit brampton.ca/markets for full details.

SUMMER MOVIE DRIVE-IN

Join us for free, family-friendly movie drive-ins all summer long! Showtime is at 9 pm. Registration is required. Learn more at brampton.ca/recreation

FLOWER CITY COMMUNITY CAMPUS

Saturday, August 14: The Croods 2: A New Age

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SESQUICENTENNIAL PARK

Friday, August 20: Captain Marvel

STOMP'N STAMPEDE

Garden Square presents the 7th annual Stomp'n Stampede! Join us for virtual celebrations on August 14 at 7 pm. Featuring Mainland Kitchen Band, Celtic Kitchen Party and a community "East Coast Pride" showcase! Learn more at brampton.ca/gardensquare

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