

City of Brampton

# COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Fall & Winter 2020 Edition



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**Dear Friends,**

This year has been anything but ordinary, with the onset of COVID-19 we have had to learn how to adapt to a new normal and change our habits. We are still facing a number of serious challenges regarding COVID-19 and the impacts continue to disrupt almost every aspect of our lives.

It is important to continue wearing a face mask, practice physical distancing, regularly wash your hands, and get tested if you experience symptoms or have been exposed to someone who has tested positive. Please continue to follow the Provincial and Public Health's guidelines so we can all stay healthy.

For up-to-date information on COVID-19 and the City of Brampton's response we encourage you to visit **letsconnect.brampton.ca**, where you will find FAQs, helpful community resources, service and information updates, as well as information on reopening and recovery, our seniors support, social support, and economic support task forces in addition to the City's mandatory mask by-law. We also encourage you to tune into the City of Brampton's weekly media briefings and updates to Council on COVID-19, and participate in tele-town halls.

As of October, City Hall is open to the public on an appointment-basis only for 311, Building Department, Enforcement Bylaw, and City Clerk services, with enhanced safety measures in place in all our facilities. Please visit **www.brampton.ca/skiptheline** to book your appointment, however we encourage you to stay home as much as possible and take advantage of City services that are now available by online or by phone. For any questions or concerns, please contact our offices or 311.

Stay healthy, stay safe.

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City Council meetings take  
place every other  
**Wednesday at 9:30 am**

For more details, visit  
**www.brampton.ca**

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## REOPENING SAFELY

On September 9, City corporate facilities reopened their doors for in-person appointment-based services. This includes, City Hall, Buildings Division and Enforcement and By-law Services located at Flower City Community Campus, Williams Parkway Operations Centre, Animal Services and Civic Centre. Select Recreation Centres are accessible by reservation for fitness, aquatics, skating and general interest programming. Walk-ins are not permitted. All appointments must be made at [www.brampton.ca/skiptheline](http://www.brampton.ca/skiptheline).

Services available include marriage and business licensing, tax and other payments, Service Brampton desk for inquiries, building and sign permits and zoning services, animal adoption and licensing and Public Works inquiries. Many services are available online, so try that first before booking an appointment.

## STREET PARKING

Parking on the street is not permitted between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m., and anywhere for longer than 3 hours. To provide longer parking to overnight guests, apply for a parking consideration at [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca). It is free and could be issued for up to 14 days in a year per licence plate.

Remember that a parking consideration will not prevent you from getting a ticket for obstructing snow clearing or road maintenance operations. Your vehicle may be tagged and/or towed even if you have obtained a parking consideration. In addition, parking considerations will not be issued during winter weather events



## ACCESSIBLE PARKING

Accessible parking is available throughout Brampton. The original permit must be displayed in a visible area of your windshield. Photocopies are not acceptable. Residents are reminded not to use accessible parking spots unless you have a valid permit.

## 2021 BUDGET PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT

The City's draft Budget for 2021 is expected to be released in early November, with Budget Committee deliberations taking place towards the end of November, and the final approval in early December.

Due to the financial impacts arising from COVID-19, the City's 2020 year-end operating budget deficits are estimated at around \$57 million. The City recognizes that residents and businesses have also been impacted by the pandemic. Against this backdrop, several scenarios could be discussed during Budget deliberations. The public are invited to provide input and feedback at [budget@brampton.ca](mailto:budget@brampton.ca). Other opportunities to provide your feedback will be available later this fall.

## COMMUNITY ENERGY AND EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN

Brampton has responded to the climate change crisis with municipal leadership by declaring a climate emergency, and joining the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. The Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan (CEERP) is big step forward in environmental leadership on behalf of the residents of Brampton. Brampton City Council has set a goal to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 80 percent by 2050. This is Brampton's first Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan, and sets clear targets and actions for energy and GHG emission reductions. Visit [brampton.ca/ceerp](http://brampton.ca/ceerp) for more information.



## INNOVATION DISTRICT

Brampton is building an Innovation District in the heart of downtown to promote a dynamic start-up community, develop local talent and support entrepreneurs.

The Innovation District is a key initiative in the City's COVID-19 Economic Recovery Strategy, and it will continue to evolve in the coming months and years.

Many services are available online. Please use these services first before booking an appointment.

- Ryerson Venture Zone - incubator dedicated to helping build and grow new businesses, create high-skilled jobs, and develop a talent pipeline.

- Catalyst Cyber Accelerator (led by Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst and Ryerson DMZ) - Canada's first Cyber Security accelerator for start-ups and scale-ups.

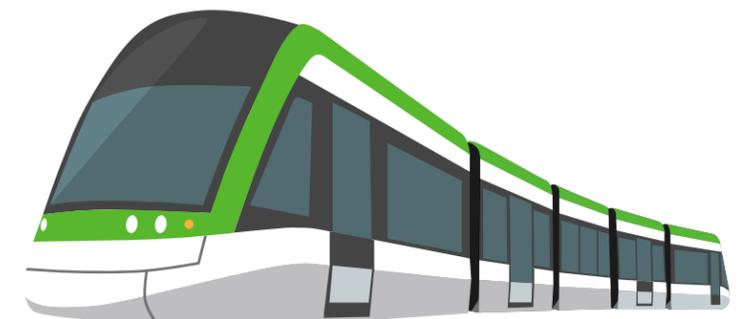
- Research Innovation Commercialization (RIC) Centre-specialized business incubation and accelerator space.

- The Brampton Board of Trade and the Downtown Brampton Business Improvement Area (BIA)

More partners are expected to join the Innovation District later this year.

## LRT EXTENSION EA

Increasing opportunities to travel by rapid transit within the city and surrounding communities is essential for supporting the evolution of Brampton to a sustainable city that embraces a high quality of life for all citizens. Light rapid transit investment will play an important role in changing how people get from place A to place B and the transformation of the urban environment. The LRT Extension Environmental Assessment (EA) will be recommending a preferred Main Street alternative to extend light rail transit from Brampton Gateway Terminal to Brampton GO station in Downtown Brampton. A virtual open house was conducted in June and there will be more opportunities for residents to have their say in the coming months. Learn more at [brampton.ca/lrtextension](http://brampton.ca/lrtextension).



## WARDS 3 & 4 IN THE COMMUNITY - COUNCILLOR BOWMAN

### My Wards 3 & 4 City Youth Council

Last year, I launched my Wards 3 & 4 City Youth Council – a group of young, enthusiastic and talented individuals who want to be engaged and involved in making Brampton a more vibrant city. They have participated in a number of community clean-ups and are organizing a fundraiser to purchase wheelchairs for vulnerable seniors.

We meet once a month to plan volunteer opportunities in the community and work throughout the wards to help those in need.

For more details or to join, please visit [www.34cyc.com](http://www.34cyc.com).



**(Above) This year's first-ever virtual walk for Interim Place – I walk to honour the lives that have been lost to gender-based violence over the past 10 years and the 47,000 survivors and their children who needed Interim Place's services and resources.**

### Illegal Secondary Units

As you know, I've been very active and vocal when it comes to the proliferation of secondary units, basement apartments and lodging homes in Brampton. I am opposed to them because they are illegal, unsafe and a dangerous hazard if not inspected and registered through the City.

In addition to our AMO delegations, I've written letters to Premier Doug Ford and to the Hon. Steve Clark (Minister of Municipal Affairs &



**(Left) Park clean-up and tree planting with members of the Wards 3 & 4 City Youth Council members.**

### Annual AMO Conference

Every year, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) host a conference where cities can meet with the Premier, Ministers, provincial party leaders and MPPs to lobby them on city issues. This year, the conference was online but we still put forward our demands and shared the pressing issues facing our residents. We met with the Hon. Rod Phillips (Minister of Finance) regarding the impacts of COVID-19 in Brampton; the Hon. Christine Elliott (Minister of Health) and addressed the growing problem of "hallway medicine" and preparing the City for a possible second wave; and the Hon. Laurie Scott (Minister of Infrastructure) about critical investments in the City.



**Participating in a delegation meeting during the AMO conference, representing the City and highlighting our issues.**

Housing), demanding legislative changes be made to allow our Enforcement officers to have the ability and authority to enter premises that are suspected of having an illegal basement apartment, and immediately investigate questionable health and safety standards in a home.

You can read all the correspondence to Premier Ford, Minister Clark and Solicitor General Jones here: <http://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/CouncilOffice/Jeff-Bowman/Pages/welcome.aspx>.

## WARDS 3 & 4 IN THE COMMUNITY - COUNCILLOR MEDEIROS

### Dear Residents,

It is an honour to be your Regional Councillor for wards 3 & 4, and to chair the City of Brampton's Reopening and Recovery Working Group. Although it has been a difficult year, we must continue to follow Peel Public Health's guidance and work together to keep our community safe. We're in this together.

This summer the Reopening and Recovery Working Group launched a survey requesting the public's feedback on reopening. With your help, the City of Brampton took a safe, measured approach to reopening City facilities and made several services available online, by phone, or by appointment only.

Residents and businesses need the support of their City more than ever due to COVID-19. As a result, I tabled a motion at City Council directing staff to improve customer service so residents will be able to visit service desks at any City facility and access any service or information they need. Council also passed my motion to freeze 2020 user fees for residents, businesses, and sports organizations; and my motion directing City staff to work with the Downtown Brampton BIA to support local businesses. I am also pleased Council passed my motion creating a citywide Seniors Day to acknowledge the contributions of seniors in a meaningful way.

Lastly, I would like to thank first responders, frontline workers, and staff at the City of Brampton and Region of Peel for their hard work and dedication during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,  
Martin Medeiros



**August 2018**

**THANK YOU!**



**July 2018**

*Please note, the above two images were taken before COVID-19 and social distancing regulations were not in place.*



**May 26, 2020 - Councillor Medeiros with Brampton Fire.**



**Councillor Medeiros visits Purellis – June 12, 2020.**



**Reopening tele-town hall – June 10, 2020.**

# COOK WITH CARE



For more information scan here:



Brampton Fire encourages residents to ALWAYS stay in the kitchen while cooking. Unattended cooking is the number #1 cause of fires in Ontario and in the City of Brampton.

### To prevent cooking fires:

- Always stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove.
- Be alert. Avoid cooking if you are sleepy, have consumed alcohol, recreational drugs or medicine that makes you drowsy.
- Keep anything that burns (oven mitts, cooking utensils, dish cloths) a safe distance from the stove.
- Wear short or tight sleeves or roll up your sleeves when cooking.

These simple but important actions can keep you and your loved ones safe while cooking.

# FIREWORKS SAFETY



On Diwali, New Year's Eve, Victoria Day and Canada Day, only short-range fireworks are allowed on private property, without the need for a permit, e.g. fountains, wheels, ground spinners, sparklers. All other rocket-type fireworks are banned. Fireworks are not permitted on the street, sidewalks, within City parks or on municipal or school properties.

# Sidewalk SNOW CLEARING

The City only clears certain sidewalks - most are the responsibility of the property owner. To find out who clears your sidewalk, check out the new interactive map at [www.brampton.ca/snow](http://www.brampton.ca/snow).



# SNOW/WINTER OPERATIONS

When the winter weather hits, City crews are ready. Make sure you are too! Visit [www.brampton.ca/snow](http://www.brampton.ca/snow) for all the information you need this winter.

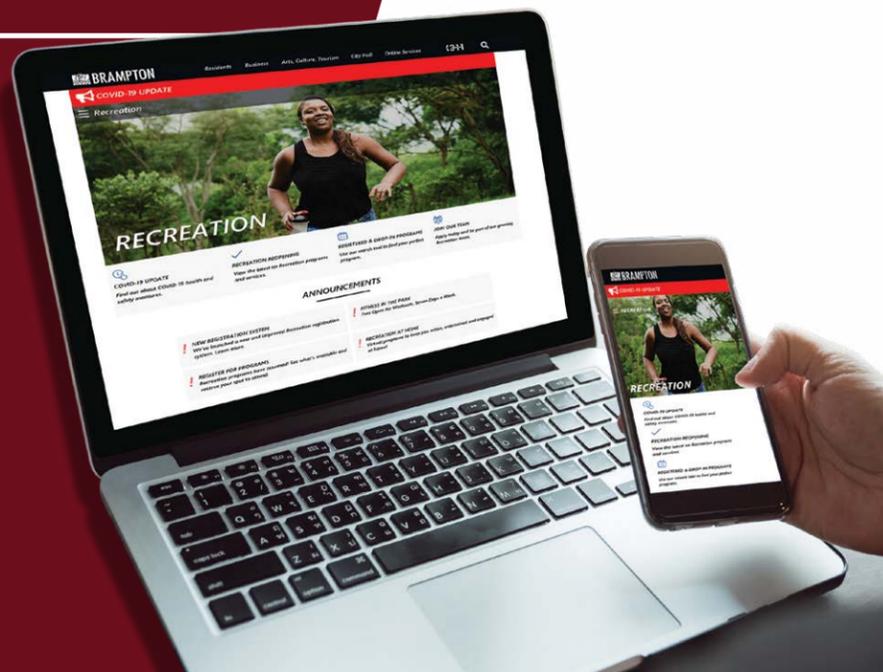
Please note crews cannot properly clear a street with cars parked on it. When it snows, please do not park on the street until it has been salted or plowed.

Our goal is to have all roads, sidewalks and trails looked after within 24 hours after the snowfall ends, but it might take longer if weather conditions are severe. Please be patient! Wait 24 hours before calling about your street.

# NEW RECREATION REGISTRATION SYSTEM

Brampton Recreation has upgraded its registration system, providing users with improved online functionality and more convenient access to programs and services. There are many improvements coming with the new registration system that will enhance the way residents access Recreation programs and services, including easier navigation, a mobile-friendly interface, online registrations, and enhancements to account management.

More information is available at [www.brampton.ca/recreation](http://www.brampton.ca/recreation).



# MARRIAGE LICENCES

Marriage licences are issued by appointment only and are valid for 90 days. Forms, and information on required documents are available on [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca) in multiple languages.





## CITY EVENTS - join us online

**November 11** | **Remembrance Day Service - ONLINE**

**November 20 - 22** | **Winter Lights Festival**

- Nov. 20 | **Tree Lighting Ceremony - ONLINE**
- Nov. 20 - 22 | **Christmas Market**
- Nov. 21 | **Brampton Santa Claus Parade - VIRTUAL**
- Nov. 20 - 22 | **Drive-thru Light Festival**

**December 31** | **New Year Celebrations**

### Recreation events

Please visit [Brampton.ca/recreation](https://Brampton.ca/recreation) for event information and updates.

#### Disclaimer:

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

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