



# COMMUNITY Update



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Welcome to the Fall and Winter edition of the Wards 2 and 6 Community Newsletter. We are pleased to have this opportunity to share some exciting new initiatives coming to Brampton, important tips regarding family safety for the upcoming season and programs that will benefit or entertain every member of your family.

Over the past several months, a number of exciting projects have been announced. After many years of advocacy, diligence and unwavering persistence, Brampton has been named one of two municipalities in Ontario to receive funding for a new university. The provincial government will provide up to \$90 million to see this long-standing goal become a reality for Brampton. An update on Brampton's new university is in this newsletter.

Brampton's downtown core has always been the 'heart' of our city. Over the years, Council has made substantial investments in rejuvenating and improving this historic neighborhood in an effort to maintain its unique contribution to the whole community. This year, Council approved a plan to transform downtown Brampton, making it more attractive, pedestrian and bicycle-friendly and environmentally sustainable.

We are very excited about the construction of Ward 6's fully accessible activity hub in the City's second largest city-wide park. Located at the corner of Creditview Road and Sandalwood Parkway, it is scheduled for completion by the Spring of 2018.

Finally, the City's leadership in electric vehicle infrastructure continues – Brampton has become the first municipality in the GTA to offer a solar-powered car charging station. In May of this year, Council approved the purchase of up to ten battery-electric buses; expected to be in service by the Spring of 2018. Brampton continues to excel in its commitment to viable environmental stewardship.

We hope you enjoy the articles contained within this newsletter. We trust you'll find something interesting, something useful and something innovative about our City that makes you proud to live in Brampton.

From our families to your families, we wish you a joyous, safe and fun-filled holiday season.

All the best,  
Michael and Doug

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## City commits to university investment



The City of Brampton has committed to an investment strategy for a new university facility and a centre for education, innovation and collaboration in downtown Brampton. The \$50M will be spread over 10 years into a post-secondary facility, and up to \$100M into joint-use community space that could include a new central library.

and entrepreneurial and cultural space in close proximity to the university facility. Specific decisions around timing, type of funding, and sources of funding will be made at a later time. Ryerson University and Sheridan College will be submitting its final proposal to the Province in Fall 2017, and the Province is expected to announce details later in the year.

## Second Units update

Second units are permitted in detached, semi-detached, and townhouse dwellings, subject to zoning requirements and restrictions. In June, City Council approved changes to make second unit policies more flexible and encourage more people to register:

- **Parking** – Changes in parking space width requirements so as to allow two cars to park side by side on the driveway.
- **Unit size** – The second unit must be smaller than the principal dwelling.
- **Registration process** – building permit applications and registration applications will be submitted for review at the same time, improving the efficiency of the current two-step process.
- **Legal non-conforming units** – Waiver of \$200 registration fee for two-unit dwellings that existed before November 16, 1995.

## Solar-powered Electric Car Charging Station

Brampton has become the first municipality in the Greater Toronto Area to offer a solar-powered car charging station. It was installed earlier this year at the Brampton Soccer Centre, thanks to a grant from the Province's Electric Vehicle Chargers Ontario program. The carport can charge up to four cars at once, and the City can sell excess power from the solar panels back to the utility.



CHARGING STATION  
ELECTRIC VEHICLE ONLY

Already a leader in providing electric vehicle infrastructure, the City now offers a total of 33 charging units at 10 locations across the City. **Eight of these locations are open to the public:**

- Brampton Soccer Centre (solar-powered carport)
- City Hall parking garage (Level P2)
- City Hall West Tower parking garage (Levels P1 and P2)
- Civic Centre (southwest corner of the building)
- Flower City Community Campus (in front of Building 1)
- Rose Theatre Brampton parking garage (Level 2)
- Sandalwood Transit Facility
- Williams Parkway Operations Centre

## Clearing the way



Winter will be here before we know it. When it snows, please don't park on the street until it has been salted or plowed — not even if you have a valid permit to park. It blocks access for snow clearing equipment and delays service to you and your neighbours. You could be fined and have your vehicle towed at your own expense. For all the information you need this winter, including service levels, tips and a snow plowing status map, visit [www.brampton.ca/snow](http://www.brampton.ca/snow).

## Fully accessible activity hub coming in Spring 2018



Great things are happening! Construction has started on the Creditview Activity Hub located in the new, city-wide park at the junction of Creditview Road and Sandalwood Parkway. Second in size after Chinguacousy Park, this 100-acre park has undergone a phased construction since 2004.

When completed in Spring 2018, the Creditview Activity Hub and entire park facility including play structures and elements, will be the first of its kind to be fully compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA). The entire facility, themed with a water-cycle idea, will be fully accessible for persons with physical, mental, and emotional challenges.



*Have an idea or a problem that you want us to look into? Talk to us. We're here to help you.*



## ActiveAssist fee assistance program

ActiveAssist is a fee subsidy program designed to help low-income families and individuals in Brampton participate in recreation programs. This assistance is given in the form of a credit to your account of \$275/person, per 12-month period. Confidentiality is always maintained.

To apply, complete the ActiveAssist Application Form (available online or at any recreation centre).

Applicants will need to provide proof of residency, proof of total family net income, and proof of legal responsibility for all dependents listed on the application. A list of acceptable support documentation is available on the ActiveAssist webpage and application form.

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905.874.2313.

## Seniors snow removal grant

Are you a senior or someone living with a permanent disability? If so, the City can help cover the cost of hiring someone to clear your snow. If you qualify, you can receive up to \$200 for a non-corner lot, or \$300 for a corner lot with sidewalks on two sides (if neither one is cleared by the City). Visit [www.brampton.ca/snowgrant](http://www.brampton.ca/snowgrant) to learn more and find out how to apply.



## Three Must-Do's at Tree Lighting

On Friday, November 17, the annual Christmas Tree Lighting kicks off the Christmas season in Brampton with an estimated attendance of 10,000 people throughout the course of the event.

There's so much to do at the event, but make sure you don't miss these three experiences:

**1** Join the audience in the count down to see a 60-foot spruce tree come alive with lights



**2** Roast a marshmallow at the fire pit at Gage Park



**3** Cheer on and soak up the festive entertainment on the stage in Ken Whillans Square.



Full event details can be found at [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca).



## "River Drew Me Here" public art

To commemorate the 200th Anniversary of the Churchville community, this project not only celebrates an amazing milestone but adds to the public art in our city, an acknowledgement of the culture and history of Brampton.

The "River Drew Me Here" by Art Luchs is a raised sculpture in Sid Manser Park. It acts as a park gateway and visual representation of the founding development of the Churchville community. The piece symbolizes the importance of rivers to the establishment of early communities across southern Ontario. In Churchville today, the river remains a draw for residents and visitors and is an important part of community life.

# Events

## November

### Great Pumpkin Party

Wednesday, November 1  
Garden Square

### Remembrance Day Parade/Service

Saturday, November 11  
Ken Whillans Square

### Tree Lighting

Friday, November 17  
Ken Whillans Square

### Christmas Market

November 17 - 19  
Downtown Brampton

### Santa Claus Parade

Saturday, November 18  
Downtown Brampton

## December

### New Year's Eve

Sunday, December 31  
Downtown Brampton

## January 2018

### New Year's Levee

Date, location tbc



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## Message from the Mayor

Brampton is the ninth largest city in Canada, and the second fastest growing. Our population is one of the youngest, most diverse and dynamic in Ontario.

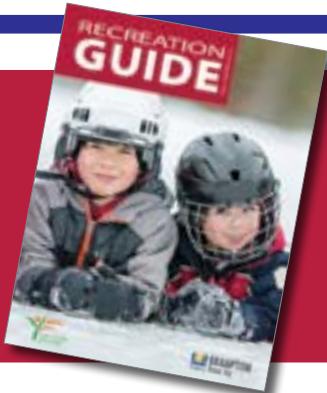
Ryerson University and Sheridan College have applied to the Province to bring an exciting, unique campus into Brampton. Securing a University wasn't easy but now all the associated economic and social benefits which have been a priority for our City and our residents are within reach.

Your elected representatives and staff are working on delivering something truly extraordinary for Brampton. And by committing to a historic investment in our University, we ensure a brighter future for our residents, our businesses, and our youth.

Linda Jeffrey

## Fall/Winter Recreation Guide

The Fall and Winter 2017-18 Recreation Guide is available now. Pick up your copy at any recreation centre or library, or at City Hall. You can also view the guide, search for programs, and register online at [www.brampton.ca/recreation](http://www.brampton.ca/recreation).



## Carbon Monoxide (CO) – Reduce the Risk

- Never use barbecues or propane cookers and heaters inside the home or garage.
- Never warm up a vehicle inside the garage.
- Have your furnace and chimney cleaned yearly by a qualified professional.
- Change your furnace filter regularly.
- Have a working CO alarm outside every sleeping area.



## Respect the Space

When you're out for holiday shopping or enjoying a winter activity this season, avoid parking in or overlapping on an accessible parking spot. Help keep these spots free for those who really need them.

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