

City of Brampton

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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We hope you are well and safe during these unprecedented times. While we navigate through this pandemic, we are working hard as a community to get through this. We have had to make drastic changes to our everyday lives but community engagement and communication remains a top priority for us.

We are excited to share that we have been elected as board representatives for significant advocacy groups representing municipalities across the province and country.

Regional Councillor Paul Vicente will be the Region of Peel's voice at Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) as a Director within the Regional and Single Tier Caucus where he will use his extensive expertise and knowledge to help build a stronger Ontario. He will work collaboratively with all AMO members to advocate for the Region of Peel, achieve shared goals and meet common challenges.

Regional Councillor Rowena Santos has been elected to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors. Since 1901, FCM has been the national voice of Canada's municipal governments. Members include more than 2,000 municipalities of all sizes across Canada. She looks forward to bringing her years of political experience and knowledge on key portfolios to the FCM table and also advocate for Brampton's priorities.

We have been working hard to ensure that all Bramptonians are equipped with the information and tools they need. Here are some of the key highlights from this summer:

Support During COVID-19: The City of Brampton has hosted regular telephone town hall meetings for residents in Brampton. Thank you to all who participated and continue to do so. The Mayor's Task Forces were created to assist our community through this challenging time, they are; the Social Support Task Force, Economic Support Task Force, Seniors Support Task Force and the Youth Support Task Force. We have provided direct support with Councillor Santos, Co-Chairing the Social Support Task Force and Councillor Vicente, Co-Chairing the Economic Support Task Force. Both Task Forces and their teams have worked tirelessly to provide support to youth, individuals, seniors, families, artists, non-profit organizations, and businesses during this time. For more information about the Mayor's Task Force's, please go to www.brampton.ca/covid19.

Road Safety: Brampton City Council approved the installation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras to increase road safety for all residents in Brampton. One of the first ASE's has been installed in Ward 1 on Vodden Street East with more to be installed across the City. ASE is designed to work in collaboration with other road safety measures, such as; traffic calming, community safety zones, speed display boards, and police enforcement & education initiatives.

Improving Our Transit: In June, we approved plans for Brampton Transit's fully electric transit maintenance and storage facility, a milestone in the City of Brampton's commitment to being a Green City. Brampton Transit's third facility will be one of the largest new bus facilities in North America constructed to help support a fully electric, zero-emissions bus fleet in the future.

In July, Brampton received a total of \$83M in funding from the federal and provincial governments to improve transit infrastructure in our rapidly growing city. We will be putting this funding towards four projects: purchasing replacement buses, refurbishing existing ones, replacing on-board cameras and digital video recorders, and building a new transit hub. The investment will increase accessibility throughout the city while creating more jobs.

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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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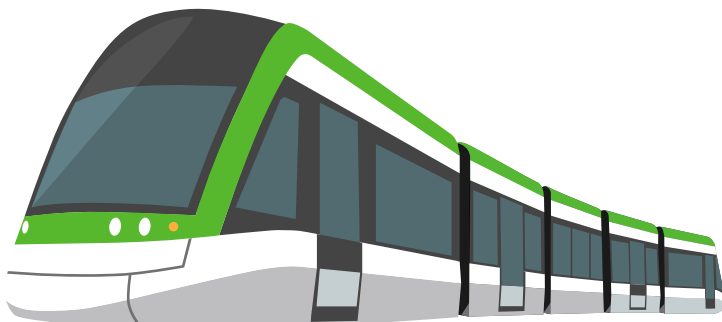
REOPENING SAFELY

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.

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. Please use these services first before booking an appointment.

LRT EA UPDATE

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.



WILLIAMS PARKWAY UPDATE

A huge thank you to all those who participated in the Williams Parkway Review Survey. We received over 1300 responses and staff will be bringing a report to Council in October 2020 to seek final approval on the design option.



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. Other opportunities to provide your feedback will be available later this fall.

BRAMPTONU PROPOSAL

This summer, the City released a preview of the strategic elements of a proposal for a fully accredited university in Brampton. Details of the academic and economic strategies and governance structure are available on www.bramptonu.ca. The full proposal will be submitted to the Province by end of the year. Programming focus will prioritize key growth sectors, including in Digital Transformation, Innovation and Sustainability.

To develop postsecondary plans, the City has worked closely with stakeholders and internationally-renowned educational institutions like Ryerson University, University of Guelph-Humber, The London School of Economics and Political Science, Queen Mary University of London, D2L and Algoma University.

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.

- Brampton Entrepreneur Centre (BEC) - Co-working Space & Small Business Resources
- 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.



SEEKING BRAMPTON'S FAIR SHARE

Against the backdrop of COVID-19, the City advocated to Federal and Provincial governments on the most pressing needs for economic recovery and city-building. The City is grateful for the Province's \$35 million funding announcement as part of the Safe Restart Agreement, however long-term sustainable funding remains crucial for:

- Phase Two of Peel Memorial and a third healthcare facility
- New modes of transit - Two-Way All-Day GO Service, Light Rail Transit and Bus Rapid Transit
- Riverwalk project and new investment in Green Infrastructure projects
- Enhanced viable mobility options that increase the safety and accessibility of transportation networks
- Support for increased postsecondary education opportunities through legislating BramptonU into existence





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, and 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.



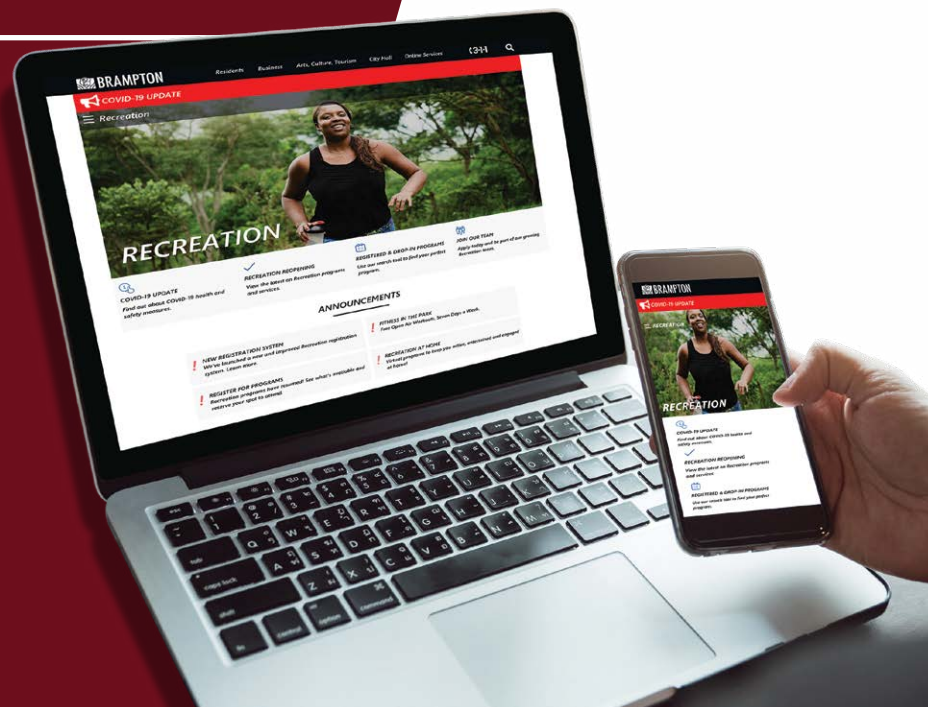
Sidewalk SNOW CLEARING

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.

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.



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 in multiple languages.



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.



The first Automated Speed Enforcement Camera installed in Ward 1 on Vodden Street East.
(Left to right): Peel Regional Police Staff Sergeant Sean McKenna, Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente and Brampton Fire & Emergency Services Chief Bill Boyes.



Councillor Santos and Vicente delivering some cheer with cookies to Revera Greenway Retirement during Covid-19.



Councillor Santos and Vicente supporting Pink Shirt Day.



Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente, Mayor Brown and Cycling Advocate Dayle Laing taking the first ride on the new East-West Cycling Corridor on Vodden St. E.



Councillor Santos at the Unveiling of Emancipation Park with Mayor Brown, Councillor Williams and members of the Black community.



Councillor Santos and Councillor Vicente at the launch of the mobile Crisis Rapid Response Team (CRRT) with Councillor Medeiros, Peel Police Services Board Chair Ron Chatha and CRRT Crisis Workers.



Councillor Santos and Councillor Vicente supporting the Ryan Reynolds and Hayley Wickenheiser Conquer Covid-19 campaign to ensure frontline workers have access to essential supplies.



Thank you deliveries to the front line workers at Peel Memorial Centre. We hope they enjoyed the delicious desserts from Brampton's local Dolcezza Custom Cakes.
(Left to right): Councillor Santos, Councillor Singh, Mayor Brown, Councillor Vicente and Councillor Palleschi.



Councillor Santos and Councillor Vicente at their Community Meet & Greet at Church's Chicken in Ward 1.



Councillor Santos rocking her GS mini Taylor Guitar at Brampton's World of Jazz Festival with Miguel Reategui on the Guitar, bass player Mark Dunn, Matteo Romaniello on the drums and Carmen Spada with the Keys.



EVENTS

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

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