



# COMMUNITY Update

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## Strategic Plan

Together, City Council and staff are pursuing a prosperous future for Brampton: to be a connected city that is innovative, inclusive and bold.

Approved by Council in connection with Budget 2016, the new 2016-2018 Strategic Plan sets the City's purpose and direction with four strategic priorities: Good Government, Move and Connect, Smart Growth, Strong Communities. These priorities reflect Council's collective desire for success in leadership, quality of life, and civic pride. The plan guides the City's annual budget and workplan.

Brampton citizens deserve to enjoy healthy lifestyles in a liveable city. City Council and staff are confident they have the right information to position the city for successful long-term planning. Learn more at [brampton.ca/strategicplan](http://brampton.ca/strategicplan).

## Townhall on 2017 Budget

Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 6:30 - 8pm  
Brampton Library, Four Corners Branch – 65 Queen Street East

## Your City. Your Tax Dollars. Get Involved.

The City of Brampton has started to develop Budget 2017. This includes deciding how much money the City will need to maintain current service levels and future infrastructure needs. Budget 2017 will decide how much property tax will be collected and how it will be spent. Residents are encouraged to stay informed and get involved. There will be lots of opportunities for residents to provide feedback. Visit [brampton.ca/budget](http://brampton.ca/budget) for details.



### Announcement of Sheridan's Inaugural Chancellor

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

From left to right: Dr. Jeff Zabudsky, Mississauga Councillor John Kovac, MPP Amrit Mangat, Mississauga Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Chancellor Designate Hazel McCallion, Brampton Mayor Linda Jeffrey, Brampton City Councillor Jeff Bowman, Brampton Regional Councillor Martin Medeiros, Brampton City Councillor Doug Whillans.

Watch City Council meetings every other Wednesday at 9:30 am, live on Rogers Cable television.  
Visit [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca) or [rogerstv.com](http://rogerstv.com).



## Why Plan?

An Official Plan acts as a road map for how a community grows and develops. It guides everything from the housing being built, to the location of recreation centres and how you move around the city. New businesses, parks and roads – these are all guided by the Official Plan. The provincial government requires us to update our Official Plan regularly. It's a chance to make sure the plan reflects our community's needs.

We are reviewing our Official Plan now and we want to hear from you. This is your city. Have a say in its future. To learn more about the Official Plan and how you can get involved, visit [brampton.ca/opreview](http://brampton.ca/opreview) or email us at [opreview@brampton.ca](mailto:opreview@brampton.ca).

## What's New with Brampton Transit?

In September 2016, Brampton Transit will introduce increased Züm service from the Downtown Terminal west along Queen Street connecting to Mount Pleasant GO Station.

Brampton Transit continues to grow to meet the city's growth and ridership demand. It carried over 21 million passengers in 2015, a 3.7 per cent increase from the previous year.

Brampton Transit offers its customers a fleet that is 98 per cent accessible, continued improvements to service and the convenience of the PRESTO card. Riders can access next-bus information through Next Ride – a service that provides real-time information via text, email and a mobile site. To find out more, visit [bramptontransit.com](http://bramptontransit.com) and click on Next Ride.

To stay up-to-date on service improvements and other projects, sign up for Brampton Transit's new e-newsletter at [bramptontransit.com](http://bramptontransit.com).



## Carabram: Brampton's Multicultural Friendship Festival — July 8 to 10, 2016

Carabram celebrates Brampton's diverse culture through music, dance, food, art and story-telling.

Visit [carabram.org/](http://carabram.org/) for more information.



## Message from the Mayor

Brampton is one of the fastest-growing and diverse cities in Canada and more than 600,000 people proudly call it home. My Council colleagues and all City of Brampton staff are focussed on building and maintaining a liveable, active, vibrant and healthy city.

Your Council's vision for Brampton is a connected city that is innovative, inclusive and bold. As a team, we are all working together to move the city forward through our strategic priorities of: Good Government, Smart Growth, Move and Connect, and Strong Communities.

I believe robust community engagement is the cornerstone to building a city that meets the growing needs of a young, well-educated and diverse city on the cusp of many great things. Since taking office, this Council has committed to communicating and engaging with you – our residents – on many important issues facing Brampton. Over the coming years the City will be reaching out to you on important city building issues like; the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, youth engagement, the City's Official Plan and of course our Budgets.

All of us on Council look forward to hearing from you and working together to build a better Brampton.





## Holland Christian Homes Dutch-Canadian Friendship Tulip Garden Blooming/Flag Raising Ceremony

Thursday, May 5, 2016

From left to right:

Anne van Leeuwen – Consul General of the Netherlands,

Elisabeth Witmer – Dutch Heritage Month founder

Jeff Bowman – Brampton City Councillor

Ken Rawlins – Holland Christian Homes CEO

Linda Jeffrey – Mayor, City of Brampton

Keith Ambtman – Board of Directors Chair, Holland Christian Homes

Martin van Denzen – producer and host of Dutch Touch Radio

Martin Medeiros – Brampton Regional Councillor

## Second Units

Second units are permitted in detached, semi-detached and townhouse dwellings in Brampton, subject to zoning requirements and restrictions. In order to be legal, second units must be registered with the City of Brampton. A second unit is a self-contained residential unit located within a house. It may be in any part of the house, including the basement.

You may also see second units referred to as:

- Basement apartments
- Two-unit housing
- Granny flats
- In-law suites
- Accessory apartments
- Secondary units/suites

Registering a second unit is a one-time process to make the dwelling safe for the residents of both units. To be legal, a second unit must be registered with the City of Brampton and meet the following general requirements:

- Zoning By-law compliance
- Building Code and/or Fire Code compliance
- Electrical Safety Authority compliance
- Verification of homeowner's insurance
- Payment of all required fees

For more, visit [brampton.ca/secondunits](http://brampton.ca/secondunits)



## Get Active!

Biking, dancing or swimming – there are all kinds of ways to stay healthy and active in Brampton! Register today at [brampton.ca](http://brampton.ca)

### Trails and parks

Brampton boasts five major trails and more than 6,000 acres of parkland – walking, running and cycling are fun and healthy ways to get around the city. Look for Brampton's Trails and Pathways map online or at City facilities to guide your way.

### Fitness programs

City of Brampton fitness memberships include city-wide, unlimited access to fitness classes, weight rooms, tracks, public swims and skates, shinny, squash, and racquetball. Programs and facilities are available for all ages and levels of ability. Stay active, live healthy and enjoy life!

### Swim to Survive 14+

Brampton is the first municipality in Canada to offer the Lifesaving Society's Swim to Survive programming to adults. The Swim to Survive program is FREE and can help save a life by teaching the skills it takes to survive a fall into water. Swim to Survive 14+ is available for teens and adults at recreation centres across the city.



# Events

## June

### June is Recreation Month

June 1 – 30, Check your local recreation centre for activities

### Springfest

June 3, noon – 3 pm, Knightsbridge  
June 10, noon – 3 pm  
Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre

### CeleBRAMPTON

Saturday, June 11, 11 am – 4 pm  
Downtown Brampton

### Brampton Farmers' Markets

Downtown Brampton (Saturdays)  
June 18 to October 8, 7 am – 1 pm  
Main Street and Queen Street

### Mount Pleasant Village (Thursdays)

June 23 to October 6, 4 – 8 pm  
(until 7 pm as of September 8)  
Mount Pleasant Village Square

## July

### Canada Day Celebration

Friday, July 1, noon – 10 pm  
Chinguacousy Park

### Summer Camps

July 4 – September 2

## August

### Seniors Open House

August 8, noon – 3 pm  
Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre

### Canada 55+ Games

August 16 – 19, Various locations



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## 2016 Canada 55+ Games

From August 16-19, the 2016 Canada 55+ Games will bring more than 2,000 athletes, coaches and officials to Brampton to participate in a variety of events. 22 sports will be played at community centres and recreational sites including the historic Chinguacousy Park, Cassie Campbell Community Centre and the state-of-the-art Gore Meadows Recreation Centre. Special events include the Opening Ceremony at the Powerade Centre, live entertainment at Garden Square in downtown Brampton, and a concert in Gage Park.

Visit [c55plusgames2016.ca](http://c55plusgames2016.ca) for schedules, sports venues, volunteer opportunities and more.

## Volunteers Needed!

Become an ambassador for your city and volunteer to be a part of the Canada 55+ Games. With a variety of positions available (sport specialist, food services, hospitality and general Games volunteers), we have something for every skillset, interest and ability.

### Benefits of volunteering:

- Get connected – have fun, meet new people and be part of a team while enjoying the event activities
- Learn and develop a new skill
- Get hands-on experience while fulfilling your required 40 hours of community service in order to graduate from high school

What are the rules for parking on my street?

Do I need a fence for my backyard pool?

Can I keep this stuff in my front yard?



Find answers to these questions and more in the "Thanks Neighbour" guide. Pick up a copy at City Hall, or view online at [brampton.ca/bylaws](http://brampton.ca/bylaws)

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