



# COMMUNITY Update

**Martin Medeiros**  
Regional Councillor  
WARDS 3 and 4



**Spring/Summer  
2017**



**Jeff Bowman**  
City Councillor  
WARDS 3 and 4



## Councillors' Message

A number of significant initiatives are strengthening Brampton's position as a great place to live, work and play. Recently, the Province revealed that Ryerson University, in partnership with Sheridan College, submitted an application to establish a new facility in Brampton. On the transit front, the provincial partnership and collaboration to implement Two-Way All-Day GO Service will deliver better connectivity in Brampton. These improvements along with the reopening of Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness in February 2017; promoting an active transportation system, and new regional transit connections support urban intensification in Brampton.

City Council and staff will continue to ensure Brampton is modernizing and moving forward with the accountability and transparency that tax payers deserve, ensuring that the City invests wisely in its immediate and long-term needs and priorities. We are always open to your ideas and input, and welcome a dialogue with you.



Councillor Medeiros, MP Sonia Sidhu and Councillor Bowman attend an event of Holland Christian Homes.



Councillor Medeiros, Mayor Linda Jeffrey, Councillor Palleschi and Councillor Bowman at the 50th anniversary of Brampton Canadettes Girls Hockey Association.

**Town Hall**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**  
**6 – 8 pm**

Four Corners Library,  
65 Queen Street East, Brampton



## Working towards a bicycle-friendly city

The City of Brampton is working towards building a bicycle-friendly city, and its efforts have been recognized with a Bronze status through the Bicycle-Friendly Community awards announced by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition at this year's Ontario Bike Summit awards.

Making it easier to walk and cycle in Brampton supports the Strategic Plan vision for a connected city that is innovative, inclusive and bold and is a fundamental element for building complete communities. The City has made important commitments to and investments in building a bicycle-friendly community, and championing bicycling as a safe, healthy and fun means of recreation and transportation. These include setting up the Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee, Active Transportation Master Plan and community rides with free casual [cycling tours](#) to explore Brampton and connect with other cyclists.

## University for Brampton

The process to bring a university to Brampton continues to progress. Recently, the Province revealed that Ryerson University, in partnership with Sheridan College, submitted an application to establish a new facility in Brampton. The Province will work with Ryerson and its partners over the coming months to refine its proposal. The City is excited to continue its discussions with Ryerson University, the Province and all stakeholders to develop a unique centre that combines education with innovation and collaboration – something beyond a traditional university campus. We're still in the early stages. Stay tuned for more details.

**How will a university benefit Brampton?** Any successful world-class city needs a talented work force to help it grow and prosper. A university presence in Brampton will ensure that our residents have options for higher education right here at home.

Consider this: the cost of a university degree is a significant investment for students and families. Approximately half of Ontario students live at home while pursuing a university education. For full-time Brampton students attending university in other GTA locations, transportation costs could amount to about \$1,700 per year. This cost could be cut in half if students had the opportunity to attend university in Brampton.

## Planning for Brampton's future

For a city of nearly 600,000 people, there is continuous and extensive planning that is required. If you've heard of the City's master plans but don't know what they are about, here's a quick guide:

<b>Official Plan</b>	Guides everything from housing development to transit and more. Public engagement starts in fall.	     
<b>Environmental Master Plan</b>	<b>10-year</b> plan for a healthier, resilient and more livable Brampton. <b>Brampton Grow Green</b> plan guides environmental sustainability.	     
<b>Parks and Recreation Master Plan</b>	<b>15-year</b> plan to improve and develop parks, recreational facilities and programs. Opportunities for healthy living, accessible to all. Public input is important when plan is finalized this fall.	    
<b>Queen Street Transit Master Plan</b>	<b>30-year</b> plan to improve transit on Queen Street corridor (McLaughlin Rd. to Regional Rd. 50). Bus rapid transit or light rail transit or a combination of both. Public consultation in 2017.	 
<b>Active Transportation Master Plan</b>	Strategy for building a connected cycling and pedestrian network. Encouraging cycling as a viable means of travel for work and leisure. Public can provide input using online form.	    

## Electric buses in Brampton by Spring 2018



Up to 10 battery-electric buses and four high-powered overhead on-street electric charging stations are coming to Brampton. The new 100 per cent battery electric buses will be launched on two existing routes in Brampton, 23 Sandalwood and 26 Mount Pleasant, with new overhead charging stations at the Mount Pleasant Village terminal, the Queen Street/ Highway 50 Züm station, and the Sandalwood Transit Facility.

The fully electric buses could hit Brampton's streets as early as spring 2018.

Better understanding of battery electric bus technology will help prepare Brampton Transit to meet the future growth demands of the city, while reducing fuel costs and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.



## Brampton Transit route cards

Brampton Transit plans to eliminate route cards due to significant growth of services and the increased frequency of changes to bus routes. Starting September 2017, PDF versions of the route cards will be available online but will no longer be printed. In September 2018, PDF versions of route cards will be eliminated, only route maps and frequency guides will be available online.

Brampton Transit offers a number of tools to help passengers access schedule information that is more accurate and reliable than route cards. These include Next Ride, Triplinx and the Brampton Transit Customer Contact Centre at 905.874.2999. Residents can visit [www.bramptontransit.com](http://www.bramptontransit.com) and click on the **Plan Your Trip** page for more information on these services.

## Fire safety checklist



- ☐ **Install smoke and carbon monoxide alarms - IT'S THE LAW**  
Replace batteries and test alarms monthly.
- ☐ **Visually inspect electrical cords and outlets**  
Replace worn or damaged cords. Have a licensed electrical contractor repair loose-fitting outlets.
- ☐ **Clear the clutter, a clean garage is a safer garage**
- ☐ **Clean eaves troughs thoroughly**  
Use a sturdy ladder and rubber gloves. Work in pairs to ensure safety.
- ☐ **Clean and check BBQ**  
Clean burner ports and tubes. Test for those leaks with a 50/50 water/soap solution.
- ☐ **Never cook with propane burners or barbecues in the garage or in the house**
- ☐ **Store fuel and other combustibles safely**  
Keep them in a well-ventilated shed away from sunlight and heat sources. Keep no more than 30L of gasoline in an attached garage.
- ☐ **Make your house number visible from the road**  
Remove lot numbers and any low hanging branches from the front of the home

## Your home, your street

There are a number of City by-laws that help keep Brampton attractive, liveable and safe. Here are some quick tips to guide you this summer:

- Maintain your lawn by keeping grass cut to 20 cm (8 inches) or shorter, and be sure to remove stagnant water.
- Street parking is allowed for a maximum three hours. So what do you do if you're hosting family or friends for summer backyard parties and they require street parking? You can apply for a free permit that allows street parking for more than three hours and between 2 – 6 am. [Apply online](#) or through the Pingstreet app.

## Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre Open House

**August 14, 12-3 pm**

Visit us and sample a variety of programs offered at our centre. Take a tour, view or participate in program demonstrations and meet the instructors. Entry is free and refreshments and door prizes will be available. Bring a friend!

8870 McLaughlin Road at Queen Street. 905.874.3500



## Trail and playground improvements

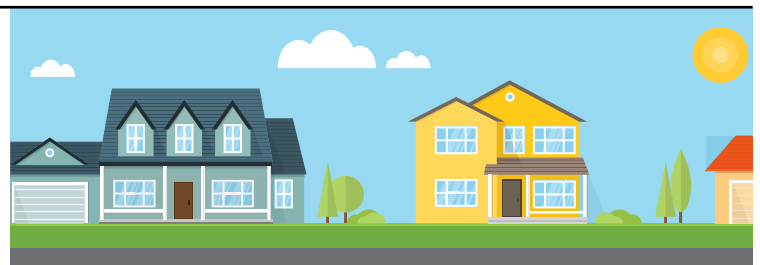


Through the support of the Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program, the City is making improvements to a number of playgrounds and trails throughout Brampton.

Improvements in Wards 3 and 4 include:

- Playground equipment at Ridgehill Park, Lloyd Sanderson Park and Tumbleweed Parkette will be replaced, with a focus on improving the accessibility of outdoor play spaces and structures
- Some sections of Caruso Park, Bach Park, Hartford Way and Banting Park will be updated for more convenient pedestrian and cycling access

For a full listing of playgrounds and trails being improved, visit [www.brampton.ca/parks](http://www.brampton.ca/parks)



- Not sure where to store [waste carts](#)? You can keep them in the garage, side yard or the back yard. By not storing waste carts at the front of the house, you help keep up the visual appeal of your neighbourhood.

# Events

## June

### CeleBrampton

Saturday, June 10, 11 am onwards  
Downtown Brampton

### Farmers' Market

Saturdays, June 17 – Oct 7  
7 am to 1 pm  
Downtown Brampton

### Mount Pleasant Market

Thursdays, June 22 – October 5  
5 to 9 pm

## July

### Celebrate Canada Day Brampton

Saturday, July 1, 12 noon to 10 pm  
Chinguacousy Park

## September

### Animal Shelter Open House and Adopt-a-thon

Saturday, September 16  
475 Chrysler Drive

### Culture Days

Friday, September 29 – Sunday, October 1  
Various locations

### Brampton Arts Walk of Fame

Saturday, September 30  
Garden Square

### Doors Open Brampton

Saturday, September 30  
Various locations

## October

### Downtown Harvest Market

Saturdays, October 14 – November 4,  
9 am to 1 pm  
Downtown Brampton



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## Message from the Mayor

Brampton has a lot to be excited about. Our City is the 9<sup>th</sup> largest in Canada, and the second fastest growing. We are an emerging innovation hub on the Toronto-Brampton-Waterloo Region Innovation Super Corridor, the second largest high tech cluster in North America. Your Council is focused on building a future ready city, and has recently approved our 2016-2018 [Strategic Plan](#). The new plan will help move Brampton forward as a connected city that is innovative, inclusive and bold with a focus on six priorities: planning vision, health partnerships, university, regional

connections, urban centres and Riverwalk.

What truly sets us apart is our people; we have a young, diverse and highly educated population looking to be players on the provincial, national and international stage. Together as a team, we are working to realize the full potential of our City, and we are looking forward to hearing more from residents like you. A robust community requires an active citizenry and your local Councillors are looking for your feedback and suggestions – be active in your local government, in your local community, and on your local issues. We are on the cusp of something great in Brampton, and together we can bring about the change required to push our City forward.

Linda Jeffrey

## Replanting Brampton's valleylands



The valleyland naturalization program is designed to restore native plant communities in areas that were stripped of vegetation by past agricultural practices and development. Over the past 15 years, the City has planted 160 hectares of valleyland with 30,000 trees, 250,000 shrubs and 150,000 wildflowers.

The program continues this year, as City crews plant 1,300 trees and 10,000 shrubs in Apple Valley Way, Laurelcrescent Park and Gardenbrooke Trail – a total area of 17 hectares.

This program is dramatically improving the ecology in Brampton's valleys by introducing new wildlife habitat and improving fish habitat. It also has social benefits, making the valleys a more attractive destination for hikers, naturalists and community groups.

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