



COMMUNITY Update

Gael Miles
Regional Councillor
WARDS 7 and 8



**Spring/Summer
2017**



Pat Fortini
City Councillor
WARDS 7 and 8



Message from Regional Councillor Miles

Great things are happening in Brampton. Celebrate Canada's 150th year while enjoying what makes us special: markets, festivals, entertainment, restaurants and cultural vibrancy.

Brampton is a major urban centre with 80 business headquarters, attracting 290 new businesses, and \$2 billion in construction investment last year. Your city is modernizing, collaborating, and partnering for greater economic success.

I understand that community and traffic safety are high on your list of concerns. Safe neighbourhoods happen when you know your neighbours and work with the police and City to solve problems. If you would like to have a neighbourhood meeting, please contact me.

Community pride and beautification are important. Concerned about the appearance of boulevards in Ward 8, I have encouraged the removal of shrub beds that attract weeds and litter. You can look forward to more flower beds at major intersections and tree planting across the city.

Brampton is thinking bigger, and as your Regional Councillor, I am proud to represent you as we become future ready.

Have a great summer,

Gael

Message from Councillor Fortini

Brampton is an amazing city offering a wide range of facilities and opportunities for residents. Whether business, recreation, art, culture & entertainment, shopping or sports, we've got you covered.

This season, road maintenance staff is preparing for a number of restoration works, including street light rebuild and replacement, bridge rehabilitation, road resurfacing, intersection improvements and traffic signals. The City will also be replacing equipment at playgrounds, making them more accessible for all to use.

This summer throughout Brampton, the City will re-plant more than 6,500 trees which were either destroyed by the ice storm or Emerald Ash Borer. Contractors and staff will collaborate for litter cleanup, debris removal, turf and grass mowing in park lands and boulevards, including flower beds.

I look forward to continue working with you, and I am available to come out and meet with you to discuss any issues you may have. Please feel free to connect with me at anytime.

Wishing you a great summer,

Pat

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.



Brampton by numbers



The latest [census](#) shows that Brampton is the second fastest growing community of Canada's largest 25 cities. Brampton population **in 2016 was 593,638, growing 13.3 percent** since the 2011 census.

Consider this, every day 47 people relocate to Peel, of which 38 people move to Brampton.

People from around the world are choosing to live here, and all levels of government are recognizing that growth through targeted investment in our city.

How will this data help? Population and employment forecasts provide the City with information on which to base decisions about how, where and when Brampton will grow. It will help plan for our future.

Replanting Brampton's valleylands

Over the past 15 years, the City has planted 160 hectares of valley 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, Laurelcrest 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, improving fish habitat and making the valleys more attractive for hikers, naturalists and community groups.

Building a stronger economy

During 2016, Brampton saw a 4.8 percent increase in new businesses, representing 2,400 additional jobs in our community. Most of these are smaller businesses, able to adapt quickly to changing economic circumstances. According to Statistics Canada, Brampton placed seventh in Canada for total construction value in 2016, generating \$2 billion in investment. On average, Brampton adds about 240 new businesses each year.

Brampton has a diverse and resilient economic base, and has transformed its Economic Development approach to target high growth business sectors. Our location in the middle of the Innovation Super Corridor (from Waterloo to Toronto), and new strategic investments, like a university, will have significant and positive impact on the regional economy and job growth in Brampton.

Get ready to be thrilled

Wet' n' Wild water park's first location in Canada is right here in Brampton! This stand-alone, 45-acre water park with a tropical theme is set to open this summer. Guests can expect thrilling new water slides and attractions for all ages. Some of the new slides are the longest, tallest, first of their kind and exclusive to Canada. Attractions include a giant tipping bucket, a thrilling bowl water slide that will send you blasting through two curves and steep slopes, high-speed mat-riding slide, freefall through a near-vertical chute, and a Wet' n' Wild Junior area with water fun for children. Location: 7855 Finch Ave W, Brampton.



Get set for summer



Wondering how to keep the kids busy this summer? Choose from any of the Recreation Centres' summer day camps for kids of all ages and interests. Campers can learn about business, science and math, practise their art, dance or music skills, play sports, and enjoy the outdoors. Camps run for one-week sessions, so try out a bunch of activities this summer!

Summer camps begin July 3. Most camps run 9 am – 4 pm, with extended day care available for a nominal fee. Check the Spring/Summer 2017 Recreation Program Guide for a full list of the programs available and sign up online, by phone, or at your local recreation centre. To find the camp that's right for you, create your own personalized recreation guide at www.brampton.ca/recreationsearch.

If camps aren't for you, drop-in programs are available across the city all summer long. For up-to-date schedule information, visit www.brampton.ca/dropinfilter.



Eco-friendly actions



Land



Water



Air



Energy



People



Waste

People, water, land, energy, air and waste – these are six goal areas that the City, in partnership with community groups, is focusing on for a more sustainable environment. **How can you help?**

Did you know?	How you can help
 <p>1.5 million transportation trips are taken in Peel each weekday. 20 per cent of these are shorter than two kilometres.</p>	 <p>Walk or ride a bicycle for those short trips in your neighbourhood.</p>
 <p>The residential sector is the fastest growing user of water in Canada. Older water fixtures consume more water and energy.</p>	 <p>Install water-efficient taps throughout your home. Change older water fixtures to low-flowing ones.</p>
 <p>Using a refillable water bottle is environment-friendly and cost-efficient. It takes five litres of water to make about one litre of bottled water.</p>	 <p>Use a refillable water bottle</p>
 <p>By adjusting your thermostat by a few degrees during the heating and cooling months, you will save money, energy and the planet, while still being comfortable in your home.</p>	 <p>Set the thermostat to 21 degrees in the fall/winter and 25 degrees in the spring/summer</p>
 <p>Grass clippings are primarily made up of water and quickly dehydrate and decompose once cut. This helps return nutrients back into the soil.</p>	 <p>Leave grass clippings on your lawn. Allowing them to break down naturally reduces the need for fertilizers and watering.</p>

Visit www.brampton.ca/ecopledge to learn more and sign up. Then challenge your friends, family, classmates and coworkers!

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 7 and 8 include:

- Playground equipment at Nasmith Park, Hilddale Park N, Crescent Hill Park, Greenmount Park N and Professor's Lake East will be replaced, with a focus on improving the accessibility of outdoor play spaces and structures
- The outdoor facility at Chinguacousy Park Fitness Trail, Professor's Lake Fitness Trail, Chinguacousy Park Cenotaph Memorial will be enhanced
- Some sections of Castlemore Park North 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.

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 your 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.
- 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 9th 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



Celebrate with the nation

To celebrate the momentous milestone for Canada's 150th year, we are excited to have listings of City and community events gathered in one place for you to explore. Find an event or list your event at Brampton.ca/canada150.

Celebrate with care

Are you using fireworks to celebrate Canada Day, Diwali, New Year's Eve or Victoria Day? Here's what you need to know:

Only short-range fireworks i.e. those that tend to travel less than three metres (10 feet) when set off (e.g. fountains, wheels, ground spinners, sparklers) are allowed on your property.

All long-range fireworks (those that travel more than three metres) are not allowed in Brampton.

Safety

- You must have a container of water or a hose line that's filled with water available to extinguish fireworks
- Never light a firework or hold a lit firework in your hand, other than a sparkler
- After using sparklers, place them in a container of water to fully cool before disposal
- Allow all fireworks to fully cool before disposal

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