



**CITY OF BRAMPTON
2022 GOVERNMENT
OF CANADA
PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION**



BUILDING BRAMPTON. TOGETHER.

Mayor's Message

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The COVID-19 pandemic has underlined the need for increased collaboration and timely investments to not only meet the challenges of today, but to create a recipe for the resilient smart growth of tomorrow.

Federal investments in transit and sustainability support many of our common goals and priorities. Brampton is grateful to the Government of Canada's commitment to a new transit facility, but the real benefit of the partnership is to electrify the facility. The City's construction of an electric bus transit facility supporting zero-emission buses is one of the most ambitious undertakings in North America and requires a partnership with the federal government. Brampton's current electric bus trial is the largest single global deployment of standardized and fully interoperable battery electric buses (BEBs) and high-powered overhead on-route charging systems.

For a city growing at three times the provincial rate, and the fastest growing of Canada's twenty-five largest cities, there must be sustainable and well-connected transit. Brampton and the region would benefit greatly from new federal funding as we improve regional connections through the Hurontario-Main Street Light Rail Transit (LRT) extension to downtown Brampton and Queen Street - Highway 7 Light Rail Transit (LRT) projects.

The City is thrilled the Cybersecure Catalyst Grant has been awarded to the National Cybersecurity Consortium (NCC), helping to build Brampton into one of the nation's top centres for cybersecurity. Brampton is eager to continue to develop talent, create jobs and build a community more connected, sustainable, and innovative. Our workforce provides a competitive edge and makes us a national leader for attracting, developing, and retaining new jobs. Taking proactive steps to accelerate their success means we all succeed.

The Canada Community Building Fund is a critical source of funding for municipalities across the country. To support recovery, the allocation amounts must be maintained and we implore the government to give consideration for doubling the allocation - as has been done in the past.

We are grateful for \$38.8M in federal funding for the downtown Brampton Flood Protection Project but new federal funding to realize the full vision of the Riverwalk project is needed. Funding will advance sustainable mobility and active transportation components, complete feasibility studies, implementing stormwater management components, supporting Eco Park concepts and advance open space and public realm improvements.

Boosting critical infrastructure funding is the pathway to building a stronger labour force and attracting even more investment. Your support will further unlock our economic potential.

By partnering with Brampton on these opportunities and more, the Government of Canada can help us take impactful strides towards a dynamic recovery creating jobs, furthering economic growth, and achieving climate targets. The City of Brampton looks forward to working with the federal government to redefine this decade for our city and our country.

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Mayor Patrick Brown



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SUMMARY OF ASKS

The City of Brampton welcomes the funding support received from the federal government, and as we look ahead to the 2022 fiscal year, we are encouraged by the alignment of our priorities. We look forward to your partnership, funding, and support to build Brampton.

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OUR ASKS

Building Better Transit

- \$1.7B Light Rail Transit (LRT) along Main Street from Steeles Avenue to Brampton GO Station (Federal ask \$850M).
- Queen Street – Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) (Federal ask \$250M).
- Electrify third transit facility for growing electric bus fleet (Federal ask \$75M).

Expanding Active Transportation

- Ensure long-term sustainable funding, such as the new Active Transportation Fund, to implement active transportation infrastructure and programs as part of the Federal Government's National Active Transportation Strategy.
- Increase the total amount of the Active Transportation Fund to help municipalities accelerate the implementation of active transportation programs and infrastructure.

Building Greener

- Funding for the Riverwalk project in the downtown to advance sustainable mobility and active transportation components, to complete feasibility studies, implementing stormwater management systems, supporting Eco Park concepts, and advancing open space and public realm improvements.
- Provide seed funding for the Centre for Community Energy Transformation.
- Provide funding for residential energy retrofit programs and offer financial incentives for the development of District Energy Systems.
- Provide more financial support for programs focused on 'gray and green' infrastructure improvements.
- Approve City of Brampton's application to the Green and Inclusive Community Building (GICB) Program for Deep Energy Retrofits to the Susan Fennell Sportsplex.

Resilient Communities

- Contribute to the City's \$8M investment in innovative housing through the Housing Catalyst Capital Project to support the non-profit and co-operative housing sector in Brampton.

- Engage with the City of Brampton, Province of Ontario, educational institutions and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to develop solutions, including financial supports, for safe and affordable housing for international students and post-graduate work permit holders.
- Donate or provide funding for land acquisition to the City of Brampton and non-profits for the development of affordable and 'missing middle' housing solutions.

Jobs and Growth

- Continue to support small businesses by extending the funding for the My Main Street initiative past the initial 12 months, and continuing Digital Main Street with expanded boundaries outside of Business Improvement Areas (BIA's) for the Digital Transformation and Digital Service Squad programs.
- Support the Brampton Entrepreneur Centre (BEC) with increased funding through the Bridges to Better Business program.
- Investments in Brampton's Innovation District to foster inclusive innovation with a world class, multicultural workforce. Brampton is advancing Canada's standing as a 'Nation of Innovation' by bringing together more than a dozen partners to scale start-ups.
- Clear backlog and administrative impediments for newcomer immigrant entrepreneurs with continued investment into the Start-up Visa Program facilitated locally by Brampton BHive.
- Acknowledge Stellantis for a green transformation and their economic impact in employing approximately 3,000 workers with good paying manufacturing jobs and maintaining more than 15,000 jobs at the plant and throughout the supply chain.
- Recognize Brampton's significant contribution to the economy as geographically integrated in the Airport Employment Zone and further support the City of Brampton to catalyze more inclusive workforce practices and skill development in sectors of logistics and food processing.
- Continue to support the Global Skills Strategy and Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program, Canada Technology Adoption Fund and Venture Capital Catalyst Initiative, funding for women-led businesses and multicultural ambitious BIPOC business founders - all have a substantial impact and presence in Brampton in comparison to other major cities.

IN BRAMPTON, OPPORTUNITY ADDS UP



**THE FASTEST GROWING OF
CANADA'S 25 LARGEST CITIES**
(2021 Census)



**ONE OF CANADA'S
YOUNGEST CITIES**

36.5 (AVG. AGE)

656,480

Total Population
(2021 Census)



The largest supply of
vacant land adjacent
to Toronto Pearson
International Airport



CENTRALLY LOCATED
in the middle of Canada's
Innovation Corridor

SEVEN TRANSCONTINENTAL HIGHWAYS
accessing 158 million
North American consumers



ACCESS TO 4.3 MILLION
labour pool across
the GTA

AAA

Credit Rating (Standard & Poor's)



HOMETO CN
The largest Intermodal Railway
terminal in Canada

**RANKED TOP 10 OVERALL MID-SIZED
CITY; TOP 10 BEST BUSINESS
FRIENDLINESS & CONNECTIVITY**
FDI Magazine



78,102

(YTD December 2020)

**DIVERSE
BUSINESSES**



148,674

Residents with a University Degree
(Bachelor's degree or above)

9TH

LARGEST
City in Canada

4TH

LARGEST
City in Ontario

MACLEAN'S

RANKED 13TH
OUT OF 415 OF CANADA'S
BEST COMMUNITIES

8,419

Building Permits
(2020)



+38%

11,584

Building Permits
(2021)

\$1.37 Billion

Total Construction Value
(2020)



+26%

\$1.73 Billion

Total Construction Value
(2021)

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BUILDING BETTER TRANSIT

BUILDING A MODERN REGIONAL TRANSIT SYSTEM

The City of Brampton is creating a modern, integrated transit system by enhancing regional transit connections, increasing connectivity to transit infrastructure, offering sustainable transportation alternatives, and implementing environmentally friendly and advanced technologies.

The City thanks the Government of Canada for their commitment of \$14.9B to public transit over the next eight years and looks forward to receiving additional information and program details in the near future.

We are excited for the many upcoming transit projects in Brampton including the electrification of our fleet, a new Transit Maintenance and Storage Facility, HuLRT, Queen Street-Hwy 7 BRT, Downtown Transit Hub and many more.

Brampton Transit looks forward to an opportunity to collaborate on program design for the Permanent Transit Fund to ensure a fair and equitable allocation of funding.

Brampton Transit is the fastest-growing transit system in Canada, with ridership significantly outpacing population growth. Brampton's ridership growth of 38% over the three years before COVID-19 (2016-2019) was unprecedented compared to the average increase in Ontario of 2.3% and the national average increase of 6.9% over the same period (as per the Canadian Urban Transit Association).



RIDERSHIP GROWTH

**160% ↑ Overall Ridership
2009-2019**

**38% ↑ Pre-COVID Ridership
2016-2019**

Fair and adequate funding for public transit will contribute to vital infrastructure in our communities and support economic recovery.

While the City has received some funding in the past, it has not received the same level of funding as other municipalities. Refer to the following 'Funding Overview' chart for details on page 10.



FAIR FUNDING ALLOCATION FOR THE PUBLIC TRANSIT STREAM (PTS) RECOGNIZES RAPIDLY GROWING TRANSIT SYSTEMS

2019 BRAMPTON TRANSIT

UP TO
47% ↑

RIDERSHIP
higher than York Region
Transit, London or Hamilton

6% ↓
LESS FUNDING
through the PTS

**31.9 M RIDES
2019**

**51% ↑ SINCE
2015**

Funding Overview

Project	York Region (Subway Extension)	Brampton (Züm)	Kitchener/ Waterloo (Ion LRT)	Toronto (Scarborough Subway)	Hamilton LRT
Funding Date	2007	2008	2010	2013	2021
Total	\$2.6B	\$295M	\$818M	\$3.56B	\$3.4B
Federal	\$697M	\$95M	\$265M	\$660M	\$1.7B
Provincial	\$870M	\$95M	\$3B	\$1.99B	\$1.7B
External Funding as % of Total Cost	60%	64%	69%	74%	100%

Brampton's Asks FEDERAL FUNDING BUILDING BETTER TRANSIT

1. \$1.7B Light Rail Transit (LRT) on Main Street from Steeles to Brampton GO Station - Federal contribution \$850M

- The Hurontario-Main Street Light Rail Transit (LRT) will be an integral part of the overall GTHA transportation network.
- The Hurontario North Extension fills a notable gap in the regional rapid transit network by connecting the Hurontario LRT line directly to the Kitchener GO Rail line (Brampton GO Station), existing Züm service, and future higher order transit service on Queen Street. It will improve the functionality, resiliency, efficiency, and convenience of the higher-order transit network in Brampton and beyond.
- The LRT connects to GO Transit's Milton and Lakeshore West rail lines, Mississauga's MiWay, and the Mississauga Transitway along Highway 403, supporting Canada's Innovation Corridor. This project will connect the Downtown Brampton Anchor Mobility Hub and Urban Growth Centre to the Hurontario-Steeles Gateway Mobility Hub.
- The City is advancing the design of the Council supported tunnel option, to extend the LRT along Main Street, north of Steeles Avenue to the Brampton GO station in Downtown Brampton.

2. Queen Street - Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - Federal contribution \$250M

- Queen Street is the busiest transit corridor in Brampton, serving close to 30,000 transit customers per day (pre-COVID) on Züm and local routes and providing connections to York Region, the TTC Subway System, as well as major north-south transit routes.
- The Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT project will improve connections between the Downtown Brampton Urban Growth Centre, the Bramalea City Centre area, the Urban Growth Centre at Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, as well as the large concentrations of employment in east Brampton and Vaughan.

3. Electrify Third Transit Facility for E-Bus Fleet - Federal contribution \$75M

- The City of Brampton is building a third facility because Brampton Transit cannot accommodate future growth in its two existing facilities beyond the year 2024 (pre-COVID growth projections).
- The electrification of Brampton's new maintenance and storage facility (total project cost estimated at \$150M) as well as upgrades/retrofits to existing facilities and on-street charging infrastructure are all critical projects. Brampton is seeking up to 50% funding through the Zero Emission Transit Fund (ZETF) program for these projects which are required to support the implementation of additional zero-emissions vehicles.

- On July 21, 2021, the Canada Infrastructure Bank (CIB) and the City of Brampton announced their agreement in principle, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which would see the CIB loan up to \$400M to Brampton to support the purchase of up to 450 zero-emission buses (ZEBs) by 2027. While this announcement is a significant step in the right direction towards fleet electrification, Brampton Transit will still require additional funding in order to transition to full fleet electrification.
- The CIB loan financing is intended to help offset the incremental cost of Zero Emission Buses (ZEBs), over their diesel counterparts. Transit will still require municipal or other upper level government funding for the base cost of the diesel or diesel-hybrid buses as well as the full cost of charging and other facility related infrastructure.
- Transit anticipates further funding of approximately \$100M is needed, over and above the City's annual capital investment, approved Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) funding, the CIB loan and potential funding through the Zero Emission Transit Fund program to cover the remaining costs associated with a full transition to electrification.

We look forward to working with the federal government to support the Brampton community with these important transit initiatives, which help meet the future demands for transit, enhance regional connections and support the growth of a diverse, dynamic and fast growing city.

OTHER ASKS

PERMANENT TRANSIT FUND

Provide details of the Permanent Public Transit Fund program to help municipalities plan ahead. Work collaboratively with the City of Brampton on program design and ensure a fair share of funding is delivered to one of the fastest growing transit systems in Canada.

SAFE RESTART SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT

Until ridership returns to pre-COVID levels, ongoing operational funding is required to ensure the community, including front-line workers, have access to the reliable, affordable public transportation they depend on.

COMMUNITY BUILDING FUND

The City of Brampton uses federal gas tax funding to support key infrastructure projects, many of which relate to transit. Given the impact of Covid-19 on transit systems it is imperative allocations are maintained, and that consideration is given to doubling the gas tax allocation, as has been done in several past years, to maintain and grow transit within Brampton and other municipalities.



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EXPANDING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

Brampton is a Green City. Building on Brampton's commitment to sustainability, the City is equalizing all forms of transportation and is focused on enhancing and expanding active transportation infrastructure.

- The decrease in traffic volumes along City roads due to COVID-19 lockdown measures provided a unique opportunity to implement nearly 35 km of new cycling infrastructure successfully.
- Immediately following lockdown orders in March/April 2020, the City fast-tracked the implementation of a 7 km east-west cycling corridor to provide a safe connection for people on bicycles to access essential amenities and the recreational trail network. In its first three months of operation, usage of this corridor doubled.
- The approved 2022 Capital Budget includes approximately \$7.8M for active transportation.
- The City's proposed 20-year active transportation network has been costed at a value of approximately \$126.6M.

Inter-Regional Connections

- The City is currently undertaking the necessary due diligence/review to develop a design for the following inter-regional cycling connections:
 - o Claireville Recreational Trail South Connection – this connection is identified in the Province-wide Cycling Network (#CycleON) and will connect Brampton's Claireville Conservation Area Trail to the Humber Valley Trail system (Toronto).
 - o Fletchers Creek Recreational Trail from its existing terminus at Steeles Avenue. This will connect through the Sheridan College Campus lands and a second connection into the City of Mississauga.
 - o Southern limit of Bramalea Road to the Bramalea GO Station. This connection will provide a much-needed protected Active Transportation connection between the adjacent communities (served by the Chinguacousy/ Esker Lake and Don Doan Recreational Trails) to the regional transit station and through the existing industrial land adjacent to the north side of Steeles.

Priority Network and the 'B' Loop (\$1 million)

The City's Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) recommends developing a core cycling network built around a central "signature" loop and several key east-west routes as a short-term priority.

- The development of the signature Brampton loop ('B' Loop) includes trail connectivity and accessibility improvements between the Etobicoke Creek Trail, Chinguacousy Recreational Trail and Esker Lake Recreational Trail, a 38 km loop. The loop would link to Downtown Brampton, Heart Lake Conservation Area, Franceschini Bridge, Kennedy Valley/Brampton Sports Park, Bramalea Limited Community Park, Chinguacousy Park, Peel Village and several recreation centres and schools. The loop would be promoted and marketed by the City and regional partners as a safe, user-friendly route for riders of all ages and abilities.

The City of Brampton is pursuing funding for this project through the Active Transportation Fund.

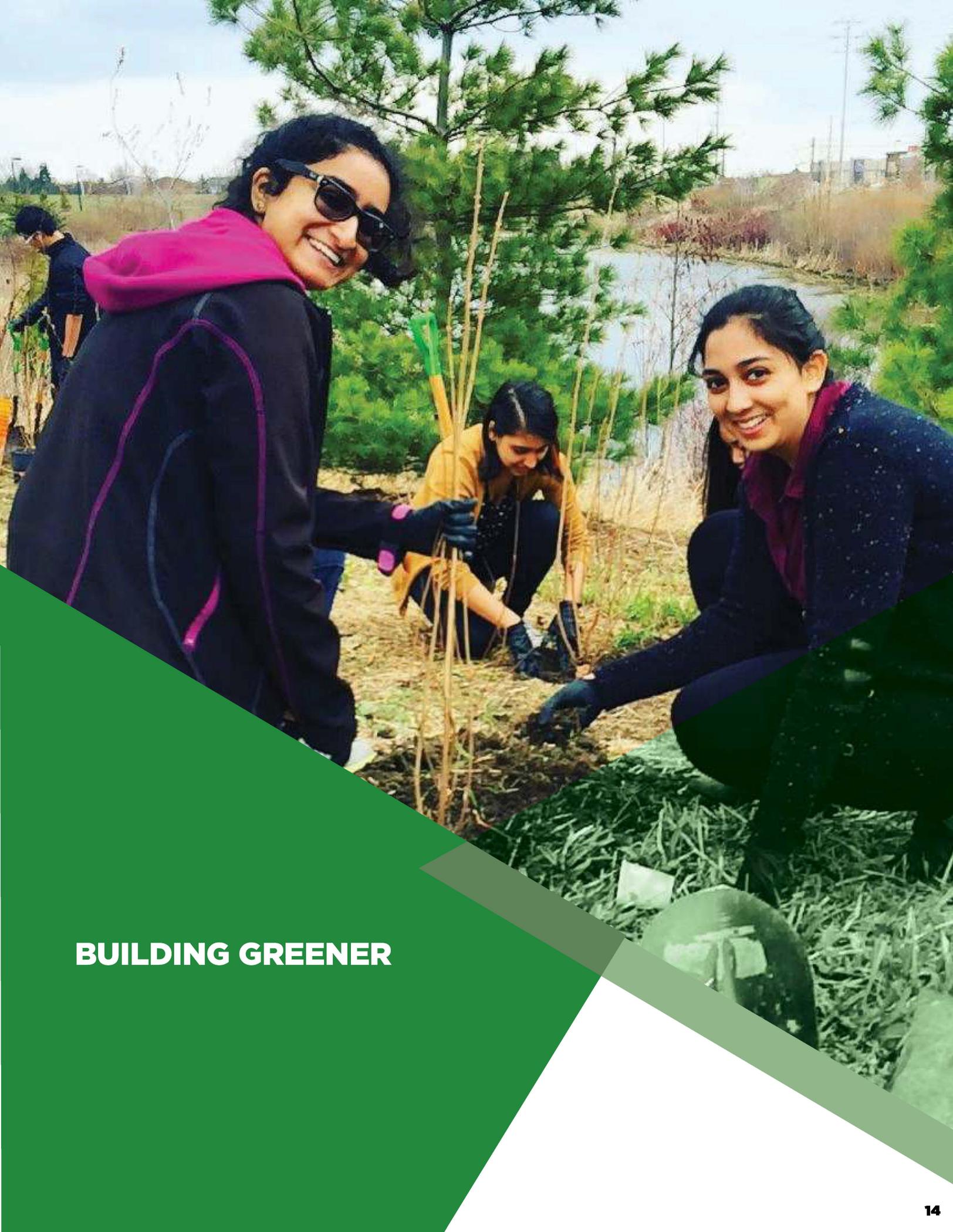
Fix-it Program

The ATMP's "Fix-it Program" is an implementation tactic focused on enhancing the existing network by completing critical gaps with proper pedestrian and/or cycling crossings. In 2021, the City of Brampton implemented proper crossings (pedestrian crossings, signalized crossings or uncontrolled crossings) at 21 locations where recreational trails or primary park paths intersect with existing roadways and in 2022, plan to implement an additional 20 crossings.

OUR ASKS

Include longer-term sustainable funding to implement active transportation infrastructure and programs as part of the Federal Government's National Active Transportation Strategy.

Increase the total amount of the Active Transportation Fund to help municipalities accelerate the implementation of active transportation programs and infrastructure.



BUILDING GREENER

Brampton's Asks FEDERAL FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE AND HOUSING

Unlocking Potential and Growth

FLOOD MITIGATION DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON



17,700 + PERSONS
76% INCREASE



23,800 + JOBS
62% INCREASE

RIVERWALK CONSTRUCTION



adds \$256 MILLION
to CANADIAN ECONOMY



creates 2,200
FULL-TIME JOBS

RIVERWALK DEVELOPMENT



UNLOCKS **3.6 MILLION sq.ft**
RESIDENTIAL/RETAIL/COMMERCIAL SPACE

\$1.4 BILLION
GDP
IMPACT

12,000
PERSON
YEARS OF
EMPLOYMENT

RIVERWALK

A key City initiative is contributing to the redevelopment and beautification of the downtown. Its goal is to provide long-term flood risk solutions while at the same time establishing incredible public spaces for people to enjoy, allowing more residential development, creating more jobs, and strengthening the character and identity of the downtown.

More than \$45M has been invested by all partners, including the federal and provincial governments, and \$38.8M in federal funding through the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund.

- An Environmental Assessment (EA) to look at alternatives for providing flood mitigation in Brampton commenced in 2018 and was approved in September 2020. The EA identified a flood mitigation solution consisting of widening and deepening the Etobicoke Creek, replacing existing bridges with larger spans, and making local modifications to adjacent roadways.

Riverwalk Urban Design Master Plan

- In conjunction with the Environmental Assessment, a complementary Urban Design Master plan is being completed. The Master Plan studies the treatment of the flood mitigation solutions, the Open Space system programming and design along the valley, active transportation, and design solutions for implementing the Eco-Park concept and principles. The Environment, Resilience Sustainability and Public Health framework is a main deliverable of the Master Plan.
- Riverwalk will provide extensive benefits through flood and disasters protection, revitalized downtown Brampton, access to nature and open space, and an attractive, safe place for all.
- The combination of the flood mitigation and the removal of the Special Policy Area (SPA) designation and urban design will open downtown Brampton to new growth, development, and economic activity essential to realizing Brampton's full potential.

OUR ASK

Funding for the Riverwalk project in downtown Brampton to advance sustainable mobility and active transportation components. To complete feasibility studies and implementation of stormwater management systems, and to support Eco Park concepts and open space and public realm improvements.

Successfully addressing climate change depends on collaboration among community partners, including businesses, institutions, non-profits, residents and other levels of government. Building on Brampton's commitment to sustainability, the City has been working on improving transit and active transportation opportunities, focusing on energy efficiency. The City is grateful for funding received from the Growing Canada's Forests (GCF) program and looks to the federal government to help revitalize natural spaces and the urban tree canopy. Brampton looks to the Government of Canada to play a strong supportive role in advancing our climate action priorities.

Guided by the recently updated Brampton Grow Green Environmental Master Plan, the Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan, and Corporate Energy and Emissions Management Plan, the City is taking action on the Climate Change Emergency.

- The City of Brampton Council declared a Climate Change Emergency in August 2019. In response, Brampton is moving quickly to implement both strategic studies, plans and on-the-ground actions to achieve quantifiable Green House Gas (GHG) reductions and meaningful community benefits.
- Brampton has established an ambitious goal to reduce GHG emissions generated in Brampton by 80% by 2050.
- Brampton has established a Centre for Community Energy Transformation (CCET) to advance local climate actions.

Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan (CEERP)

The City of Brampton, in partnership with Sheridan College, developed a Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan (CEERP). This plan calls for an integrated effort by the municipality, local utilities and community to improve energy efficiency, reduce GHG emissions, ensure energy security, create economic advantages and increase resilience to climate change. Addressing the climate change emergency will require an urban and energy transition.

The CEERP includes strategic directions focused on green communities, efficiencies in home and building, transportation, manufacturing, and green infrastructure, contributing to a more sustainable Brampton – environmentally, economically and equitably.

The Centre for Community Energy Transformation (CCET)

The CCET is a not-for-profit, community-based organization to accelerate Brampton's transition to a low-carbon future. CCET will focus on implementing four climate change priorities, including:

- Advancing deep home energy retrofits.
- Encouraging district energy nodes.
- Spurring industrial, commercial, and institutional (ICI) energy efficiency.
- Promoting outreach and engagement.

Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP)

The Climate Change Adaptation Plan is intended to evaluate, guide, and integrate the diverse policies, programs, and activities of the City, conservation authority partners, and other stakeholders to ensure our collective efforts are directed towards the long-term health and climate resilience of Brampton. The CCAP will deliver a detailed five-year Climate Change Adaptation Plan that directs updates to Brampton's policies, plans, programs, practices, and procedures and aligns with national and international climate change goals and objectives.

To achieve our energy conservation and GHG emission reduction targets, the CEERP states that 80% of existing homes in Brampton must be retrofitted. One priority is for Brampton to establish a system to deliver standardized retrofits to Brampton homeowners. The scope and scale of such an undertaking are beyond the capacity of any municipal budget. To achieve success, a funding partnership strategy must be established.

Home Energy Retrofit Program

Residential homes represent 26% of energy use and 21% of GHG emissions in Brampton. To achieve our energy conservation and GHG emission reduction targets, over 100,000 older homes in Brampton need to be retrofitted for energy efficiency.

This requires a consistent set of modifications to existing buildings to improve energy efficiency and decrease energy demand. The City of Brampton has already developed a Feasibility Study for a retrofit program. To achieve success, a funding partnership strategy must be established with the provincial and federal governments to facilitate the implementation of home energy retrofits.

Net-Zero Energy Community Centre Retrofits

The City's Energy Management Team has completed a carbon-neutral study on a community centre design in the planning stage. Two additional carbon-neutral studies are underway. A broader corporate plan called a "Zero Carbon Transition" lists the top-emitting facilities for the City of Brampton and informs efforts to transition our existing community centres into exemplar zero-carbon facilities.

Priority projects include:

- Zero-carbon retrofit of the Susan Fennell Sportsplex
- Zero-carbon retrofit of Century Gardens Recreation Centre
- Zero-carbon retrofit of Earnscliffe Recreation Centre

Greening our Fleet & Supporting Electric Vehicle Uptake

In 2021, the City of Brampton began developing a Sustainable Fleet Strategy to foster reduced GHG, and air pollutant emissions. The strategy will help enhance operational efficiency and service excellence, improve lifecycle asset management, and demonstrate leadership in environmental sustainability. The City has also installed over 40 public charging stations for electric vehicles across community centres, facilities and administrative buildings. Availability and accessibility of green vehicle ownership data from the Ministry of Transportation is essential to developing our broader plan for public stations.

Brampton Eco Park

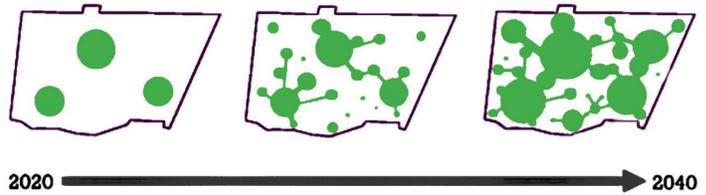
Brampton Eco Park comprises a network of sustainable urban/green spaces reflecting Brampton's character and unique social opportunities, while supporting City infrastructure. This is achieved by conserving and enhancing the City's natural systems, features and landscapes and expanding and evolving into parks, streetscapes, and other spaces to form a comprehensive network of green places and nature reserves throughout the city.

Several larger Eco Park projects are currently being implemented. These include:

- Fallingdale, Earnscliffe and Eastbourne Eco Park Revitalization: An Eco Park revitalization, in conjunction with the scheduled TRCA channel remediation on-site.

- Eco Park Education Centre: The development of a flagship trailhead Eco Space to the Credit River Valley will be a prominent, publicly accessible centre for environmental learning and outdoor recreation.
- Riverwalk: A large and innovative long-term flood mitigation project in the heart of Brampton integrating the Eco Park Principles.
- Lake Enhancement Strategy: A strategy to enhance the city's lakes and transform them into signature features of Brampton's Eco Park.

The establishment of Eco Parks across Brampton will help leverage the city's natural heritage and recreation goals. The City is seeking funding for these important Eco Park initiatives.



A conceptual image of the evolution of Brampton Eco Park

Stormwater Infrastructure Improvement

The City invests in maintaining and upgrading stormwater infrastructure across Brampton on an ongoing basis. In addition to regular operations and cleanout of Brampton's stormwater infrastructure, the City is also investing in retrofits and upgrades to existing infrastructure. For example, the City has identified gaps in water quality treatment provided by existing infrastructure in neighbourhoods built before current stormwater management practices. The City has reviewed these areas and identified opportunities for new stormwater management infrastructure to be installed to capture pollutants from urban runoff before entering the natural environment. Overall, these retrofits will provide additional stormwater control and treatment in underserved neighbourhoods to be more prepared for climate change. Funding and support can help the City accelerate and increase the scope of the Stormwater Retrofit Program to include additional opportunities.

**Thank you to the Government of Canada
for \$1.2M in funding through the Growing
Canada's Forests program.**

OUR ASKS

To invest in and support a healthy environment, economy and community.

Enhance parks and recreational opportunities, and protect natural systems by:

- Delivering funds to municipalities to improve parks and other open spaces to provide nature-based play, restore ecosystems, such as the proposed Fallingdale, Earncliffe, and Eastbourne Parks Eco Space Retrofit projects in the Bramalea area of Brampton.
- Funding for the Eco Park Education Centre.

Facilitate energy efficiency and GHG reduction, as well as long-term reductions to the operational costs of houses and buildings by:

- Providing funding for residential energy retrofit programs, such as the proposed Peel Residential Energy Program.
- Offering financial incentives for the development of District Energy Systems in urban centres, mobility hubs and intensification corridors.

Improve stormwater management, protect our waterways, and prepare for climate change by:

- Providing financial support for programs focused on gray and green infrastructure improvements, such as Brampton's Stormwater Retrofit Program.





**RESILIENT
COMMUNITIES**

HOUSING

The City of Brampton is taking a comprehensive approach to improving housing affordability. Brampton's new housing strategy "Housing Brampton", endorsed in May 2021, is an ambitious, collaborative approach to address the complex housing challenges faced by the city.

- Housing Brampton's overarching principles to guide housing development in Brampton include reducing barriers to supply of housing, making full use of regulatory tools, incorporating equity, collaborating with the non-profit sector, advocating for the right housing, and demonstrating innovation.
- The federal government has launched the National Housing Strategy and committed over \$70 billion in funding. Most recently, it has announced a \$4B Housing Accelerator Fund aimed at helping municipalities remove barriers to building housing more quickly.
- The City seeks federal supports, including direct financial commitments, to ensure sustenance of local and regional efforts in improving housing affordability and choice.

The 2021 Census data indicates Brampton retains its place as Canada's 9th largest city based on total population. With a net increase of over 60,000 people since the 2016 census, Brampton is the fastest growing community of Canada's largest 25 cities. There were a total of 189,086 private dwellings in 2021, up 9 per cent or 15,658 dwellings from the 2016 Census.

Between 2021 and 2051, Brampton's population is forecast to increase by another 317,000 residents, making the city home to a million residents. Our residents have identified the challenge of the growing cost of life in the city. One of the main drivers is the increased cost of housing across Brampton.

Brampton is committed to smart intensification to meet the forecasted demand and improve housing affordability.

Housing Catalyst Capital Project for Innovative Housing Solutions

The federal government has a key role to play in supporting housing innovation, including funding for pilot projects to create innovative pathways for homeownership, for racialized, Indigenous, and marginalized people and first-generation homeowners.

- The City has committed \$8M towards a new capital project to deliver grants for innovative housing pilot projects identified in Housing Brampton.
- Funds will be granted to non-profits to help deliver new options in affordable housing including Single Room Occupancy housing, flexible design ownership housing for low and moderate income groups, affordable housing for independent seniors and multi-generational households with culture-appropriate project design, and adaptive reuse of heritage structures for housing.
- The City will work with project proponents to identify opportunities and barriers and review the type of incentive required for each. Opportunities to divert contribution into this fund will be explored, including possible matching funds from senior levels of government.
- The federal government can contribute with upfront project development funding to help get more projects off the ground while ensuring long-term affordability.
- Through the Housing Accelerator Fund the federal government can contribute to the City's \$8M investment in the Housing Catalyst Capital Project to support the non-profit sector in Brampton.

Housing for International Students and Post-graduate Workers

Canada's stable immigration system, which offers an easy pathway to employment and permanent residency after graduation, together with successful recruiting strategies by public and private colleges and universities, have made the Region of Peel, and in particular Brampton, very attractive for international students and post-graduate work permit holders.

The federal government's immigration policy has a major impact on population growth and many tax policies. Municipalities like Brampton are responsible for translating the impacts of federal immigration policy into local plans and capital projects to sustain the growth.

IN THE LAST 3 YEARS, BRAMPTON'S GROWTH INCLUDED

84,000 

net international migrants, which includes **18,000** non-permanent residents (mostly international students and associated people)

- The net population growth in Brampton is predominantly international, including international students.
- A vast number of legal and illegal second units and rooming houses are capturing the influx of student population in Brampton, with considerable impacts on safety as well as impacts on the City's infrastructure planning.
- The City calls on all levels of government to work with universities and colleges to address and create more student housing to meet the current and forecasted demand.

There is an opportunity for the federal government to work with the province to plan for a new task force with the City of Brampton, educational institutions, Ministry of Colleges and Universities and Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship to develop solutions, including financial supports, for safe and affordable housing for international students and post-graduate work permit holders.

Public Land for Affordable Housing

- Non-profits, co-operative and purpose-built rental developers face the greatest challenges with land costs.
- Access to public land (either surplus, vacant or underutilized) can support innovative solutions to housing for vulnerable groups, including veterans and indigenous populations.

There is an opportunity for the federal government, in collaboration with the province, to budget for and donate or lease crown land to lower-tier municipalities including the City of Brampton, and affordable housing developers in Brampton, to build affordable and/or 'missing middle' housing solutions.

OUR ASKS

That the federal government support the City of Brampton in improving housing affordability and choice by:

- Planning for a new task force with the Province of Ontario, City of Brampton, educational institutions and Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) to develop solutions, including financial supports, for safe and affordable housing for international students and post-graduate work permit holders.
- Donating or funding for land to the City of Brampton and non-profits for the development of affordable and 'missing middle' housing solutions.
- Contributing to the City's \$8M investment in innovative housing through the Housing Catalyst Capital Project to support the non-profit and co-operative housing sector in Brampton.

Brampton has more than **11,042** registered second units as of February 2022 (238% increase from 2021)



81%

of the **SECOND UNIT** supply in the Region is found in **BRAMPTON**



182,472
PRIVATE DWELLINGS

BRAMPTON IS A WELCOMING CITY LIVING THE MOSAIC

YOUNG, MULTICULTURAL WORKFORCE

234 different cultures,
speaking 115 languages

115

234

52.25%



PERCENTAGE OF RESIDENTS
BORN OUTSIDE OF CANADA

TOP 5 PLACES OF BIRTH FOR RECENT IMMIGRANTS

(2011-2016) Source: 2016 Statistics Canada

- 1 - India
- 2 - Pakistan
- 3 - Philippines
- 4 - Jamaica
- 5 - The Americas

MORE SENIORS ARE CALLING BRAMPTON HOME

43%
ONTARIO



57%
BRAMPTON



Growth Projection

79,807 in 2020
to 125,544 by 2030



JOBS AND GROWTH

The City of Brampton's Economic Development team is an internationally recognized and awarded municipal department, developing job and investment opportunities in Canada's fastest growing big city.

As we recover economically, we ask the Government of Canada to recognize and support Brampton with budget initiatives that match its economic growth as the fastest growing large urban centre in Canada, growing at 10.6% according to Statistics Canada.

- With Brampton's more than 75,000 businesses, we are asking for continued small business support, and increased funding for recovery initiatives.
- With Brampton's more than one dozen innovation partners, we are asking for an investment focus on Brampton's world-class Innovation District.
- We thank the federal government for the continued and expanded support in building Brampton into one of the nation's top centres for cybersecurity, further building on Brampton's strength as geographically centrally located in Canada's Innovation Corridor.

The City of Brampton thanks the federal government for the \$945K investment into the revitalization of six main street areas through the My Main Street Local Business Accelerator Fund.

The six main street communities will be supported by a dedicated Main Street Ambassador within the Brampton Entrepreneur Centre. The program will be delivered over the next year and will focus on creating and maintaining vibrant and inclusive local main streets while providing residents, new entrepreneurs, and existing businesses with economic opportunities within the main street communities.

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OUR ASKS

Brampton Entrepreneur Centre

- Support Brampton Entrepreneur Centre (BEC), which has advised close to 1,000 entrepreneurs in 2021, distributed 78,800 rapid tests to 850 businesses and created approximately 2,000 jobs over the last five years. With broadened funding to BEC through the Bridges to Better Business program, these events present excellent opportunities to collaborate with our Small Business Enterprise Centre to support clients within Brampton.
- Support small businesses by continuing My Main Street funding past the initial 12 months; and continuing Digital Main Street with expanded boundaries outside of BIAs for the Digital Transformation grant and Digital Service Squad.

Innovation District

- Invest in Brampton's Innovation District for inclusive innovation, which is advancing Canada's position as a Nation of Innovators with a multicultural world class Innovation District bringing together more than a dozen partners to scale startups with partners such as: Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, Ryerson Venture Zone, Founders Institute, Altitude Accelerator, AlgomaU, Brampton Entrepreneur Centre, Sheridan Edge, and Brampton Bhive, which as an ecosystem has hosted 3,288 sessions, and hired 49 employees.
- Clear backlog and administrative impediments for newcomer immigrant entrepreneurs with continued investment into the Start-up Visa Program facilitated locally by Brampton Bhive.

OUR ASKS

Manufacturing and Workforce Development

- Support Stellantis in green transformation, and acknowledge the economic impact of Stellantis in employing approximately 3,000 workers with good paying manufacturing jobs as well as maintaining more than 15,000 jobs at the plant and throughout the supply chain.
- Recognize Brampton's significant contribution to the economy as geographically integrated in the Airport Employment Zone and further support the City of Brampton to catalyze more inclusive workforce practices and skill development in sectors of logistics and food processing as Brampton is a top destination for international newcomers looking to build a life in Canada.

Funding

- Continue to help employers find highly skilled workers faster with ongoing support for the Global Skills Strategy (GSS).
- Continue to support the Brampton partners of Economic Development with workforce development funding with pilot projects and new channels, such as the Sectoral Workforce Solutions Program.
- Funding that supports innovation and inclusivity such as the Canada Technology Adoption Fund, and Venture Capital Catalyst Initiative; funding for women-led businesses; and funding for multicultural, ambitious BIPOC business founders that are substantial in Brampton compared to other cities.





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