

City of Brampton | Fall 2023 Edition

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Students are gearing up for back-to-school and we are all getting ready to welcome the cooler weather and fall foliage after a whirlwind summer in the city. The summer months flew by with Brampton enthralled in cricket fever, a successful Hockey Night in Brampton, and so many community events, meetings and celebrations in Wards 2 & 6.

We had the honour of unveiling Trincomalee Park, a new park in Wards 2 & 6, named in recognition of the contributions to cultural diversity that the Trincomalee community has made to Brampton. Brampton is home to the largest number of parks in the Greater Toronto Area and our residents take pride in their community parks, advocating for their improvement and maintenance. Our dedicated City staff keep the parks and trails in our communities safe, clean, and are routinely improving them.

The second annual Hockey Night in Brampton was a resounding success! Hockey stars were out in full, and the stadium was fully packed as the game got underway. It was an action-packed game with the two opposing teams headed by hockey superstars John Tavares and Mark Giordano. Fans also had the opportunity to meet and get autographs from hockey legends Doug Gilmour, Wendel Clark, and Darryl Sittler. With the help of our community and sponsors, we were able to raise \$1 million in support of the William Osler Health System and the second hospital in Brampton. We also raised \$100,000 for the John Tavares Foundation, which makes this one of the biggest charity hockey games in Canada.

We continue to show our commitment to community safety. We are planning a community safety town hall in the fall so that we can touch base with our residents and let them bring their questions and concerns to the table. Make sure to follow us on Instagram, Facebook, and X (formerly Twitter) and keep an eye out for details on the upcoming community safety town halls and other important updates from the City and the Region of Peel.

Thank you all for your support and for entrusting us with addressing your concerns and keeping you engaged in city matters. We always look forward to hearing from our residents and welcome you to reach out to our offices!

Handwritten signatures of Michael Palleschi and Navjit Kaur Brar.

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CONTACTING SERVICE BRAMPTON

Service Brampton provides direct access to all non-emergency municipal government information, programs, and services provided by the City of Brampton and Region of Peel. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in over 150 languages. Connect with us by downloading the Brampton 311 app, visiting the website, emailing 311, or visiting us in person. Between the hours of 12 am and 7 am, please call 3-1-1 for urgent inquiries only. Learn more at www.311brampton.ca



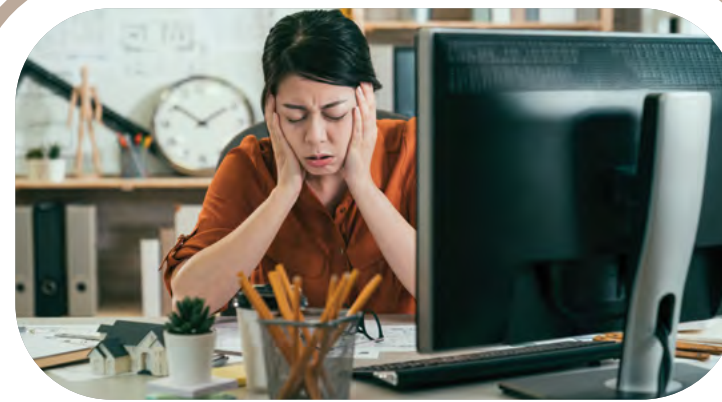
ADVANCE BRAMPTON FUND

Applications for the Advance Brampton Fund are now open to all Brampton-based non-profit and charitable organizations. The popular community grant program supports Brampton's non-profit sector by providing grants through three funding streams: New and Small Projects (formerly Emerging), Developing Projects and Amplifying Projects. New this year and based on feedback from the community, matching funds are no longer required for the New and Small Projects stream, creating more opportunities for organizations to receive funding.

The City of Brampton recognizes the unique and valuable role that the non-profit sector plays in delivering programs and services that meet the needs of the community. Learn more about funding opportunities and apply today by visiting www.brampton.ca/abf

BUDGET 2024

Planning is underway for the City of Brampton's 2024 Budget. Building on this year's \$496 million investment in capital projects and a record contribution of \$134 million to reserves, we are continuing support for a second hospital and a new cancer care centre, along with key strategic priorities. Your input will help shape the 2024 Budget. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/budget



NOISE AND PUBLIC NUISANCE BY-LAWS

Be a courteous neighbour and keep excessive noise down. Under the City's Noise By-law, persistent and recurring noise that causes disturbances to other Brampton residents can be enforced. Under the updated Public Nuisance By-Law, excessive noise and emissions from motor vehicles and power devices are prohibited and regulated. To report excessive noise, residents can call 3-1-1, download the 311 app, or visit us online at www.brampton.ca. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/bylaws

BRAMPTON FORWARD: FAIR DEAL FOR INDEPENDENCE

On May 18, 2023, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 112, Hazel McCallion Act, to make Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga single-tier municipalities and dissolve the Region of Peel by January 1, 2025. The provincial government has established a five-member transition board to facilitate this change and oversee Peel's financial affairs to ensure prudent financial stewardship until the Region is dissolved. The City of Brampton looks forward to independence and discussions with the Province of Ontario and our regional partners on the division of services like police, paramedics, waste management, and other supports for our rapidly growing city. To learn more, visit www.brampton.ca/bramptonforward



NEW RESIDENTS CAN TOUR BRAMPTON FOR FREE

New residents are invited to take a free bus tour across Brampton. The tours are open to anyone who moved to Brampton after January 1, 2020, and include stops at library branches, recreation centres, local parks, community attractions, and more. The upcoming tour dates and times are:

- Tuesday, December 5 | 10 am to 1 pm
- Thursday, December 7 | 6 to 9 pm

The tours are presented by Brampton Library, Brampton Transit, the City of Brampton, and generously sponsored by Toronto Pearson. To register, visit www.bramptonlibrary.ca or call 905.793.4636



KEEPING PETS SAFE DURING THE COLD

Be a responsible pet owner and protect your pets from the cold. Remember:

- If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet.
- Don't leave your pets in the car.
- Wash and dry your pet's paws and stomach to clean off ice, salt and chemicals.
- Keep your dogs on a leash.
- Don't shave your pet down to the skin in winter – fur provides warmth.
- The cold can result in frostbites, hypothermia, and death. Keep them indoors.

Learn more at www.brampton.ca/animalservices



SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MAINTENANCE TIPS

House fires can be devastating, causing a great deal of property damage and putting your family at risk. Maintenance ensures your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms keep you safe.

- Install working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- Install working carbon monoxide alarms beside all sleeping areas.
- Test alarms monthly.
- Replace alarms that are 10 years old or older.
- Replace batteries at least once a year.

Learn more at www.bramptonfire.com

SNOW REMOVAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The City of Brampton has a financial assistance program for seniors and physically challenged homeowners to help with costs for removing snow from sidewalks and driveways. The grant provides \$300 for non-corner lot properties or up to \$400 for corner lot properties with sidewalks. To learn more, visit www.brampton.ca/snowgrant



PERMITS REQUIRED TO DISPLAY SIGNS

Permits must be requested to display signs on buildings or in the ground in Brampton. All signs, temporary or permanent, are regulated to help keep pedestrians and drivers safe from distractions and avoid visual clutter in the city. To request a permit to display a sign, visit www.brampton.ca/signs



FIREWORKS BAN

Under the Fireworks By-law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale, and offer to sell of fireworks is strictly prohibited in Brampton. Penalties for failing to comply range from \$500 to \$1,000 and may reach up to \$100,000 if a court summons is issued. The City is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment. Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day, Diwali, and New Year's Eve at City-led events with Pyrotechnics. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/fireworks



ACCESSIBLE PARKING

As the City continues to develop and expand, the number of people requiring barrier-free parking also increases. Access to accessible parking is important for people with disabilities to be able to enjoy services and facilities. Accessible Parking Permits are issued free of charge to qualified individuals through the Province of Ontario. Under the Traffic By-law, owners and operators of businesses are required to provide for and maintain accessible parking spaces. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/accessibility



COMMUNITY CORNER



RIDE FOR RAJA

Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Brar, and community members joined the Mandeep Singh Cheema Foundation for the annual Ride for Raja in support of Peel Children's Society. This incredible event started out as a way for the family and friends of Mandeep Singh Cheema to commemorate his life and generosity and has now become an event that not only keeps his memory alive but holds a special place in the hearts of community members.



AMO

The Association of Municipalities in Ontario conference took place this past August with a delegation from the City of Brampton representing the interests of our city and residents. We met with our provincial ministers, the Liberal and NDP Caucus, and municipal leaders from across Ontario. We advocated to advance the priorities that matter most to our residents, including: a new second hospital and cancer care centre, community safety, auto insurance, climate action, and attainable housing.

TRINCOMALEE PARK

We unveiled the new Trincomalee Park, in Ward 6, with an amazing turnout of residents, including members of the Trincomalee and Tamil community. Councillor Palleschi put forward a motion in 2022 that this park be named Trincomalee in recognition of the contributions of the Trincomalee community and to celebrate our wonderful diversity. We are striving to make Brampton feel like home for the mosaic of communities that call our city home, and the naming of a park is just one way of creating that feeling of "back home" for our residents. Brampton is committed to creating open spaces that fit the needs of the communities they serve. We work with communities to ensure parks are fitted with the appropriate amenities, such as shade structures, updated playground structures, and other features that best utilize the park space. You can learn more about current and upcoming park development and redevelopment projects at brampton.ca > Parks Planning and Development



CRICKET GT20 TOURNAMENT

This summer, Brampton truly showcased why it is called the "Cricket Capital of Canada!" Brampton residents came out in full support of our local team, the Brampton Wolves, for the GT20 Tournament. We had international cricket superstars come out for the tournament and residents had the opportunity to meet them in Garden Square for photos and autographs as well. It was amazing to see the passion of Brampton cricket fans and see how much the game of cricket has grown in Brampton. Our city is dedicated to fostering a love of sport in our community and supports local teams, amateur sports and team sports for youth.

LOCAL BIZ VISITS

We continued to highlight local small businesses this past summer with visits to Olivia's Universal BBQ Chicken, Italian Garden restaurant, and the Upper Deck Baseball Academy. To celebrate Portuguese Heritage Month, we decided to highlight a hidden treasure in Ward 2, Olivia's Universal BBQ Chicken, which serves up delicious meals, sweet treats, and the warmest hospitality.

During the month of June we also celebrated Italian Heritage Month, so we paid a visit to the family-owned Italian Garden. This restaurant has been a part of Brampton for more than 20 years and has been treating our community to authentic Italian flavours for all these years.

Our third small business showcases the importance of team sports in Brampton and highlights Recreation Month in Brampton. Upper Deck Baseball Academy, operated by Brampton Minor Baseball, is the one and only indoor baseball facility in Brampton. We had the chance to step up to the plate and take a few swings, and it's plain to see why Upper Deck is the go-to place for training whether it's for recreation or for going pro.



CITY EVENTS

FRIGHT NIGHTS
October 20, 21, 27, 29

PUMPKIN PARTY
November 1

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES AND PARADES
November 5 & 11

DIWALI CELEBRATION
November 12

WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL
November 17 & 18

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
December 31

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WELLNESS SPRING WALK AND CAR SHOW
October 1

WORLD JUNIOR GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
October 2-7

ULTIMATE CANADA UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS
October 13-15

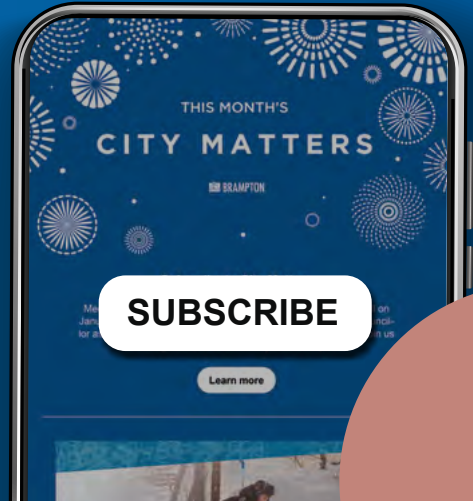
CRUISERS CUP
November 3-5

This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit www.brampton.ca/events

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