

City of Brampton | Summer 2023 Edition

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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We are pleased to provide residents of Wards 3 & 4 with summer updates and important information. Over the past few months, we have been working on key issues that matter to you – making positive changes and improving the well-being of our neighbourhoods.

We have advocated for improvements to our **local parks** and are happy to announce several parks will be receiving upgrades this year, including tree plantings and new equipment (see page six for details).

As your Wards 3 & 4 representatives, we are committed to providing communication forums to discuss your concerns. In February, we hosted a Coffee Chat about the 2023 budget, and hosted a **Community Town Hall** at the Four Corners Library in May, which focused on speeding, traffic services, increased by-law enforcement for property standards, and e-scooters.

We are happy to announce a **Brampton Rental Landlord Registration/Licensing Program** that will address the escalation in complaints related to rental housing. Council is set to receive an implementation plan for a two-year pilot later this year that will specify the administration of the program, parameters, and a rental code of conduct. The program is scheduled to launch in early 2024.

During budget deliberations, Council approved an increase of funds, from \$600,000 to \$2 million, to be allocated towards **traffic calming** measures to properly address speeding, excessive traffic volumes, and neighbourhood safety. Over the next few months, we will start to see the implementation of speed cushions on several roads on the Wards 3 & 4 priority list for high offenders of speed and non-compliance. Additionally, implementation of the **40km/h Speed Limit Pilot Project** is set to begin this summer in downtown Brampton within the boundaries of McMurchy Ave., Queen St., Main St., and Elgin Dr.

We are thrilled the **Youth Hub** at Susan Fennell Sportsplex officially opened in May, providing Brampton youth with a safe and accessible space to participate in youth-specific programs, services, and activities (see page three for details).

Recently, the Province of Ontario announced the Region of Peel would be dissolved in favour of independent municipalities as of January 1, 2025. We would like to assure you that while the province and Transition Board work through the logistics, programs and services will continue to be delivered by our fantastic regional staff without interruption.

As always, we are available to meet or have a call with you to address your questions or concerns. We'd love to hear your thoughts on how to improve our city!

Regards,

Handwritten signatures of Martin Medeiros and Dennis Keenan.

Martin Medeiros & Dennis Keenan



CITY LANDS OPPORTUNITY UPDATE

This 100+ acre site owned by the City of Brampton was identified in the 2040 Vision with potential to advance the area as a regional destination. Currently, the area is the location of the CAA sports and entertainment facility (formerly the Powerade Centre). The City launched an Expression of Interest (EOI) for interested parties to submit comprehensive plans to develop the lands into a vibrant urban realm and walkable neighbourhood that includes a state-of-the-art, multi-purpose cricket facility. The EOI closed on May 31. To learn more, provide feedback, see survey results and view dates for upcoming public consultation sessions, visit www.brampton.ca/citylands



ACTIVATE DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON

In partnership with the Downtown Brampton BIA and 8 80 Cities, Activate Downtown Brampton added more life and vibrancy to the downtown through a series of interactive installations and activations in 2022. Vivian Lane was transformed into a more vibrant laneway with colourful artwork, movable seating, more plants, shade, and programming. Stay tuned for more engagements planned for this year!

While you're downtown, shop, eat and play to the sounds of live music every Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings, and afternoons from July to September. Enjoy a diverse genre of music and musical talents – most from right here in Brampton! Learn more at www.brampton.ca/adb

BEAT THE HEAT

With summer on the horizon, it is the perfect time to enjoy Brampton's beautiful parks and splash pads. Did you know Brampton is home to more than 15 splash pads and more than 340 playgrounds across the city? Parks Maintenance and Forestry staff maintain approximately 1,119 hectares of parkland and 278 kilometers of recreational trails for residents to explore and enjoy. Visit some of our newest splash pads at English Street Park, Loafer's Lake Park, Gore Meadows Activity Hub, and Sesquicentennial Activity Hub (opening late summer 2023). Learn more at www.brampton.ca/splash



REDISCOVER THE RIVER

Riverwalk is a key City initiative that intends to provide long-term flood risk solutions along the Etobicoke Creek. The project also aims to unlock the downtown development potential and create places for residents to access nature and enjoy public spaces. The City has begun working with the consultant, AECOM, on a detailed design for the downtown Brampton flood protection area. This design will be informed by the work completed as part of the Environmental Assessment, which includes flood protection for the community and looking at how the proposed flood mitigation solutions impact the natural environment and ecology. Construction is still a few years away, but this is an exciting next step for the project. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/riverwalk

BRAMPTON RENTAL LANDLORD REGISTRATION/ LICENSING PILOT PROGRAM

The City has seen an escalation in complaints related to rental housing, with the highest number of service requests of property standard violations concentrated in Wards 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7. From 2018 to 2022, Enforcement received 8,800 property standards complaints. On April 5, 2023, Council directed staff to report back in Q3 2023 on an implementation plan for a two-year pilot (beginning Q1 2024) for a 'Brampton Rental Landlord Registration/Licensing Program'. The main objectives of the pilot are to protect health and safety, as well as the character and stability of residential areas. Stay tuned for more details later this year.



YOUTH HUB IS NOW OPEN AT SUSAN FENNEL SPORTSPLEX

The new Youth Hub at Susan Fennell Sportsplex offers a dedicated space for young people to access programming and supports, all while building meaningful friendships and connections.

The space includes a variety of unstructured spaces that allow youth to freely socialize and connect. Other amenities include an eSports area, sponsored by Sheridan College, a creative space, ideation rooms, and lounge area. This space will add to the growing amenities available for young people in the city, creating safe, inclusive and supportive communities. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/recreation



CITY OF BRAMPTON FIREWORKS BAN

Under the new Fireworks by-law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale, and offer to sell of fireworks is strictly prohibited in Brampton. This includes all fireworks such as sparklers, roman candles, rockets, ground spinners, fountains, flying lanterns, bombshells, etc.

The safety of residents is the City's top priority. A ban on fireworks:

- Mitigates the risk of fires, injury and damage to residents, pets, and properties.
- Reduces air pollution and debris keeping the City clean and green.
- Reduces excessive noise causing stress to children, veterans, and pets.
- Protects animal habitats.

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 of Brampton is dedicated to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment. Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day, Diwali, and New Year's Eve at City-led events with Pyrotechnics.

To learn more, visit www.brampton.ca/fireworks



MAINTAIN YOUR YARD

Help keep our beautiful city clean, green and safe year-round.

- Keep your yard free from all garbage and debris.
- Grass and weeds should be cut regularly. If your grass is taller than a soccer ball, it's time to cut it.
- Do not dump waste items on someone else's property, along the roadside, or at another undesignated area.

Read more at www.brampton.ca/bylaws

BULK WASTE

Bulk waste is any large item that is too big to fit into a bin or garbage bag such as furniture, mattresses, and barbecues. The Region of Peel collects acceptable bulky items from the curb free-of-charge on your regular collection day. Help maintain a safe and attractive environment for everyone – don't dump waste on public or private property. Learn more at www.peelregion.ca



SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services wants to help ensure all Brampton residents protect their home, loved ones, and summer memories from the impacts of fire.

Make sure to:

- Install working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Create an escape plan with your family.
- Always stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Use barbecue grills only outdoors, positioned away from combustible objects.

For more safety tips, visit www.bramptonfire.com



PARKING DOS AND DON'TS

- Do not park your vehicle on the street between 2 am and 6 am or for more than 3 hours.
- Do request a parking consideration to park on the street for up to 14 days each year, per vehicle licence plate.
- Do keep sidewalks clear. When vehicles overhang the sidewalk, they can be an obstacle and unsafe for others who walk or use a stroller on sidewalks.
- Do not park in a designated bike lane.

Learn more at www.brampton.ca/bylaws



NOISE BY-LAW

As residents spend more time outside, they are asked to 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. Be a courteous neighbour, do your part. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/bylaws



2023 PARK IMPROVEMENTS

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	WARD	PROPOSED COMPLETION
Halldorson Park	Tree Planting	3	Spring 2023
Old Fairgrounds Park	Playground Replacement	3	Summer 2023
Peel Village Park	Refrigerated Rink	3	Fall 2023
Rollingwood Park	Tree Planting	4	Spring 2023
Monkton Circle Park	New Park Development	4	2023
Elmcrest Park	Playground Rubber Surface	4	Summer 2023
Timberlane Park	Fitness Equipment	4	Summer 2023
Bonnie Braes Park	Fencing Extension	4	Summer 2023
Bonnie Braes Park	Pathway/Walkway	4	Fall 2023
Bonnie Braes Park	Shade Shelter (Medium)	4	Fall 2023
Eldorado Park	Park Improvements	4	Fall 2024



Councillor Keenan (Vice-Chair Community Safety Committee) at the launch of the free signal blocking pouches to protect against auto thefts (June 2023).



Councillor Keenan participating in Spring prayers at the Gauri Shankar Mandir in Ward 4 (May 2023).



Councillor Keenan and Councillor Medeiros meeting with Brampton Horseshoe Club (March 2023).



Councillor Medeiros and Councillor Keenan with Mayor Brown visiting Daniels Health located in Ward 3 (April 2023).



Councillor Medeiros speaking with Cardinal Leger Secondary School's Poli Sci Club (March 2023).



Councillor Medeiros speaking at the Portuguese Flag Raising ceremony (June 2023).



Councillor Medeiros with Brampton Fire and Emergency Services dropping the puck at Brampton Hockey's Weekend of Champions at Susan Fennell (March 2023).



Councillors Medeiros and Keenan's Community Town Hall (May 2023).



Councillors Medeiros and Keenan visiting Ego Salon (October 2022).



Councillor Keenan attending the Dutch Flag Raising Ceremony at Holland Christian Homes in Ward 4 (May 2023).



Councillor Keenan visiting Grades 4&5 at Helen Wilson Public School in Ward 3 (May 2023).



Councillor Medeiros at the Gujarati Day Flag Raising (May 2023).

CITY EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE IN GARDEN SQUARE
July 7 to September 1

GARDEN SQUARE MOVIE NIGHT
Every Wednesday and select Saturdays until September 2

BRAMPTON FARMERS' MARKET
Saturdays, 8 am - 1 pm until October 7 in Gage Park

JAMBANA (IN CELEBRATION OF EMANCIPATION DAY)
August 7

HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON
August 23

LATINO HERITAGE MONTH
September

GARBA
September

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VIBRANT BRAMPTON
July 21-22

CHUTNEYFEST
July 29-30

JAMAICA DAY
August 26-27

WORLD OF JAZZ FESTIVAL
September 9-10

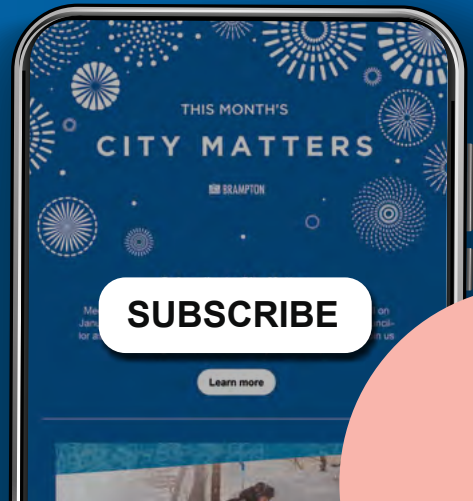
This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit www.brampton.ca/events

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CITY MATTERS



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