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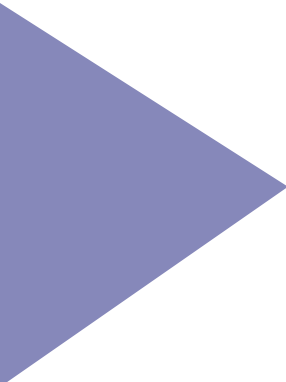




BUILDING BRAMPTON. TOGETHER.

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 smart growth of tomorrow. Provincial investments in community, health care and transit support many of our common goals and priorities.

Brampton is grateful for the Ontario Government's commitment to the Phase II development of Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness announced as part of the 2021 Ontario Budget. We also appreciate a funding commitment to Ryerson University for the planning of a new Brampton School of Medicine. While we welcome this support, our city has not received its fair share of health care funding for decades. The time has come to address these gaps once and for all.

For a city growing at three times the provincial rate, and the fastest growing of Canada's twenty-five largest cities, it is important to have sustainable and well-connected transit. Brampton would benefit greatly from new provincial funding as we improve regional connections through the Hurontario-Main Street LRT and Queen Street - Highway 7 BRT projects and electrifying our fleet and facilities is an exciting endeavour worthy of expansion.

Brampton's initiative is the largest single global deployment of standardized and fully interoperable battery electric buses (BEBs) and high-powered overhead on-route charging systems. The City's construction of an electric bus transit facility supporting zero-emission buses is one of the most ambitious undertakings in North America.

The City of 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.

Your support will further unlock our economic potential, help improve housing affordability, and increase access to postsecondary education. The City remains committed to building on the excellence of our existing partners, Algoma University, Ryerson University, Sheridan College, University of Guelph-Humber and legislating BramptonU into existence would be a game changer for our community. Boosting post-secondary education and critical innovation and technology infrastructure is the pathway to building a stronger labor force and attracting even more investment.

By partnering with Brampton on these opportunities and more, the Government of Ontario can help us take impactful strides towards a dynamic recovery and achieving important milestones. The City of Brampton looks forward to working with the provincial government to redefine this decade for our city, our province, and our country.



Mayor Patrick Brown



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SUMMARY OF ASKS

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

OUR ASKS

Building Transit And Transportation

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

Building Better Health Care

- Funding for a third full-service hospital.
- Speedy approvals for Peel Memorial Phase II expansion.
- Approval of Osler's Stage 1 Proposal for a comprehensive Cancer Care Centre.
- Establishing the Brampton School of Medicine.

Community Building, Infrastructure and Housing

- Funding for the Riverwalk project in the Downtown to advance sustainable mobility and active transportation components, to complete feasibility studies and implementation of stormwater management systems, support Eco Park concepts, and open space and public realm improvements.
- Re-introduce a funding stream to implement active transportation infrastructure and programs as part of the province's #CycleON Cycling Strategy.
- Match the City's \$8M investment in affordable housing through the Housing Catalyst Capital Project to support the non-profit and co-operative housing sector in Brampton.
- Plan for a new task force with the 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.

- 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.
- Develop a financial support framework within a new Provincial Rental Strategy to bring forward a robust supply of purpose-built and affordable rental housing to the market.

Learning and Legislation

- Advance the planning process for a new Brampton School of Medicine.
- Legislate BramptonU into existence by passing the Brampton University Act.
- Move swiftly on the government's commitment to fixing Ontario's broken auto insurance system and making auto insurance more affordable. Accelerate the legislative process and passing of Bill 42.
- Strengthen the Ontario Building Code to increase minimum energy efficiency requirements for new and existing buildings.
- Provide funding for residential energy retrofit programs and offer financial incentives for the development of District Energy Systems.
- Update Provincial guidelines for stormwater management, provide financial support for programs focused on gray and green infrastructure improvements.

Working for Workers and Economic Growth

- Increase funding to the Brampton Entrepreneur Centre for a new co-working space and broadened advisory services.
- Continue and improve support for small business recovery. After March 14, put a stop to further small business shutdowns and allow restaurants and businesses to operate at full capacity.
- Secure a future investment in Stellantis and acknowledge their economic impact on Brampton. Stellantis provides approximately 3,000 well-paying manufacturing jobs, and maintains more than 15,000 jobs at the plant and throughout the supply chain.
- Recognize Brampton's significant contribution to the economy of Ontario as geographically integrated into the Airport Employment Zone and supports the City of Brampton to catalyze more inclusive workforce practices in sectors of logistics and food processing.

IN BRAMPTON, OPPORTUNITY ADDS UP



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

656,480

Total Population
(2021 Census)



CENTRALLY LOCATED
in the middle of Canada's
Innovation Corridor



ACCESS TO 4.3 MILLION
labour pool across
the GTA



HOMETO CN
The largest Intermodal Railway
terminal in Canada



78,102
(YTD December 2020)

**DIVERSE
BUSINESSES**

9TH

LARGEST
City in Canada

4TH

LARGEST
City in Ontario

8,419

Building Permits
(2020)



+38%

11,584

Building Permits
(2021)



ONE OF CANADA'S
YOUNGEST CITIES

36.5 (AVG, AGE)

**YOUNG, MULTICULTURAL
WORKFORCE**

234 different cultures,
speaking 115 languages

115

234

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



SEVEN TRANSCONTINENTAL HIGHWAYS

accessing 158 million
North American consumers



AAA

Credit Rating (Standard & Poor's)

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



148,674

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

MACLEAN'S

RANKED 13TH

OUT OF 415 OF CANADA'S
BEST COMMUNITIES

\$1.37 Billion

Total Construction Value
(2020)



+26%

\$1.73 Billion

Total Construction Value
(2021)



**BUILDING
TRANSIT AND
TRANSPORTATION**

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.

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 chart below for details.

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%



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

31.9M RIDES
2019

51% ↑ SINCE
2015

Brampton's Asks

PROVINCIAL FUNDING

BUILDING BRAMPTON

1. \$1.7B Light Rail Transit (LRT) on Main Street from Steeles to Brampton GO Station - Provincial 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 on Main Street, north of Steeles Avenue to the Brampton GO station in Downtown Brampton.

2. Queen Street - Highway 7 Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) - Provincial 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 - Provincial contribution \$75M

- The City of Brampton is building a third facility because Transit cannot accommodate future growth in its two existing facilities beyond the year 2024 (pre-COVID growth projections).

- 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 \$400 million 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, 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 (ZEB's), over their Diesel. 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 that further funding of approx. \$100M is needed, over and above the City's annual capital investment, approved ICIP funding, the CIB loan and potential funding through the Zero Emission Transit Fund (ZETF) program to cover the remaining costs associated with a full transition to electrification.

OTHER ASKS

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 transportation they depend on.

GAS TAX

That the Provincial government, at a minimum, maintain the current gas tax allocations and strongly reconsider its previous decision and commit to doubling the gas tax allocation for a minimum of three years, to maintain and grow transit within Brampton and other municipalities.



**BUILDING BETTER
HEALTH CARE**

OUR STORY

Brampton continues to experience significant health care capacity pressures due to the area's rapid population growth, aging demographics, high prevalence of chronic disease, and historical funding inequities. The community's need for health care and hospital services continues to outpace current capacity.

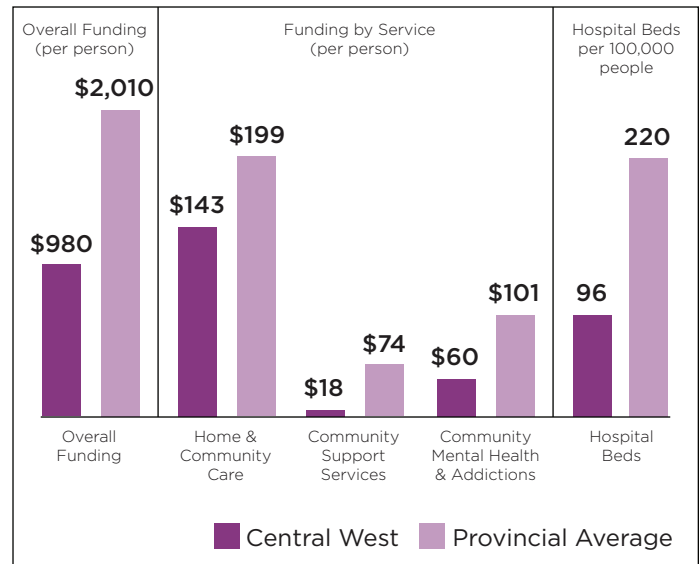
To better meet the community's health needs and reduce hallway medicine challenges, a number of investments are proposed to advance Brampton's health care capacity in the near term and build more comprehensive care for the future.

- On January 22, 2020, the City of Brampton declared a health care emergency. It launched its advocacy campaign, "Fair Deal for Brampton" – requesting additional funding from the Province to bridge Brampton's health care gap, including completion of Phase II of Peel Memorial, expansion of the Urgent Care Centre to a 24/7 Emergency Department, and a third health care facility in Brampton.
- Over the past two years, Brampton's historical health funding inequities have been amplified by COVID-19. The city has been one of the hardest hit in Ontario, causing significant added strain on health care and hospital resources. Brampton's high rate of COVID-19 throughout the pandemic has resulted in unprecedented demands on our hospital.
- The City is grateful for the Ontario Government's commitment to Phase II development of Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness, announced as part of the 2021 Ontario Budget.

Making equitable and appropriate hospital and health care investments now will support accessible, quality care for Brampton residents, bridge the current service gap, and ensure the needs of the growing community can be met.

Funding Gap

Per Capita Community Health Funding



Hospital Beds per 100,000 population

- Brampton has about 56% fewer hospital beds per person than the provincial average. The provincial average is 220 beds per 100,000 people, whereas Brampton only has 96 beds per 100,000 people, less than half the provincial figure.

[Source: Intellihealth Ontario. Beds = average daily hospital beds in Jan 2020, which is the latest available provincial data.]

Mental Health and Addictions

- Since 2010/11, Mental Health and Addictions Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre Visits have increased by more than double the provincial average:
 - Ontario: 54% increase since 2010/11
 - Brampton: 121% increase since 2010/11

Brampton Civic ED

Built for 90,000 visits/year
Actual visits: 130,000/year



Growing Issues

The City has unique health and demographic challenges that threaten to exacerbate the situation if investments are not made soon.



The Funding Gap

Quality care is threatened by the funding gap our health care providers and facilities face compared to the volume of use, and compared to the rest of Ontario.

Peel Memorial is funded for **10,000** visits
Actual visits (2018/19) - more than **75,000**



From 2012 to 2017 there has been a **40% INCREASE** of seniors applying for home care in the Region



Brampton has the highest prevalence of diabetes in Ontario at **16%**



Mental health and substance abuse emergency department visits increased **73%** since 2011



The Opioid Crisis: from 2016 to 2018 in Peel **236** people died
366 people were hospitalized
1,295 visited emergency department

Brampton's Asks PROVINCIAL FUNDING THAT BUILDS HEALTH CARE

1. Speedy approvals for Peel Memorial Phase II expansion

- The new Peel Memorial Hospital will be a multi-storey patient tower, with 250 inpatient beds when it opens and space to build more in the future, along with a 24/7 Emergency Department. This will be a significant infusion of hospital capacity and health care resources in Brampton.
- Osler is nearing completion of Stage Two planning for Peel Memorial redevelopment. Funding and approvals are needed to ensure that planning, design and architectural work followed by construction and completion move forward as quickly as possible.
- Brampton's new hospital will attract physicians, nurses, and professional talent to Brampton, catalyze research and innovation, and expand medical and health education opportunities for our partners, including the proposed Ryerson Medical School and other post-secondary institutions.
- Continued support from the Ontario Government is needed to bring the new Peel Memorial Hospital to life for the community.

2. Funding for a third full-service hospital

- Over the longer term, a third hospital in Brampton is needed to serve the fast-growing region. Health care services are an important part of the area's urban development decisions into the future.
- With significant population growth and space limitations at both the Peel Memorial and Brampton Civic campuses, an eventual third hospital will address the region's rapid population growth.
- An initial planning grant would support development of a pre-capital submission for a third hospital.

3. Approval of Osler's Stage 1 Proposal for a comprehensive Cancer Care Centre

- Cancer Care Ontario confirms what we already know in Brampton – that our community experiences high risk factors for cancer, and projections show needs doubling for Osler's oncology services over the next 20 years.
- William Osler Health System has been working with the Ministry of Health on a proposed Cancer Care Centre for Brampton, and government approvals are necessary to proceed.
- A Cancer Care Centre will bring radiation therapy to Brampton and house a range of cancer care services under one roof. With Ontario Government approvals, patients will no longer have to travel to Mississauga, Princess Margaret, Sunnybrook or elsewhere to receive radiation therapy.
- Expanding Brampton's cancer services will help prevent hospitalizations, which in turn will help reduce capacity pressures at Brampton Civic Hospital. It will also bring tremendous potential for research and innovation, as well as new medical education opportunities in Brampton.

4. Establish a Medical School in Brampton

- The City welcomed the 2021 budget announcement to provide financial support for developing a new institute of medical education in Brampton in partnership with Ryerson University. Brampton looks forward to working with the province to bring a medical school to the city.
- On July 7, 2021, Brampton City Council voted in favour of a \$1 million planning grant for Ryerson to help fund a future School of Medicine. We look to the province for a speedy review of the planning proposal.



Peel Memorial Phase II expansion

SENIORS POPULATION GROWTH (AGE 65+)



Between 2020 and 2030
Brampton will experience
**ONTARIO'S 2ND HIGHEST RATE
OF GROWTH IN RESIDENTS AGE 65+**



This Growth will place
SIGNIFICANT PRESSURE on the
CITY'S HEALTH CARE SYSTEM



% CHANGE BETWEEN 2020 AND 2030

43%
ONTARIO



57%
BRAMPTON



Growth Projection

79,807 in 2020
to **125,544** by 2030



**COMMUNITY
BUILDING,
INFRASTRUCTURE
AND HOUSING**

Brampton's Asks PROVINCIAL 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 \$38M in 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.

SMART GROWTH

GTA WEST CORRIDOR & HERITAGE HEIGHTS

Brampton is developing a Secondary Plan for the Heritage Heights area in the northwest corner of the City. The City's last unplanned area makes up 1/16 of Brampton's total land area and is highlighted in the Brampton 2040 Vision as the proposed location for a new town centre. It is being planned as a complete, compact, mixed-use, transit-oriented community with work and housing options that will implement City, Regional and Provincial planning objectives.

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 \$4.9 million 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 South 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.

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 ASK

Re-introduce a funding stream similar to the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program to implement active transportation infrastructure and programs as part of the Province's #CycleON Cycling Strategy.

A new type of 'bicycle crossover' provides people on bikes the right-of-way over vehicles when crossing low volume roads – similar to the new type of pedestrian crossover introduced in 2016 through HTA Regulation ON. 402/15.

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. It proposes a range of local solutions through legislative mechanisms such as the Planning Act and Municipal Act.

- 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 City seeks Provincial supports, including direct financial commitments, to ensure sustenance of local municipal efforts in improving housing affordability and choice.

The high density residential market in Brampton is beginning to emerge, as evidenced by the large supply of recent activity, with most proposed development being attracted to central and corridor locations near existing and planned transit. This market shift to intensification is occurring due to several inter-related factors, including provincial growth legislation and the fact that Brampton's once large supply of vacant greenfield land is quickly eroding, limiting the ability of developers to continue to provide low density housing types.

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

BRAMPTON'S ASKS

1. Contribution to the City of Brampton's Housing Catalyst Capital Project

Match the City's \$8M investment in affordable housing through the Housing Catalyst Capital Project to further support the non-profit sector deliver a range of local solutions to housing needs.

- 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 who help deliver new types of 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 province can also provide upfront project development funding to help get more projects off the ground while ensuring long-term affordability.

2. Housing for International Students and Post-graduate Workers

Plan for a new task force with the 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.

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.
- 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 the government to work with universities and colleges to create more student housing to meet the current and forecasted demand.

3. Public Land for Affordable Housing

Donate or fund land to lower-tier municipalities including the City of Brampton and affordable housing developers in Brampton for the development of affordable and 'missing middle' housing solutions;

- 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.

4. Investment in Rental Housing

Developing a financial support framework within a new Provincial Rental Strategy to bring forward a robust supply of purpose-built and affordable rental housing to the market

- As home ownership costs rise, rental housing is the most affordable option for the greatest number of people in Brampton.
- There is a shortage of rental housing appropriate for low- and moderate-income people including seniors and families. Very few purpose-built rentals have been constructed in Brampton in recent years. Changes in this area may benefit landlords by making it easier to create rental units and may help tenants by ensuring housing stability.
- Generally, rental housing is challenged relative to ownership housing as ownership projects generate larger and faster returns than a rental building and financing is easier to obtain for ownership projects.
- Market supply of affordable, purpose-built rental housing is even more challenged in the majority of Brampton's proposed Major Transit Station Areas, as per the detailed feasibility analysis undertaken by the Region of Peel for Inclusionary Zoning policies.

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

MORE THAN
80% 

of Brampton's residential land
is zoned exclusively for low
rise dwellings



In **BRAMPTON**, the subsidy required
for a developer to deliver affordable
rental housing ranges between

\$31,500 and **\$47,800**

per unit for the middle-income group

**CLIMATE,
LEGISLATION
AND LEARNING**



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, and revitalizing natural spaces and the urban tree canopy. Brampton looks to the Province of Ontario to play a strong supportive role in advancing our climate action priorities.

Guided by the recently updated Brampton Grow Green Environmental Master Plan and 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 and plans and on-the-ground actions to achieve quantifiable GHG reductions and meaningful community benefits.
- Brampton has established an ambitious goal to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated in Brampton by 80% by 2050.

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 greenhouse gas emissions, ensure energy security, create economic advantage 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, home and building efficiency, transportation efficiency, industrial efficiency 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 that will accelerate Brampton's transition to a low-carbon future. CCET will focus on implementing on 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 that 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 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, many existing homes in Brampton need to be retrofitted.

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 Province of Ontario.

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 scheduled to be completed by Q4 2021. 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 South Fletcher’s 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 commenced developing a Sustainable Fleet Strategy to foster reduced GHG, and air pollutant emissions. The strategy will also 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 and transit 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. The majority of Brampton’s 2,500 hectares (6,177 acres) of Natural Heritage System (NHS) forms the backbone of the Brampton Eco Park. From this foundation, Brampton Eco Park will expand and evolve into parks, streetscapes, and other spaces to form a comprehensive network of green places and nature reserves throughout the city, building a green framework for Brampton.

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

- Jefferson, Jordan, and Jayfield (JJJ) Eco Park Revitalization: An Eco-Park revitalization at the JJJ Parks, 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 Brampton Eco Park initiative is strongly aligned with the objectives of the Province’s “A Made-in-Ontario Environment Plan” to promote parks and recreational opportunities while also conserving greenspaces and supporting natural ecosystems.



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 and 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. Provincial funding and support can help the City accelerate and increase the scope of the Stormwater Retrofit Program to include additional opportunities.



OUR ASK

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, Earnscliffe, and Eastbourne Parks Eco Space Retrofit projects in the Bramalea area of Brampton.

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

- strengthening the Ontario Building Code to increase minimum energy efficiency requirements for a new and existing building, and/or allow municipalities to require greater than Code performance;
- providing funding for residential energy retrofit programs, such as the proposed Peel Residential Energy Program; and
- 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:

- updating Provincial guidelines for stormwater management to enhance quality and quantity control requirements; and
- providing financial support for programs focused on gray and green infrastructure improvements, such as Brampton's Stormwater Retrofit Program.

LEGISLATION

- Auto insurance forms a significant portion of family expenses, and Brampton residents pay approximately 123% higher than Ontario's average.
- In April 2019, the Province released *Putting Drivers First: A Blueprint for Ontario's Auto Insurance System*. In the document, the government committed to fixing Ontario's broken auto insurance system and making auto insurance more affordable.
- On April 26, 2021, we launched our online petition Fair Deal for Auto Insurance to engage the public and to affect change. At time of press, 19,161 people have signed. #FairDealForBrampton
- Currently, Bill 42 is being reviewed by the Ontario Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. The City of Brampton requests the Province advance Bill 42 through the legislative process and ensure its passing.
- The City acknowledges the government's action in April 2020 to enable a temporary financial relief for auto insurance consumers spending less time on the roads due to COVID-19. However, more is required to ensure fair and equitable auto insurance rates in Ontario.



LEARNING

Brampton is committed to a broad range of high-quality post-secondary learning and skills development offerings that are affordable and aligned to meeting the labour market needs today and in the future.

The City remains committed to building on the excellence of our existing partners, Algoma University, Ryerson University, Sheridan College, University of Guelph, Humber College and other universities in Ontario and worldwide, to meet the needs of Brampton residents and businesses.

Brampton's Asks FUNDING & SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

1. Legislate BramptonU into existence by passing the Brampton University Act.

- Securing a full university for Brampton, BramptonU remains important to the community.
- BramptonU will offer academic opportunities to support learners in their development by offering in-demand programs aimed at strengthening employability and growth.
- Training and reskilling individuals with the most relevant skills and capabilities for future jobs will ensure our economy's resilience. BramptonU is a critical component in our enhanced focus on talent to move our city into the future.



From a December 2019 telephone survey of Brampton and Peel Region residents conducted by Mainstreet Research, we know that:



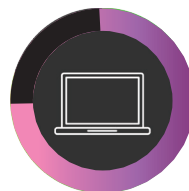
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OF PEEL REGION RESIDENTS SAY A UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE CLOSE TO HOME



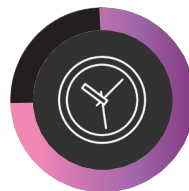
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OF BRAMPTON RESIDENTS WANT A BRAMPTON UNIVERSITY



80%

OF BRAMPTON RESIDENTS WANT MORE ONLINE LEARNING OPTIONS



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OF BRAMPTON RESIDENTS WANT MORE FLEXIBLE UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

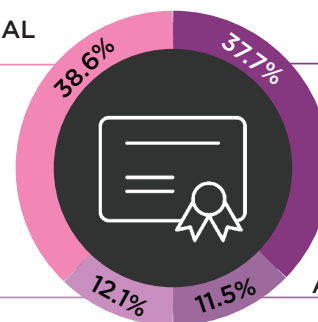
TYPES OF DEGREES RANKED MOST IMPORTANT IN BRAMPTON

PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

engineering
business
nursing
pharmacology

SCIENCE DEGREES

biology
chemistry
physics
math



TECHNOLOGY DEGREES

IT
software engineering
digital tech
environmental tech

GENERAL ARTS DEGREES

University of Guelph-Humber

On June 16, 2021, Brampton City Council unanimously supported a motion to work with the University of Guelph and Humber College to bring the University of Guelph-Humber (UofGH) to Brampton's new Centre for Innovation (CFI). City staff and the institutions have begun work on identifying required supports and business terms for the potential relocation of the campus as an anchor tenant in the CFI.

The University of Guelph-Humber is a unique partnership between Humber College and the University of Guelph. Through integrated academic and hands-on experiences, students earn both a Humber diploma and a University of Guelph honours bachelor's degree in four years.

UofGH has 5,000 full-time students and 400 employer partners in Brampton that provide students with work-integrated learning and on-the-job experience built into their programs. Ninety-five percent of Guelph-Humber students are employed within two years of graduation.

The University of Guelph-Humber's current and future programs will complement Ryerson's planned medical school and its cybersecurity research/innovation centre, as well as Algoma University and Sheridan College's existing programs.

2. Advance the planning process for a new Brampton School of Medicine.

- In July 2021, Brampton Council voted in favour of a \$1 million planning grant, matching the contributions from the Provincial government and Ryerson.
- On February 2, 2022 Ryerson posted their Letter of Intent for the School of Medicine following extensive community consultation around their proposed five pillars of design:
 - Community centric primary care
 - Culturally respectful care
 - Innovation and technology
 - Interprofessional health care networks
 - Support for the health and wellbeing of seniors
- Ryerson's proposal will include a detailed curriculum for both undergraduate and postgraduate studies, research planning and strategy for practical experience, and specific operational and financial planning. The proposal will be developed in consultation with Ryerson's external health education working group, the Committee on Accreditation of Canadian Medical Schools (CACMS), the Ontario Ministry of Health and community leaders in Brampton.
- Bringing a medical school to Brampton will help address the ongoing health care emergency and ensure the next generation of health care practitioners can train locally.





**WORKING FOR
WORKERS AND
ECONOMIC 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.

Brampton is making significant contributions to the economy of Ontario. Geographically integrated into the Airport Employment Zone, we seek further supports to realize the full potential Brampton from an economic development and economic impact perspective.

We are striving to catalyze more inclusive workforce practices in sectors of logistics and food processing and the City of Brampton is a pivotal economic driver, regional cultural hub, and emerging Innovation District of the province.

As we recover economically, we ask the Province to ensure that our planned investments will still lead to Brampton developing a world-class innovation ecosystem in Canada's Innovation Corridor to scale startups, while supporting small businesses and growing a multicultural workforce of the future.

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OUR ASK

With Brampton's 75,000 businesses, we are asking for continued small business support, increased funding, and a focus on Brampton as it builds a world-class innovation district.

- Increase funding to the Brampton Entrepreneur Centre (BEC) for a new co-working space and broadened advisory services. BEC advised close to 1,000 entrepreneurs in 2021, distributed 78,800 rapid tests to 850 businesses and created approximately 2,000 jobs over the past 5 years.
- Recognize Brampton as being central in Canada's Innovation Corridor, and promote Brampton's Innovation District as a world-class innovation ecosystem. Brampton has established powerful partnerships to secure and strengthen its place in the corridor including the Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst, Founders Institute, Altitude Accelerator, Brampton Entrepreneur Centre, Sheridan Edge, and the Brampton Bhive.

- Continue and improve support for small business recovery. After March 14, put a stop to further small business shutdowns and allow restaurants and businesses to operate at full capacity.
- Secure a future investment in Stellantis and acknowledge their economic impact on Brampton. Stellantis provides approximately 3,000 well-paying manufacturing jobs, and maintains more than 15,000 jobs at the plant and throughout the supply chain.
- We applaud the formation of Invest Ontario and ask the Province to support and acknowledge the municipal role of the Economic Development Office in promoting Brampton internationally.



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