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WE DID IT! Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) has officially welcomed its first class of students to the new School of Medicine in Brampton, the first new medical school in Ontario in more than 30 years and the first in the GTA in over a century. From my first conversations in 2018, to navigating the challenges of the pandemic, this achievement has been years in the making. Congratulations to the inaugural class of 94 students, selected from more than 6,500 applicants!



Councillor Santos (Right), TMU President Mohamed Lochemi (Centre) and TMU CAO for medical school Dr. Shoranjee Kaur (Left)

With new housing development, business investment, child care centres and recreation facilities, community safety remains a top concern in our downtown. I continue to work directly with residents to prioritize community safety and support for those who are vulnerable. Public safety must be upheld while also advocating to other orders of government for housing and mental health and addictions support. These goals are not mutually exclusive, but they require collaboration and new approaches.



Road safety is also a top priority. We've added traffic calming measures like speed cushions and road diets. Do you have a road safety issue in your neighbourhood? Let us know at councillorsantos.ca/roadreport

See more exciting updates inside this newsletter!

Warmest regards,

Rowena Santos — Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5

Since our last newsletter, Team Brampton has been busy advocating for our city.

I attended the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference with Mayor Brown, City Council and staff to keep Brampton's priorities front and centre with provincial leaders. We met with ministers on infrastructure, health care, transit, housing and more.



The Regional and Single Tier Caucus members at AMO.

AMO brings together officials from 444 municipalities to advocate on shared priorities and I'm proud to serve as the Peel Region representative on its board of directors.



Sitting down at City Hall with Liberal MPs for Brampton Ruby Sahota and Sonia Sidhu

On the federal side, I joined Mayor Brown, City Council and staff for a pre-budget discussion with our MPs. We pushed for funding for affordable housing, tackling crime and the need for bail reform.

As always, my door is open. I work hard to stay accessible through this newsletter, social media, phone and email. In early September, I also hosted a Community Meet-and-Greet where I had the chance to hear your hopes and concerns for Brampton.

If you have questions or feedback, please don't hesitate to reach out to me and my office.

Thank you for your continued support and I wish you and your family a great season!

Paul Vicente — Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5



HAVE YOUR SAY IN SHAPING BRAMPTON'S PARKS

Residents are invited to share feedback on the improvements and amenities they'd like to see in their neighbourhood parks. Your input will guide future revitalization projects, ensuring parks reflect community priorities, enhance experiences and provide equitable access to quality spaces. By participating in the survey, you'll help create vibrant, inclusive parks that meet the evolving needs of our growing city. Learn more at brampton.ca/parksplanning



NEW MILESTONES IN BRAMPTON'S TRANSFORMATION

Downtown Brampton's revitalization is accelerating with exciting milestones! Streetscape upgrades on Queen Street East (Main to Chapel/Theatre Lane) are complete, while work continues on Queen Street West. The international design competition for Ken Whillans and Garden Squares has concluded, with the winning firm set to begin construction later this year in Ken Whillans Square. Meanwhile, the Nelson Square Parking Garage and George Street surface lot are closed and scheduled for demolition to make way for the future Centre for Innovation. Learn more about the transformation at brampton.ca/downtown



STAY SAFE WITH SEASONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

With winter approaching, now is the time to prepare. Dress in warm, layered clothing and limit time outdoors during extreme cold. Winterize your vehicle with an emergency kit, blankets, snacks and traction aids. At home, stock a 72-hour emergency kit with food, water, medications and a communication plan. Clear snow and ice from sidewalks and around fire hydrants to support emergency services. Learn more at brampton.ca/prepared



WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN IT SNOWS

Winter crews plow major roads first, then local roads after 5 cm of snow. Street parking is prohibited during snow clearing and all permits are suspended. Illegally parked vehicles may be ticketed, towed and impounded at the owner's expense. Fines for first offence is \$125, second is \$250, subsequent is \$500.

Remember to clear snow and ice from sidewalks by 11 am the day after snowfall ends. The City's expanded Financial Assistance Program helps seniors and people with disabilities, including renters, with snow removal. Learn more at brampton.ca/snow

BRAMPTON'S NEW NHL-SIZED OUTDOOR RINKS ARE COMING SOON!

This winter, Sandalwood Park will become Brampton's ultimate outdoor skating destination with two NHL sized rinks for both casual fun and competitive play. Future phases will add expanded parking, food vendor space and a heated field house with changerooms and accessible washrooms -- creating a year-round community hub! This investment reflects the City's commitment to active living, stronger community connections and bringing top-quality amenities closer to home. Learn more about this project and explore Brampton's outdoor rinks at brampton.ca/parks brampton.ca/downtown



HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON DELIVERED ANOTHER UNFORGETTABLE NIGHT!

Brampton came alive on August 20 as residents and fans filled the arena for the 2025 Hockey Night in Brampton. This beloved tradition united NHL stars, legend and rising players for Canada's largest charity hockey game. Team Matthews, coached by Darryl Sittler, battled Team Tanev, led by Wendel Clark, in a thrilling 10-9 finish for Team Tanev. Beyond the excitement, the night raised \$6.67M, highlighted by a historic \$50M pledge from the Cortellucci Family, to the William Osler Health System Foundation to build Brampton's second hospital. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets, cheered in the stands and made this night a success

COYOTE AWARENESS AND SAFETY

Coyotes are part of Brampton’s natural environment and we can safely share our spaces with them by taking a few precautions. Keep pets leashed, remove food sources from yards and parks and never feed wildlife. Residents are encouraged to check Brampton’s Coyote Sightings Tracker and report any sightings online. Together, we can protect both our pets and our neighbourhoods. Learn more at brampton.ca/coyotes



PAY YOUR PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are billed twice a year, with residents receiving both an Interim and Final Notice bill. Payment is made in three instalments and can be completed by cheque, debit, in person at a Service Brampton location or your bank, online through your bank’s website or by enrolling in the pre-authorized payment plan. Learn more at brampton.ca/tax

REPLACE YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

Smoke alarms have a lifespan of 10 years and must be replaced when they expire or if they are malfunctioning. Residents should check the date on their smoke alarms regularly to ensure they are in good working order. Proper maintenance and timely replacement can save lives. Learn more at brampton.ca/smokealarms



SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE PARKING

Residents are reminded to follow parking rules to help keep Brampton’s streets safe and accessible. Street parking is not permitted between 2 am and 6 am, and vehicles may not be parked for more than three hours without a permit. Drivers must ensure they do not block traffic, sidewalks, fire hydrants or bike lanes and should only park in designated areas. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws



KEEP BRAMPTON CLEAN

Proper waste disposal helps keep our city clean and welcoming. Dumping garbage in public spaces is prohibited. Residents should use the Region of Peel’s waste services and compost bins for food waste, store bins securely off sidewalks/streets and keep lids closed to prevent litter. Bins should only be placed at the curb after 7 pm the night before collection. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws

MAINTAIN HEALTHY TREES

Regular tree maintenance is essential for safety and neighbourhood appearance. Pruning helps prevent the spread of disease by removing dead or dying branches and trimming long or low-hanging branches improves visibility and access. Under City property standards, the lower half of all trees must be kept free of low branches. Failure to properly maintain trees can result in fines. Learn more at brampton.ca/treecare



COMMUNITY CORNER

NEIGHBOURHOOD SPECIFIC COMMUNICATION: THE LOCAL PULSE

With the support of our incredible Santos Youth Council, we launched The Local Pulse over the spring, summer and fall, which is a hyperlocal initiative that delivers neighbourhood specific updates, community statistics and local hero stories right to your doorstep. Visit councillorsantos.ca/neighbourhoods to learn more or request a printed copy.

Local Pulse Drop with Santos Youth Council Members



Bovaird House Movie Night joined by local resident Pam

THE BOVAIRD HOUSE SITE AS A SPACE FOR THE COMMUNITY

In June, I brought forward a motion to implement new programming that opens the Bovaird House site to the community. On August 26, we gathered at the Bovaird House for our first outdoor movie screening, featuring three short films to conclude Emancipation Month. Many residents expressed that it was the first time they ever experienced an event like this on the site. Inspired by the amazing turnout and enthusiasm from our neighbours, I'm excited to announce that I'll be hosting another community movie night next June! Stay tuned for details at CouncillorSantos.ca

WELCOMING THE NEWLY RENOVATED ST. ANNE CATHOLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The doors to the newly renovated St. Anne Catholic Elementary School on Vodden St. E are now open! Welcome back to the students, families and staff who have been eagerly waiting for this renovation to be completed. Thank you to Principal Ms. Quick for the tour of school and I look forward to upcoming events in this beautiful new space.



Picture with Principal Laura Quick of St. Anne's School



With residents and PRP at the new Neville-Lake Park Pickleball Courts

WORKING WITH YOU TO IMPROVE PARK AMENITIES

Many parks across Wards 1 & 5 are getting exciting upgrades, playgrounds, pickleball, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, sail shades and more! As Chair of Community Services, it's a joy to work with residents to improve the utilization of our parks so we can keep you and your family active! To stay informed on future improvements, visit brampton.ca/parksplanning to use the new Parks & Recreation Construction Map, an interactive, user-friendly tool that updates residents on projects across the city.



Mayor Patrick Brown, Brampton West MPP Amarjot Sandhu and I at the Meet & Greet hosted at Damatta Park

MEET AND GREET WITH AMARJOT SANDHU

I teamed up with Brampton West MPP Amarjot Sandhu as we hosted a Community Meet and Greet. It was a fun-filled event celebrating community and an opportunity for you to speak with us. Thank you to those who were able to attend; and to our volunteers, local community organizations and City staff for your support.



Mayor Patrick Brown, Regional Councillor Martin Medeiros, myself and Regional Councillor Dennis Keenan.

PORTUGUESE FAITH AND TRADITION IN BRAMPTON

Families, friends and community members gathered to celebrate faith, tradition, and culture at Our Lady of Fatima Parish, recognizing Festa of Senhor Santo Cristo.



TMU President Mohamed Lachemi and I celebrating the opening day of the TMU School of Medicine.

TMU

It's official! TMU's School of Medicine is here. This historic milestone marks the first new medical school in the province in over a century! It was an honour and a privilege to witness the inaugural cohort of 94 learners attend their first day of medical school here in Brampton.



Pavilion Chair Ian Parcells, Regional Councillor Dennis Keenan, Committee Member June Buckle, Mayor Patrick Brown, City Councillor Rod Power, Regional Councillor Paul Vicente and Regional Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar enjoying coconuts at the Caribbean Pavilion.

FOOD, CULTURE AND COMMUNITY AT CARABRAM

I was joined by Mayor Brown and Council colleagues at Carabram, Brampton's multicultural festival, for an immersive experience exploring cultural pavilions, authentic cuisine and live entertainment.

BRAMPTON NYE

December 31, 2025

Check out the full event list visit at
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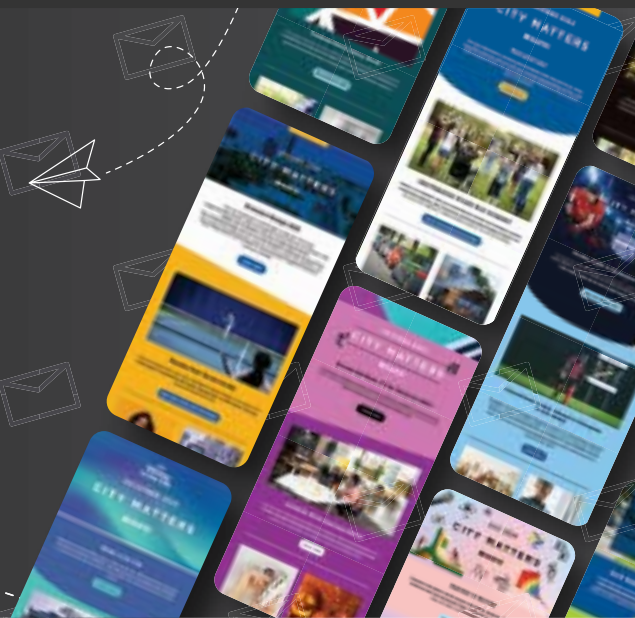
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