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As we welcome the arrival of spring, we're excited for the warmer days ahead and all the opportunities they bring. The first few months of the year have flown by, filled with important community events and continued progress on initiatives that matter most to you. We're eager to keep the momentum going as we head into a new season, with fresh energy and dedication to our community.

Over the past few months, the 2025 Budget was approved, reflecting Brampton's commitment to growth and prosperity. Key investments in infrastructure, transit, health care and community spaces will directly benefit Wards 2 & 6. Some highlights include the new Embleton Community Centre, the construction of the Cassie Campbell Field Hockey Dome, outdoor rink enhancements and ongoing advocacy for more outdoor rinks in our wards. We're also excited about the newly lit cricket pitch at Creditview Sandalwood Park and the final unveiling of the Loafer's Lake redevelopment this spring. These are just a few of the many exciting new amenities coming to Wards 2 & 6!

Community safety remains our top priority and we are dedicated to addressing concerns such as auto theft, violence and petty crimes that affect our neighbourhoods. In January, we held a community safety townhall at Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre and due to the strong turnout, we will be hosting another two town halls this spring! One will be held in Ward 2 and one will be held in Ward 6. All town hall information will be posted on our social media. These town halls provide a valuable opportunity to engage directly with residents, hear your concerns and work together on solutions to ensure a safer community. We look forward to continuing these conversations throughout the year and invite you to join us at all future town halls.

We also had a wonderful time hosting our Family Day skate, and as the weather warms, we're excited to organize even more fun events to bring our community together. Thank you for your ongoing support and engagement—we can't wait to get outside and continue connecting with all of you in the months ahead!



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LICENSING, CREATING SAFER RENTALS FOR ALL

The City of Brampton continues to strengthen its commitment to safe, secure rental housing with its Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) Pilot Program. Property owners with four or fewer units in Wards 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 must obtain a licence, ensuring that properties meet essential safety standards. The City is waiving the licence application fee for the remainder of 2025 and offering free smoke alarms to residents who obtain a licence. This initiative is part of the City's ongoing efforts to improve housing standards, enhance safety and strengthen the overall well-being of our communities. For more information, visit brampton.ca/RRL

Groundbreaking at Peel Memorial – Brampton's Second Hospital Begins Construction

Brampton's second hospital at the Peel Memorial site broke ground on March 28. With \$81.1 million already set aside and another \$4.9 million through the City's annual levy, we're making significant progress in delivering enhanced services to our community.

The new hospital will include:

- A 24/7 Emergency Department
- New and enhanced services for seniors
- New and enhanced mental health and addictions services
- Rehabilitation and complex continuing care services



NEW YOUTH HOCKEY SKILLS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM A SUCCESS!

The Youth Hockey Development program was a tremendous success and we're thrilled to have been part of your journey in mastering hockey fundamentals alongside former NHL player Phil Oreskovic. This initiative underscores the City's commitment to encouraging active and healthy lifestyles for youth year-round. Together, we're fostering a love for the game and empowering the next generation of players in our community. For more information on where this program will be next, visit brampton.ca/youthhockey



LRT COMING TO BRAMPTON!

The City of Brampton is making history with the expansion of the Hazel McCallion Light Rail Transit (LRT) four-kilometre extension into downtown Brampton featuring an underground tunnel. With the provincial and federal governments' recent funding commitments to support this transformative project, we are one step closer to delivering a world-class transit network that will benefit our growing community for generations to come. Expected to create and support 33,000 housing units and 17,000 jobs, the project will drive economic growth and urban renewal. With improved access to key destinations like the Brampton Innovation District, this extension will support a thriving, connected and accessible downtown for residents and businesses for years to come. Learn more at bramptontransit.com



PARKS CLEANUP PROGRAM

Each year, families, friends, community organizations, businesses and school groups participate in the Parks Cleanup Program helping keep Brampton clean and green. The program helps remove litter that has accumulated, promotes community engagement and creates healthy vibrant spaces. Register for a community or self-led cleanup at one of our many parks, all cleaning supplies are provided to participants. In 2024, more than 30,000 residents participated in a cleanup. Join the fun and do your part! For more information and to register, visit brampton.ca/cleanup



FIRST ANNUAL GROW GREEN FESTIVAL

On May 31, the City is hosting its first Grow Green Festival celebrating World Environment Day and the official opening of the Loafer's Lake restored wetland at Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre. The event will highlight the work the City and local partners are doing to improve the environment for the public and wildlife. Join us! Drop by between 1 and 4 pm for outdoor family-friendly activities from over 20 exhibitors, including face painting, henna, selfie photobooth and games. We'll have free snacks and drinks too! Learn more at brampton.ca/growgreenfest



KEEPING STREETS SAFE

Keeping Our Streets Safe

Be a good neighbour by following parking by-laws to keep our city safe and accessible.

- Avoid parking on the street for more than three hours and refrain from parking between 2 and 6 am.
- Ensure bike lanes remain clear and your vehicle does not overhang sidewalks, lawns or the street.
- Inoperative, immobile or unlicensed vehicles are prohibited on the street.
- Vehicles taller than 2.6 meters or longer than 6.7 meters should not park on residential streets.
- Always park in designated areas, follow street signs and ensure fire routes remain clear.
- Residents can request up to 14 days of parking consideration per vehicle, per year.

Together, we can build stronger communities. Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws



TYING THE KNOT? APPLY FOR A MARRIAGE LICENCE

Before getting married in Ontario, you must obtain a marriage licence. Couples who are looking for a simple and dignified approach to exchange their marriage vows can book their ceremony with the City of Brampton. Ceremonies are conducted at Brampton City Hall during office hours from Tuesday to Friday (except for statutory holidays). Share the celebration - up to eight people can be accommodated at our marriage venue. Learn more at brampton.ca/marriageservices



CONTACTING 311

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 through the 311 mobile app, website, email or in person. Between the hours of 12 am and 7 am, please call 3-1-1 for urgent inquiries only. Learn more at 311brampton.ca



MAKING TAX PAYMENTS EASIER AND MORE CONVENIENT

Sign up now for the City of Brampton's pre-authorized tax payment program and never have to worry about missing a deadline. You can choose to pay monthly (at the beginning or in the middle of the month) or six times per year and avoid any penalties or interest on late payments. If this plan doesn't work for you, you can still pay by cheque, debit, in person at a bank or through a bank's website. A credit card option is available but additional fees apply for this service. Learn more at brampton.ca/tax



BABY WILDLIFE IN THE SPRING

Spring is a crucial time for wildlife as many animals are nesting and raising their young. If you see a baby animal alone, do not remove it - its parents are likely nearby and will return when it's safe.

Keep pets away from wildlife to avoid stress or harm. Never feed wild animals, as it disrupts their natural behaviour. If you find a nest in your yard, leave it undisturbed and observe from a distance. For sick or injured wildlife, call 3-1-1.

Respect nature and give wildlife the space they need to thrive. Learn more at brampton.ca/animalservices

PROPERTY STANDARDS: KEEP BRAMPTON CLEAN, SAFE AND BEAUTIFUL

By-laws help maintain the quality of our city and everyone plays a role in upholding these standards. Following property standards ensures we all enjoy a clean, safe neighbourhood and shared public spaces.

- Maintain your yard by keeping grass under eight inches, trimming vegetation for safety and ensuring proper ground cover to prevent erosion.
- Accessory structures like pools, hot tubs and fences require permits and must meet specific requirements.
- Keep your property free from waste and debris and store waste carts properly.

Visit brampton.ca/bylaws for more information.



COMMUNITY SKATE

We had a blast hosting our second Family Day Community Skate at Cassie Campbell Community Centre! The rink was filled with families skating, laughing and enjoying hot chocolate and popcorn. Family Day is the perfect chance to make memories with your loved ones and it was amazing to see so many of you joining in on the fun. We can't wait for more community events like this one, where we can come together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. A huge thank you to our incredible Recreation staff, Brampton Fire, Hope Restored Brampton Ministries, Jamie's Cracked Corn and all the volunteers who made this event possible. We hope you'll join us for next year's annual Family Day skate – see you on the ice!



WARD 6 BUSINESS VISIT

In honour of Black History Month, we're excited to shine a spotlight on one of Brampton's gems – Bakers Jerk House! This vibrant local eatery is more than just a place to grab a delicious bite; it's a cornerstone of our community. Bakers Jerk House not only serves mouthwatering Jamaican cuisine but also partners with local groups and events, leaving a lasting impact on Brampton. Let's continue supporting and celebrating the diverse businesses that make our city so unique! A special shoutout to Kirk and Diane Baker for bringing a true taste of Jamaica to Brampton – their food and service are as incredible as their inspiring story. Be sure to visit Bakers Jerk House at 40 Rivermont Road in Ward 6.



LOAFER'S LAKE REDEVELOPMENT

Big things are happening at Loafer's Lake and we couldn't be more excited to share the progress with you! The ongoing restoration and redevelopment project is set to make its grand debut this spring and it's all about enhancing the natural beauty of Heart Lake. Thanks to funding from the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks staff, they have been busy destabilizing the shoreline, adding wildlife-friendly features like basking logs and nesting areas and creating new lookout spots for everyone to enjoy. With 10,000 shrubs and trees planted and over five hectares of wetland restored, we're making sure Loafer's Lake thrives for generations to come! Get ready to experience the transformed Loafer's Lake – the big reveal is coming this spring!



WARD 2 BUSINESS VISIT

Small businesses are truly the heart and soul of our communities and we're thrilled to spotlight Italian Garden in Ward 2! This past month, we had the honour of celebrating their incredible 25th anniversary. As a beloved family-owned gem, Italian Garden has built strong bonds within the Heartlake community and it's easy to see why. From the moment you walk through the door, you're greeted with a warm, welcoming vibe and the irresistible aromas of their mouthwatering dishes make you want to stay for hours! So next time you're craving a delicious meal, make sure to stop by Italian Garden at 10069 Hurontario Street – you won't regret it.



BUDGET TOWN HALL

We're excited to announce that the City of Brampton's 2025 Budget has officially been adopted, bringing key investments that will help our city grow, enhance our quality of life and set us up for success in the years to come! It was a pleasure hosting this event alongside Mayor Patrick Brown to share all the details with our residents. A big thank you to everyone who generously donated non-perishable food items to support the Heartlake Community Food Cupboard – your kindness makes a real difference in our community!



COMMUNITY SAFETY TOWN HALL

We hosted a Community Safety Town Hall at Jim Archdekin and it was an amazing opportunity to connect directly with our residents! With representatives from Peel Regional Police, By-Law and Community Services on hand, we had meaningful, face-to-face discussions about how we can continue building a safer, family-friendly community. Our top priority is ensuring that Wards 2 & 6 remains a place where everyone feels secure and welcome. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated non-perishable food items to support the Heartlake Community Food Cupboard – your generosity is truly appreciated!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sikh Heritage Month | **April**

Journey to Freedom Day | **April 19**

Langar Seva | **April 24**

National Day of Mourning | **April 28**

The FOLD | **May 1 to 4**

Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony | **May 6**

Citizen Awards | **May 8**

Rib 'n' Roll | **May 23 to 25**

Lusofonia | **May 30 to June 1**

Celebrate Pride | **June 1**

Bike Month | **June 1**

Brampton Concert Band Thursday Night Concerts | **June 5 to September 4**

Community Eid | **June 7**

Bike the Creek | **June 7**

Kite Festival | **June 7 & 8**

Filipino Heritage Month Celebration | **June 8**

Heritage Music Sounds | **June 13 to 15**

Italian Heritage Month Celebration | **June 14**

Brampton Farmers' Market | **Starting June 14**

National Indigenous Peoples Day | **June 20**

Canada Day | **July 1**

This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit experiencebrampton.ca 

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