

City of Brampton WARDS 3 & 4 NEWSLETTER



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Dear Friends,

As your Regional Councillors, we're happy to provide you with a robust update on our continuous commitment to serve the residents of this great city, and work towards achieving our corporate strategic priorities, both at the City of Brampton and the Region of Peel.

The 2024 Budgets were approved for the Region of Peel and City of Brampton. Highlights from the **Regional Budget** include: 135 new Peel Regional Police officers, 96 new civilian staff, 10 cadets, 36 new paramedics, three new 24/7 ambulances, \$5.4M investment in housing subsidy and wrap around supports, \$2M in funding for food banks, a \$6.5M investment in our homelessness and mobile outreach teams, continuing to implement the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care plan, with an increase of \$60.6 million to expand the affordability program of lowering child care fees. The budget also reflects \$9M in cost savings and avoidance found through improvement efforts and containment measures.

At the City of Brampton, the 2024 Budget supports the needs of a growing population while making record contributions to reserves and priority investments in infrastructure, transportation, recreational amenities, health care and community safety. The 2024 Budget delivers a tax increase of 1.9% on the City portion of the tax bill, which is well below inflation and the lowest in the GTA.

Highlights from the **City Budget** include: the largest ever annual contribution to reserves at \$139M - focusing on Brampton's infrastructure, the continuation of a 1% hospital levy to support the construction of a second hospital for Brampton and a new cancer care centre, 136 new transit operators, \$87.3M towards flood

protection for Riverwalk Phase One, and \$2.5M for Memorial Arena Expansion construction.

With **street safety** as a key priority, we also approved \$5.15M for city-wide traffic calming measures to implement speed deterrents such as speed cushions and pedestrian crossings. The City also installed 50 Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) cameras, established 180 Community Safety Zones and implemented the Neighbourhood Speed Safety Zones Pilot Project.

In December, the Province of Ontario announced they will **not be moving forward with dissolving the Region of Peel**, which would have made Brampton, Mississauga, and Caledon three single-tier cities. This is great news for our city, as financial burdens and maintaining essential services were key concerns evolving from the dissolution.

The City's Community Safety & Well-Being Office has also launched a **Neighbourhood Association Guide**. The guide shares information on capacity building and establishing a community network to address and overcome safety concerns in neighbourhoods. Groups can apply to become an Affiliated Neighbourhood Association, with the possibility of a grant of up to \$1,500 to support neighbourhood projects.

As always, we are available to meet or have a call with you to address your questions or concerns.

Regards,

Martin Medeiros & Dennis Keenan



New! Free Recreation Membership for Seniors

Beginning June 2024, Brampton residents ages 70+ can access free recreation programs and services. Visit any recreation centre to complete the verification process and sign up for a free annual membership. Membership holders can enjoy free fitness memberships, registered and drop-in programs and more! Residents must provide a proof of Brampton residency, identity and age and Canadian citizenship or permanent residency at the time of signup. Eligibility will be reconfirmed every year. For full details, including terms and conditions, visit brampton.ca/memberships.

To learn about other supports and resources available for adults 55+, visit brampton.ca/seniors.



CITY OF BRAMPTON EXCITED TO HAVE OHL RETURN TO BRAMPTON

The Mississauga Steelheads are excited to announce their plans to relocate the team to Brampton for the 2024/2025 season. Founded in 2012, the Steelheads are a major junior ice hockey team of the Ontario Hockey League (OHL). Brampton's vibrant, diverse community, and its growing hockey fan base present a thrilling new chapter for the Steelheads, offering the players and fans a dynamic sport experience. The OHL season runs from October to March every year with 30+ home games set to take place at the CAA Centre.

Be sure to lookout for the Brampton Steelheads in the community this summer and for further information regarding schedule and promotion announcements.



Work Underway at Zero Net Carbon Retrofit Project

Construction began this spring at Susan Fennell Sportsplex to retrofit the space into a zero-carbon facility, which will serve as a model for municipalities across Canada. Retrofits include electrifying all gas-powered equipment, installing a geothermal system, replacing ice rink refrigeration plants, air handling units, heat pumps, installing a rooftop Solar PV system and more. The retrofits will reduce annual greenhouse gas emissions by 91 per cent. Funding for this project includes a \$15.7 million Federal Green and Inclusive Community Buildings grant and \$10 million in funding through the Green Municipal Fund's Community Buildings Retrofit initiative. Learn more at brampton.ca/rec-revitalized.



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 2023, more than 25,000 volunteers participated in a cleanup. Join the fun and do your part! For more information and to register, visit brampton.ca/cleanup.



Downtown Brampton LRT Extension

The Hazel McCallion LRT will bring 18 kilometres of fast, reliable, rapid transit along the Hurontario corridor between the Brampton Gateway Terminal at Steeles Avenue in Brampton and the Port Credit GO Station in Mississauga. Brampton City Council has unanimously endorsed the tunnel alignment for the LRT extension into downtown Brampton and earlier this year, approved advancing the tunnel alignment through the Transit Project Assessment Process. The City continues to advocate to both the provincial and federal government to fund 100 per cent of the LRT Extension into downtown Brampton and the Queen Street – Highway 7 BRT projects. For the latest project details, visit brampton.ca/hlrt.



RRL Pilot Program Update

In late February, more than 7,000 households joined Mayor Patrick Brown and Council members for a Tele Town Hall focused on the City of Brampton's Residential Rental Licensing Pilot Program. Residents participated in a lively discussion to better understand the program and share their feedback on the two-year pilot, which would require property owners with up to four residential rental units in select City Wards to register for a business licence. The majority of respondents (83 per cent) polled agree the City should crack down on illegal Additional Residential Units and take measures to ensure neighbourhoods are safe. Council will approve new criteria for the pilot program this spring. To look for an update, visit brampton.ca/rrl.



Feeding Wildlife is Prohibited

Under the Animal Services By-Law, feeding wildlife is prohibited in Brampton. Store your garbage, green bin and recycling boxes inside a garage, shed or away from fences/rails that can be easily climbed by animals. Place your garbage out for collection only on the scheduled day of pick up, no later than 7 am.



Fire Safety Tips

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services wants to help ensure Brampton residents protect their home, loved ones and spring memories from the impacts of fire. Make sure to:

- Install working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Create a home escape plan with your family.
- Stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Only use barbecue grills outdoors, positioned away from combustible objects.

Find more safety tips bramptonfire.com.



Spring Street Sweeping

During spring sweeping, crews clear salt, sand and debris accumulated over the winter on all streets, boulevards, parking lots and sidewalks to keep Brampton clean and green. This prevents dirt from clogging storm sewers and helps keep streets safer to drive on. Learn more at brampton.ca/roads.



Contact Service Brampton

Service Brampton provides direct access to all non-emergency municipal government information, programs and services provided by the City of Brampton and Region of Peel. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in over 150 languages. Connect with us 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.



Parking Dos and Don'ts

- Do not park your vehicle on the street between 2 am and 6 am or for more than three 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.
- Do not park in a designated bike lane.

Learn more at brampton.ca/bylaws.



Happy 50th Birthday, Brampton!

The City of Brampton marked its 50th birthday on January 1, 2024 (since being incorporated as a city in 1974). Celebrate this milestone by sharing your most memorable Brampton moments with us. Whether it's a cherished memory, a hidden gem or a transformative moment, share your tales at brampton.ca/Chapter50 or on social media using #BramptonChapter50.



Councillors Medeiros and Keenan at their Wards 3 & 4 Town Hall. (October 2023)



Councillors Medeiros and Keenan at a By-law staff meeting with neighbours to discuss community concerns. (October 2023)



Councillor Keenan at the Sagarmatha Park Renaming, commemorating, and celebrating the Nepalese community. (October 2023)



Councillor Medeiros with the Executive Board Members of LiUNA! Local 183 to present a donation to SNAPSO. (December 2023)



Councillor Medeiros with Lana Payne, Janet Morrison, MP Sonia Sidhu at Sheridan College's announcement of a new venture that will increase participation & retention of women in trades. (January 2024)



Councillor Medeiros with the Brampton Homeschoolers touring Council Chambers. (February 2024)



Councillor Keenan hosting an annual fundraiser in collaboration with Peel Regional Police and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel. (February 2024)



Councillor Medeiros touring Indus Community Services Brampton Queen St Adult Day Services site. (February 2024)



Councillor Keenan dropping off Comfort Kits to the Women's and Children's Program at Brampton Civic Hospital. (February 2024)



Councillor Keenan with the Bonnie Braes Seniors Club, in front of their new shade shelter. (March 2024)

Family Christmas Event

On December 9, 2023, we had the pleasure of hosting a Wards 3 & 4 Christmas celebration at the historic Alderlea house in downtown Brampton. It was wonderful to see so many area families and friends enjoy the holiday season by meeting Santa and taking part in on-site activities hosted by PAMA, Brampton Library, and the Brampton Parks and Recreation teams. We would also like to thank the community members who generously donated to the Brampton Food Hub, especially at a time when many in Peel are struggling with the cost of living.



Ward 3 & 4 Community Town Hall

Councillor Martin Medeiros & Councillor Dennis Keenan invite residents to a Ward 3 & 4 Community Town Hall.

Tuesday, April 16 | 7-9 pm
Brampton Curling Club (46 McMurphy Ave S)

- Peel Regional Police: Crime & Safety
- Property Standards & Bylaw Enforcement
- Service Brampton
- Community Safety & Wellbeing



Earth Day

April 22



Celebrate Eid

April 27



Brampton Celebrates Pride

June 2



Brampton's 50th Birthday Celebration

June 29



Canada Day Celebration

July 1



National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21

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

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