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Dear Friends,

As your representatives for Wards 3 & 4, we are pleased to bring you updates from the City of Brampton and Region of Peel on recent improvements to our community.

Earlier this year, we approved our 2025 budgets at the City of Brampton and Region of Peel. Our City of Brampton budget demonstrates our commitment to progress and prosperity through strategic investments in infrastructure, transit, health care and community spaces. With a 2.9 per cent tax levy increase, we continue to prioritize affordability while meeting the needs of our growing population. The City maintains one of the lowest tax rates in the GTA while addressing the needs of our rapidly growing population. A comprehensive operational review has led to over \$2 million in reduced operating costs, ensuring responsible financial management.

Highlights from the City of Brampton budget include:

- \$23.8 million for Downtown Revitalization
- \$15 million for Riverwalk
- \$5 million for parks enhancements and playground upgrades
- \$10 million for TMU School of Medicine, scheduled to open in 2025
- 52,000 additional transit service hours

The City of Brampton is enhancing public safety by installing 360-degree cameras and licence plate recognition technology at 50 traffic intersections. This initiative will aid Peel Regional Police and law enforcement agencies investigating and reducing crime in our community.

Our Regional budget includes investments of \$6.3 billion to maintain service levels and meet the needs of our growing population, most importantly, the need to better support Peel Regional Police and our first responders. As we moved through budget meetings and debate, we continued to keep what matters to you most top of mind, such as community and road safety, affordability and quality of life. The Region of Peel tax increase is 5.4 per cent with Regionally controlled services accounting for 1.2 per cent and Peel Regional Police accounting for 4.1 per cent and 0.1 per cent for other agencies.

Highlights from the Region of Peel budget include:

- 300 uniformed officers and 65 civilian professionals
- 22 paramedics to support our growing population
- Investing \$21.4 million for enhancements to ambulances and related equipment
- \$4 million in additional funding to address demand for community programs, services and food insecurity

As always, we are happy to meet or arrange a call with you to discuss any questions, concerns or ideas you have for the City of Brampton and Wards 3 & 4.

Sincerely,



Martin Medeiros and Dennis Keenan



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



RIVERWALK UPDATE

The Riverwalk project is an innovative solution to mitigate flood risks in downtown Brampton while fostering sustainable urban growth, attracting investment and enhancing the public realm. Once complete, it will:

- Protect downtown properties from flood damage, including during regulatory storm events.
- Remove the Etobicoke Creek floodplain and provincial floodplain development restrictions.
- Spur economic, environmental, social and cultural opportunities, supporting downtown revitalization, the Innovation District and new developments such as the Centre for Innovation and a mobility hub.

The Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario have committed funds to support the project. Construction of the flood protection is scheduled to commence this year and be completed by 2028. To learn more, visit brampton.ca/riverwalk

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

DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION

The City's downtown revitalization efforts are progressing at an exciting pace, with major projects underway. Set to be complete in 2027, this overall transformation will bring wider boulevards with enhanced furnishing zones designed for vibrant patios and outdoor dining, upgraded traffic signals to improve flow and safety and stylish granite curbs and pavers to enhance the downtown aesthetic. The first granite section on Queen Street East (Main to Chapel/Theatre Lane) will be completed in early spring, with the south side following. In fall 2024, an international design competition launched for Ken Whillans and Garden Squares, with five top firms selected to submit design concepts this spring. Stay tuned to share your input on this transformation. Learn more at brampton.ca/downtown



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.





Councillor Medeiros with Chef Miguel of ACB Bar & Grill located in Ward 3. (January 2025)



Councillor Keenan celebrating the Year of the Snake with some of the performers for Lunar New Year at City Hall. (January 2025)



Councillor Keenan meeting with Seniors Clubs to address local concerns and improvements. (March 2025)



Councillor Keenan attending one of the Public Information Centres pertaining to the Kennedy Road Sanitary Trunk Sewer Project. (January 2025)



Councillor Medeiros meeting with Peel Regional Police at 22 Division. (January 2025)



Councillor Medeiros touring Peel Regional Police's Communications Centre. (January 2025)



Councillor Medeiros at Peel Regional Police's Miracle on Main Street Toy Drive in collaboration with Tiger Jeet Singh Foundation. (December 2024)



Councillor Keenan raised over \$30,000 for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel at his 3rd annual fundraiser in collaboration with Peel Regional Police. (February 2025)



Councillor Keenan and Councillor Medeiros speaking at the Wards 3 & 4 Community Town Hall addressing additional residential units, property standards and by-law enforcement. (October 2024)



Councillor Medeiros and Councillor Keenan visiting Lillian, to wish her a very special and happy 100th birthday! (March 2025)

2ND ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT

On December 8, 2024, we were once again thrilled to host our annual Wards 3 & 4 Family Christmas event at the historic Alderlea house in downtown Brampton. Families were invited to enjoy a morning full of crafts, fun activities, snacks, a movie and best of all, pictures with Santa!

It was great to see and catch up with so many residents and we are grateful to those who generously donated non-perishable food items to the Brampton Food Hub, for those in need during the holiday season.

A big thank you to PAMA, Brampton Library, the Brampton Parks and Recreation teams and Peel Regional Police for being onsite to host various activations, and to Brampton On Stage for donating theatre tickets to some lucky raffle winners.



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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