

City of Brampton WARDS 7 & 8 NEWSLETTER



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Dear friends,

As spring begins to paint Brampton with renewed energy and hope, I extend my warmest greetings to everyone. It is with great pleasure that I connect with you through our newsletter, a testament to my commitment to a well-informed community.

In this edition, I am excited to share updates on the various initiatives, project updates and events that shape the evolving fabric of Brampton. From community engagements to infrastructure developments, this Council's collective efforts continue to pave the way for a brighter and more connected future.

As your dedicated Regional Council member for Wards 7 and 8, I am honoured to serve and represent all the voices that make Brampton truly special. Your ideas, feedback and collaboration are invaluable in shaping the policies and decisions that impact our community – that is why I am always happy to hear from you.

As we embark on this journey of growth and renewal, let us embrace the opportunities that spring offers for new beginnings. We look forward to a season filled with shared accomplishments, strengthened bonds and the blossoming of a thriving Brampton.

Thank you for being an integral part of our community. I encourage you to stay informed and engaged.

Pat Fortini

As we reflect on Brampton's 50th birthday (since being incorporated as a city), it's essential to delve deeper into the City's rich history and its journey toward becoming the vibrant community it is today. The diverse tapestry of cultures, traditions and stories woven into the City's fabric has played a significant role in shaping the identity of Brampton. It's a testament to the resilience and unity of its residents, whose collective experiences have contributed to the City's growth and prosperity over the past five decades.

Looking ahead to spring and summer, the calendar is filled with an array of events that not only celebrate the City's cultural diversity but also serve as a platform for fostering meaningful connections. The Earth Day Community Cleanup, in particular, symbolize a collective commitment to preserving the environment and strengthening the sense of shared responsibility among residents. These events serve as a reminder of the power of unity in effecting positive change within our community. Whether you are a long-time resident or new to Brampton, we invite you to immerse yourself in the spirit of togetherness and partake in the cultural festivals that pay homage to the city's rich heritage or engaging in the heartwarming neighbourhood gatherings -- there's something for everyone!

I encourage you to stay connected with us through our social media platforms, website, phone and email. I look forward to experiencing the joy of community spirit with you.

Rod Power



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.



Coyotes in Brampton

Coyotes are small, wild canines weighing about 30-40 pounds, with thick blonde, red or brown fur. They thrive in ravines, valley lands, urban forests and woodlots in large cities. Coyotes are generally shy and non-confrontational and can be seen all year round. The City's interactive online Coyote Sighting Map is a tool for the community to stay informed about when coyotes are in the area and prevent coyote encounters. Should you encounter a coyote, here's what you should do:

- Stay calm.
- Do not run away.
- Make yourself loud and large.
- Call 9-1-1 to seek help if scaring the animal fails to avert danger.

Learn more at brampton.ca/coyotes.

Fireworks Ban

The safety of residents is the City's top priority. Under the Fireworks By-Law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale and offer to sell of fireworks is strictly prohibited in Brampton. Sparklers are permitted. Penalties for failing to comply range from \$500 to \$1,000 and may reach up to \$100,000 if a court summons is issued. The City is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment. Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day, Diwali and New Year's Eve at City-led events with pyrotechnics. Learn more at brampton.ca/fireworks.



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.



The Goreway Drive overpass construction has begun with a groundbreaking at Goreway Drive, between Brandon Gate Drive and North City Limit. I was joined by Danny Singh, former Executive Assistant to Councillor Parrish; Geoff Wright, Commissioner, Transportation and Works, City of Mississauga; Ward 5 Councillor Carolyn Parrish, Mississauga; and Natalie Hart, Manager, Malton BIA. (October 2023)



Every year, I am proud to support the Poppy Campaign, where funds are raised to directly support Canada's actively serving members of the military and retired veterans and their families. When you purchase and wear your poppy for Remembrance Day, you are helping them and honouring their sacrifice and service. (November 2023)



I was invited to join LiUNA! Local 183 in presenting a very special Christmas gift to SNAPSO – a generous donation of \$70,000! SNAPSO is a community-based organization dedicated to providing developmentally disabled adults with supported opportunities to be active, visible and included in community life. (December 2023)



February was Black History Month and I am proud to stand with my Council colleagues, City staff and community members in raising the Pan-African flag at City Hall to officially kick off celebrations, activities, awareness and programming. (February 2024)



To help our residents learn more about Brampton's 2024 budget, the Wards 7 & 8 Budget Coffee Chat was hosted at Molisana Bakery. Residents were invited to learn more about the upcoming budget, ask questions and meet with City staff, all while enjoying delicious baked treats. (November 2023)



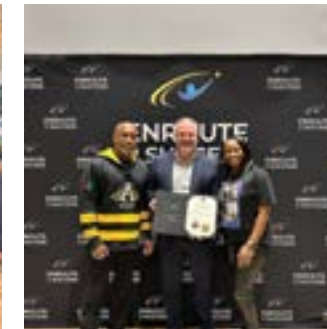
January was Tamil Heritage Month and Brampton is home to a thriving and vibrant community. I was happy to attend a special celebration hosted by the Brampton Tamil Seniors Association to celebrate and showcase their rich history and spirit. (January 2024)

Exploring Local Businesses

We had the pleasure of tour the facilities at CN Rail Yard, Canadian Tire, Magna, WG Pro-Manufacturing Inc. and several other businesses. Visiting these local businesses was an insightful experience that shed light on the vital role they play in our community. The businesses are not just places of employment, but integral parts of our community's identity and success. I look forward to continuing to support and promote our local businesses in their endeavors.



Community Connections



It was pleasure to host the amazing men and women from Peel Regional Police, Brampton Fire and Emergency Services and Brampton Security, who work with encampments to provide services and treat those in need with respect and dignity. Thank you to Mr. Singh's Pizza for providing lunch for these great community champions.



Earth Day

April 22



Celebrate Eid

April 27



Brampton Celebrates Pride

June 2



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

Brampton's 50th Birthday Celebration

June 29



Canada Day Celebration

July 1



National Indigenous Peoples Day

June 21



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