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As we welcome spring and new beginnings, there are many new projects in our wards that I'm looking forward to sharing with you.

First, I am proud to champion the addition of a new Brampton public library branch to the Howden Recreation Centre, creating an integrated multi-use community hub for our residents to connect, work and play. This is part of the City's broader Parks and Recreation Master Plan to deliver and dedicate community spaces for investment and meet our infrastructure needs. The project is currently undergoing a design review and I look forward to sharing more updates and milestones soon.

Speaking of libraries, the former Chinguacousy Branch that was in the Bramalea Civic Centre has moved to 8750 The Gore Road, on the second floor of a newly-built office building. In the 11,000 square feet of space, there will be study and programming rooms, surrounded by natural light and part of a commercial plaza that includes a grocery store and other small businesses.

The new branch will be known as the "Claireville Branch," in recognition of the historical village that straddles the nexus of Brampton, Toronto and Mississauga, in addition to its proximity to the Claireville Conservation Area.

I'm happy to chat with my residents about these projects, and any other concerns or issues you may have. Please feel free to reach out to me or my office so we can assist and support you.

Pat Fortini

As your Councillor, I've heard your concerns about the Chinguacousy library, bike lanes and community safety. Here's how I'm addressing them.

The Civic Centre library was a vital part of our community. Understanding this need, on January 16, I moved a motion with Mayor Brown and in consultation with Councillors Palleschi, Vicente, Brar and Keenan to bring the Chinguacousy Library back. The plan integrates a 30,000 sq. ft. library into the Howden Recreation Centre, restoring lost programming and services.

The library will be near bus routes, schools and bike lanes. To improve cyclist safety, on January 20, I moved a motion to relocate bike lanes from the roadway to boulevards. I've worked with Public Works and Active Transportation to ensure this design enhances safety while maintaining traffic flow. Design on Howden Blvd. begins immediately.

Community safety remains a priority. The City is installing 360-degree cameras and licence plate recognition at 50 key intersections, helping law enforcement investigate crimes and improve safety.

Listening to your concerns and advocating for a community where you can live, work and play safely is my commitment. Stay connected – exciting initiatives are coming!

Rod Power



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



2025 BRAMPTON BUDGET: DRIVING PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY

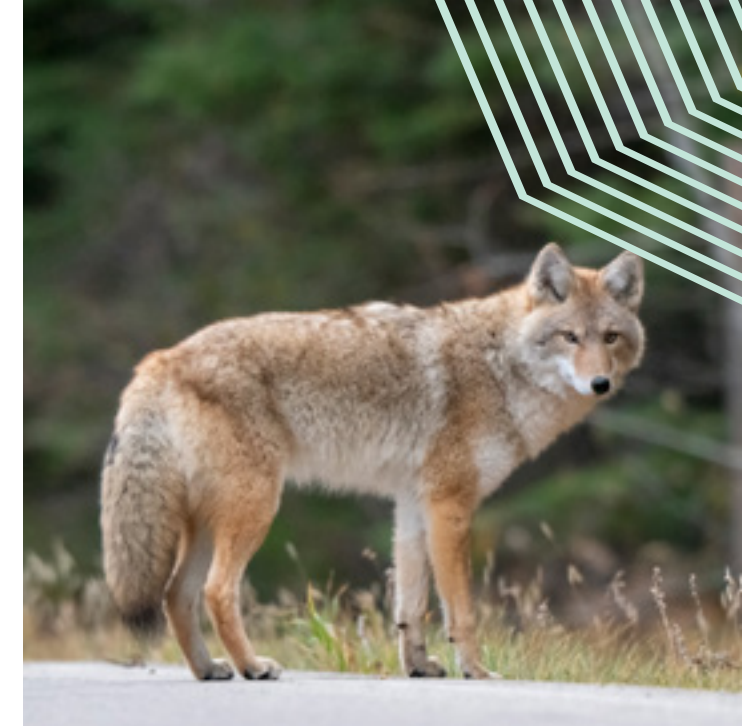
The City of Brampton's 2025 Budget reflects our commitment to progress and prosperity through strategic investments in infrastructure, transit, health care and community spaces. With a 2.9% tax levy increase, we continue to prioritize affordability while meeting the needs of our growing population. The 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. Learn more about how this budget supports our community's future at brampton.ca/budget



ANIMAL SAFETY TIPS

As temperatures rise, it's important to protect our pets and local wildlife. Never leave pets in parked cars, as heat can be deadly. Keep them indoors or in shaded areas with fresh water to prevent heatstroke. When outdoors, always leash dogs unless in designated leash-free areas and clean up after them to maintain a safe community.

Avoid feeding wildlife, as it can attract unwanted animals and disrupt ecosystems. Coyotes are more active in warmer months, so always supervise pets outside. Stay informed and ensure their safety. Learn more at brampton.ca/animalservices



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



RECREATION REVITALIZED

Through Brampton's Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a roadmap for the delivery of parks, recreation facilities, programs and services for the community through 2036, we continue to prioritize community building. As part of this year's City budget, key investments allow for the creation of modern and inclusive spaces that revitalize recreation and foster civic pride for all ages. Current projects underway include the new Embleton Community Centre and upgrades to Balmoral Recreation Centre. To view a list of all Recreation Revitalized projects, visit brampton.ca/rec-revitalized



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.





At the annual Brampton Board of Trade's State of the City address by Mayor Patrick Brown, I was honoured to join him and our Members of Council in recognizing local businesses and their ties to the city and community. (February 2025)



Our friends at 1350 Radio Humsafar raised \$85,000 for Brampton's second hospital. This fundraiser was part of a special radio-thon, generating generous donations from callers and donors from across the city. Thank you to everyone who joined and to those who came to announce this achievement in our Council chambers. (December 2024)



As part of the City's 2025 Budget process, a brand new Brampton library branch will be added to the updated Howden Recreation Centre. Libraries are home to more than just books – they're community hubs for learning, creativity and connection. Whether you're studying, exploring new ideas or seeking a quiet space, libraries provide invaluable resources for all. (February 2025)



The City of Brampton has adopted a new Made in Canada procurement policy, a firm commitment to support our Canadian businesses in response to the American tariff threats. I encourage you to support our Canadian and Brampton businesses as much as possible – our support prioritizes and strengthens our local economy. Learn more at stand4canada.ca



Did you know the Brampton Honey Badgers is a local professional basketball team competing in the Canadian Elite Basketball League? And did you know the Brampton Steelheads are a Canadian junior ice hockey team in the Ontario Hockey League, also based in our city? Bring your friends and family to one of their games and join these fun mascots in cheering on our home teams! (January 2025)



FIGHT AGAINST FOOD INSECURITY

Our team is making a real difference in Brampton by fighting against food insecurity. Many families struggle to put food on the table, and we are committed to assisting them. Over 1,000 families have visited each of our food markets in recent months, and we provided more than 50 pounds of food to each family. We're pulling together resources, collaborating with local organizations and developing innovative ideas to tackle this pressing issue head-on.



SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL BUSINESSES



HOWDEN RECREATION CENTRE – CHINGUACOUSY LIBRARY ANNOUNCEMENT



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 

CHECK OUT

CITY MATTERS

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