



City of Brampton | Winter 2023 Edition

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Happy Holidays!

Let's reflect on our remarkable journey in 2023, and celebrate some moments along the way.

Brampton made waves across Canada, and I'm honoured to have played a part. Being recognized as the Municipal World "Woman of Influence in Local Government" is testament to our city's impact in Canada and an honour I share with you as we work together to overcome the challenges we face.



Recently appointed as the Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Municipal Finance, Infrastructure, and Transportation Committee, I am helping to lead advocacy for Brampton and communities across the country. Being named as an "FCM Trailblazer" further celebrates our work to be a more inclusive community.

At the City Council table, I have championed substantial motions regarding licensing landlords, neighbourhood association programs, youth mental health, addressing gender-based violence, noise bylaws, litter-free summit, traffic calming, and historic investments in the arts. As Chair of Community Services, I have led projects to implement park enhancements such as improving cricket amenities, playgrounds, pickle ball, and the integration of public art.



Check out year-end highlights at councilorsantos.ca or scan the QR code.

As we bid farewell to 2023, I am deeply grateful for the community's support. Happy holidays to all of you.

Merry Christmas,

Rowena Santos
Regional Councillor, Wards 1 & 5



Councillor Santos' band: Point of Order at Tree Lighting – Mike, Jerry, Paul, Nick, Frank, Santos, Nick, John

Greetings! As 2023 comes to a close, I am pleased to share the latest community updates.

Tackling Auto Theft:

In October, I had the privilege of presenting Mayor Brown's motion at the Ontario Big City Mayor's meeting, urging the federal government to do more to address auto theft. The motion calls for Canadian automobile manufacturers to integrate theft deterrent technologies in all new vehicles.



New Fines During Snow Events:

Your concerns about parked cars hindering snow clearing operations have been heard. As Chair of Public Works & Engineering, I advocated for increased fines by raising third time offences to \$500, reflecting our commitment to ensuring top-notch service and safety on roadways.



Web Summit 2023:

In November, I proudly represented Brampton at the Web Summit in Lisbon, Portugal, with the City's Economic Development Office. It was my second time at one of the world's largest technology conferences, highlighting Brampton's dedication to innovation and economic progress.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

To stay up to date on what's happening in the city, follow me on Facebook at [@StandUp4Brampton](https://www.facebook.com/StandUp4Brampton) or on Instagram [@PaulVicenteBrampton](https://www.instagram.com/PaulVicenteBrampton).

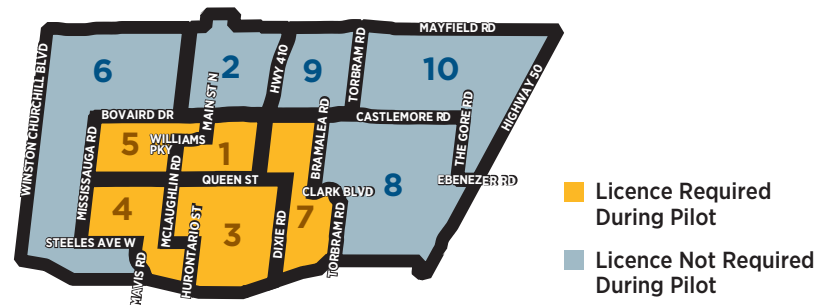
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WINTER FUN IN THE CITY!

Bundle up for winter adventures and family-friendly activities. Sign up for exciting winter camps, explore fun-filled activities at Mount Chinguacousy, Family Day programs, and more!

Keep active all winter long with over eight outdoor skating rinks across the city including in Gage Park, Boreham Park, Mount Pleasant, Gore Meadows, Sesquicentennial Park, and others. Two more outdoor rinks will be added this year – stay tuned for details! Learn more at www.brampton.ca/winterwonderland.



RESIDENTIAL RENTAL LICENSING PILOT PROGRAM

The City is launching a two-year residential rental licensing pilot program for Wards 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 in early 2024. The program aims to:

- protect the health and safety, and human rights of persons to protect the residential amenity, character and stability of residential areas, and
- proactively mitigate potential risks that may exist within a particular business sector and provide enforcement mechanism to respond to complaints relating to that sector.

Owners of properties with one (1) to four (4) residential units for rent are required to obtain a licence. Visit www.brampton.ca/RRL for more information.



PREPARING THE CITY'S 2024 BUDGET

Each year during the budget process, the City identifies priorities, goals, and initiatives that ensure good use of resources and connects back to our Corporate Strategic Plan. The City's annual budget process engages, educates, and informs Brampton taxpayers through various communications and engagement efforts, including telephone town halls and coffee chats. Have your say on what matters most to you! Learn more about how you can get involved at www.brampton.ca/budget.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON?

We're building a more vibrant, livable, sustainable, and resilient downtown. The Integrated Downtown Plan is the road map for action, coordinating downtown Brampton's ongoing initiatives and infrastructure projects.

The Region of Peel continues to work in downtown Brampton to replace the aging watermain and sanitary sewer along Queen Street. Construction is anticipated to be completed by late 2024.

Learn more about the Nelson Square Pocket Park, the future of the Downtown Transit Hub, and more exciting projects at www.brampton.ca/downtown.



CHAPTER 50: TELLING THE STORY OF BRAMPTON'S PAST, PRESENT & FUTURE

The City of Brampton is marking its 50th birthday on January 1, 2024! From a settlement in the early 1800s, to an officially designated city in 1974, Brampton has grown into a dynamic city with a proud past and bright future.

Join us as we commemorate 50 vibrant years of Brampton's growth through a series of events, initiatives, and activities, kicking off on New Year's Eve (December 31, 2023). Stay tuned for details about the fun-filled birthday bash planned for June 29, 2024.

Celebrate our birthday by sharing your most memorable Brampton moments online at www.brampton.ca/Chapter50.

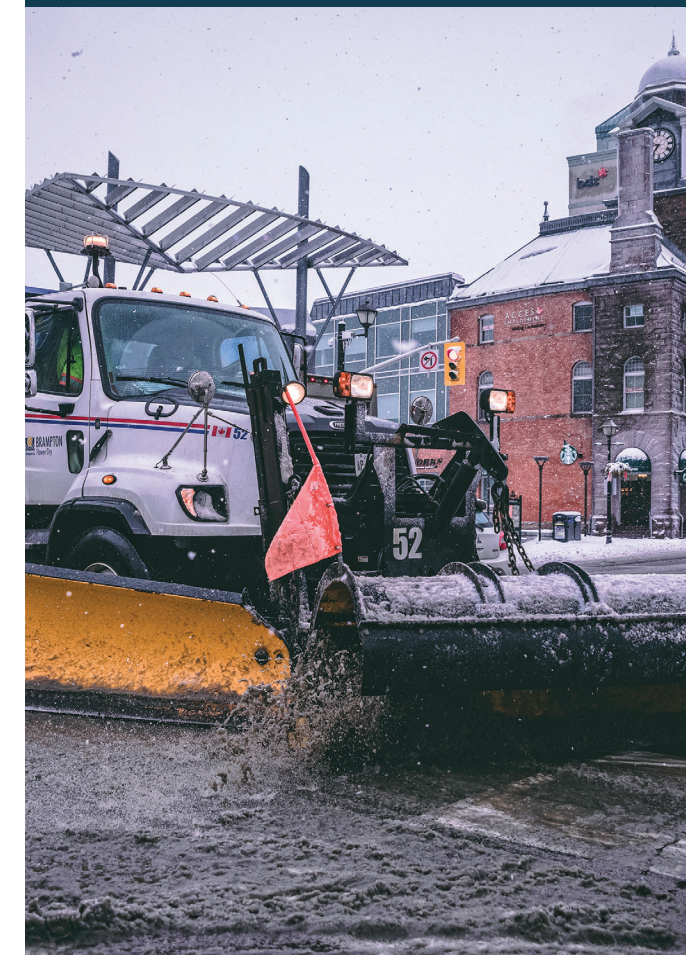
HERE'S WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW WHEN IT SNOWS

Seniors and people with disabilities who rent homes can apply for Brampton's Financial Assistance Program to help with the costs of snow removal. Qualifying applicants receive up to \$300 for non-corner lot properties or up to \$400 for corner lot properties.

Starting this winter, City staff will inspect roads before plowing begins, and when necessary, tow illegally parked vehicles to enhance snow plowing operations. Council has also increased penalties for vehicles interfering with snow removal and/or winter maintenance:

- first offence: \$125
- second offence: \$250
- subsequent offences: \$500

For more information, visit www.brampton.ca/snow.





MAKE IT A FIRE-SAFE DECEMBER TO REMEMBER

During the excitement of the holiday season, we can easily be distracted. Brampton Fire and Emergency Services reminds residents to cook with care, test smoke alarms, inspect extension cords, water trees daily, and be safe this holiday season. Visit www.bramptonfire.com to learn more safety tips.

A NEW SEASON OF SHOWS AWAITS YOU!

Brampton On Stage has announced its highly anticipated January to May 2024 season, promising a spectacular lineup of both local and world-class performances at The Rose, LBP, and Cyril Clark. Headlining the season are Canadian music duo Tegan and Sara, Brampton-raised Rupī Kaur, and legendary Canadian drag performer Tynomi Banks. Get your tickets at www.bramptononstage.ca.



STAY OFF STORMWATER PONDS

Colder temperatures can cause stormwater ponds to freeze over. While stormwater ponds may look safe to skate or walk on, the ice on ponds is thin and unsafe. It is important people and pets stay off stormwater ponds, stay away from water shorelines, and obey safety signage.



CITY SERVICES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

Service Brampton provides direct access to all non-emergency municipal government information, programs, and services, in over 150 languages. Connect with us by downloading the Brampton 311 app, visiting the website, emailing 311, or visiting us in person. Learn more at www.311brampton.ca.

SUPPORTING GIRL GUIDES OF BRAMPTON

It was wonderful to host Girl Guides of Brampton for a special tour of City Hall, which emphasized the importance of empowering youth. Learn more about our youth initiatives at councillorsantos.ca/youth.



CREDIT VALLEY CONSERVATION AUTHORITY & FLETCHER'S CREEK SNAP INITIATIVE

I joined Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) at their Fletcher's Creek Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) tree planting with neighbours from the Fletcher's Creek community. The Fletcher's Creek SNAP program completes multiple tree plantings every year and hosts educational events that share conservation information. Community initiatives like these help our environment flourish to become a more sustainable and diverse landscape. Learn more at cvc.ca/project/fletchers-creek-snap#FletchersSNAP.

COMMUNITY CORNER



BRAMPTON ON STAGE

I loved supporting performing arts at The Rose this season including Shakespeare's "Hamlet" starring the famous Pakistani actor Ahad Raza Mir, and "Jake's Gift", a beautiful story of a World War 2 veteran's return to Juno Beach, written and performed by Julia Mackey. Check out the upcoming season at bramptononstage.ca.



LAUNCHING THE BRAMPTON FOOD HUB

Six local agencies, led by Knights Table, have established the Brampton Food Hub. This collaboration will build a sustainable food network and ensure equitable access to nutritious, culturally appropriate food for residents. To help, visit councillorsantos.ca/brampton-food-hub2023/.



Councillor Santos with major event donor Svitlana Blesko of Astra Medicare

RECORD BREAKING SUPPORT FOR WELLSRING CHINGUACOUSY

The annual "Fashion for the Cure" hosted by ReStyle for the Wellspring Chinguacousy Cancer Centre hit a fundraising record with local business Astra Medicare making a significant donation. Our small businesses are coming together with community to support those in need.



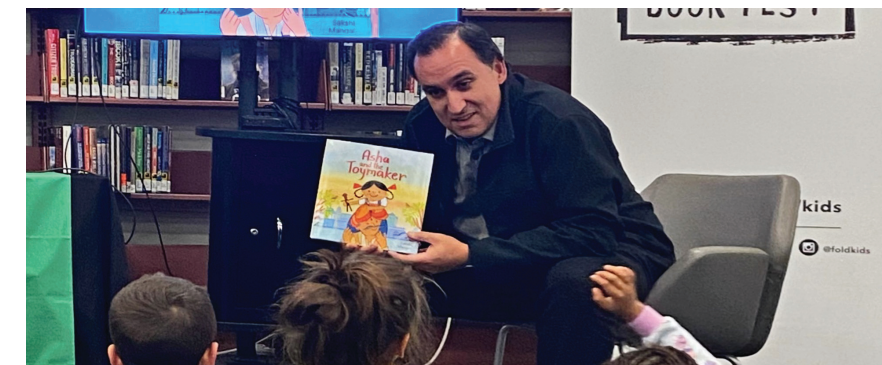
EMPOWERING FUTURES: COLLABORATIONS WITH PEEL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

I am thrilled to highlight milestone partnerships with the Peel District School Board. Located at Central Peel Secondary School, The Collaborative Learning Technology Centre (CLTC) is a shared space for learning and ideation focused on STEAM programming.

We also opened the Central Peel Turf Field featuring a synthetic turf sports field, an 8-lane rubberized running track, spectator seating, state-of-the-art LED sports field lighting, and three basketball courts.

CELEBRATING THE RANCHO FOLCLÓRICO DA NAZARÉ

I met Diane Cabral, the organizer of the Rancho Folclórico da Nazaré, the dancers, and their families at Our Lady of Fatima Parish to celebrate their 64th anniversary. It was a nostalgic moment to watch the dancers rehearse their traditional Portuguese dances. Diane has worked tirelessly with the group to bring the membership back to pre-pandemic participation. Congratulations to Diane and the Rancho Folclórico da Nazaré for keeping traditional Portuguese dancing part of our cultural mosaic in Brampton!



PROMOTING LITERACY IN THE COMMUNITY

Thank you to the FOLD Kids Book Fest for inviting me to read a bedtime story at their *Come Read with Me Pajama Party* at the Brampton Library. I was joined by my colleagues Councillors Brar and Keenan, along with a few engaged and eager young readers. As one of the Council representatives for the Brampton Library Board, I am proud to support and attend these events. Learn more about upcoming events for the Brampton Library and FOLD at bramptonlibrary.ca or thefoldcanada.org.



GRAND OPENING OF GRAY MATTER HEALTH

Congratulations to Marci Gray and her team at Gray Matter Health for the grand opening of their new mental wellness studio inside the Old Mill at 60 Queen Street East. I had the pleasure of meeting Marci at her studio and taking a tour of the space. Learn more about Gray Matter Health at graymatterhealth.com.

CITY EVENTS

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

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

December 31



TAMIL HERITAGE MONTH

January



MAYOR'S NEW YEAR'S LEVEE

January 14



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February



LUNAR NEW YEAR

February



KEY TO THE CITY

February 27



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