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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the Spring edition of the Wards 2 & 6 community newsletter. We are pleased to share important news and information with you.

As our first newsletter of this new term as a Council pair, we want to take this opportunity to share a little bit about ourselves and our key priorities as your area Councillors.

Regional Councillor Michael Palleschi has been serving the City of Brampton as Regional Councillor for Wards 2 & 6 since 2014. He is dedicated to community service and making sure the voices of Brampton residents are heard. His key priorities include community safety, fiscal and environmental responsibility, accountability, transparency and building inclusive communities. As a life-long Brampton resident who grew up in the Heart Lake area, Councillor Palleschi is a devoted single father of three with a key focus on community safety as he aims to make Brampton safe for all residents. Councillor Palleschi has worked tirelessly to bring improvements to Brampton and the Region of Peel as a whole and his commitment to community service is evident through his advocacy for his residents.

Regional Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar has joined City Council after a decade-long career as a registered respiratory therapist serving residents in Brampton. Born and raised in Brampton, Councillor Brar is now raising her three children with her partner in the city and is dedicated towards making Brampton the best place for her children to reside. Informed by her extensive healthcare experience, Councillor Brar is a champion for improving healthcare services across Brampton and bringing new health initiatives into the city. As a mother of three, community safety is a key priority for her along with the environment and working towards a more sustainable future. Councillor Brar is committed to uplifting community groups so that residents are aware of the great work that is already being done by the community and finding avenues by which the city can support these initiatives.

The Ward 2 & 6 team is looking forward to working for you and with you to meet your needs, address your concerns and build a prosperous and bright future here in the City of Brampton.

Michael Palleschi & Navjit Kaur Brar



YOUR CITY PLANS

Brampton is growing fast, and the decisions made today are shaping the future of tomorrow. The Planning and Development Committee (PDC) meetings hear the views of the public on applications being brought forth for consideration and take those important inputs into full consideration. Whether you are attending a meeting in person, viewing the livestream, or watching a pre-recorded session, public input is crucial in decision making. We encourage you to get involved and stay informed. We want to hear from you! Visit www.brampton.ca/engage to learn more.



NEW! APPLY FOR YOUR MARRIAGE LICENCE ONLINE

Marriage licence applications are now available online, 24/7. Previously, the City only accepted paper-based application. Marriage licences may be obtained by appointment or by walk-in service. Marriage licences are valid anywhere in Ontario for three months from the date of issue and are available from most municipalities in the province. Those getting married in Ontario must obtain a marriage licence before their ceremony. A licence cannot be issued after a ceremony has taken place. Civil marriage ceremonies are conducted at Brampton City Hall, Tuesday through Friday, during business hours. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/marriageservices

RECREATION DISCOUNTS FOR SENIORS

The City of Brampton offers several discounts to seniors 55+ and seniors 70+, with a special discount at the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre. In addition to program, drop-in and membership discounts, affiliated seniors' groups receive free daytime use of community rooms, with some exemptions. To learn more, contact the Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre at 905.874.3500 or visit www.brampton.ca/recreation



WELCOME TO BRAMPTON, TMU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE!

Earlier this year, the City of Brampton and Government of Ontario made a historical announcement regarding the location of the new Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) School of Medicine. The school will be located right here in Brampton, at the Bramalea Civic Centre! The Civic Centre is strategically located within the City's health and life sciences cluster, making it a great win for our advocacy to secure fair and equitable health care for our residents. The school will open in 2025 and include 80 undergraduate seats and 95 postgraduate positions to ensure the next generation of health care practitioners can train locally in the city. It will make Brampton the home of a community-centric medical school focused on inclusivity, innovation, and primary care. This school will make Brampton the home to the first new medical school in the GTA in over a hundred years!

MOVING TOWARD A RESILIENT BRAMPTON

The City is developing its first Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP), a five-year plan that charts the course toward a vibrant, sustainable and resilient city in the face of climate change. The Plan will focus on understanding the climate impacts we see today (flooding, extreme heat and storms) and how they will change in the coming century, providing a series of recommended measures to reduce our risk imposed by these climate impacts. Over the course of the year, the City will engage with residents to develop the Plan. Visit www.brampton.ca/growgreen for more information.



CREATING A SAFER AND MORE INCLUSIVE BRAMPTON

The Community Safety and Well-Being Office (CSWO) has been making significant strides in improving the quality of life for residents. This office has proactively addressed crime prevention, mental health support, and community engagement. One of CSWO's successful initiatives has been the "See Something, Say Something" campaign, which encourages residents to report any suspicious activity. Additionally, the CSWO has implemented mental health training for first responders and established partnerships with community organizations to provide resources for vulnerable populations. These efforts have contributed to a safer and more inclusive community in Brampton, and the office continues to strive for innovative solutions to promote well-being for all. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/communitysafety





BABY WILDLIFE IN THE SPRING

Spring is mating and breeding season for many wildlife in Brampton. Please keep your distance from wildlife, especially young animals. Many times, parents will leave their babies to locate food and will return. If a human or pet is around their offspring, they may feel unsafe to return. Do not remove animals from their natural habitats. If you have questions, call 311. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/animalservices

MAINTAIN YOUR YARD

Help keep our beautiful city clean, green and safe year-round.

- Keep your yard free from all garbage and debris.
- Grass and weeds should be cut regularly (with clippings removed). If your grass is taller than a soccer ball, it's time to cut it.
- Do not dump waste items on someone else's property, along the roadside, or at another undesignated area.

Read more at www.brampton.ca/bylaws



NOISE BY-LAW

As residents spend more time outside, they are asked to keep excessive noise down. Under the City's Noise By-law, persistent and recurring noise that causes disturbances to other Brampton residents can be enforced. Be a courteous neighbour, do your part. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/bylaws

PARKING DOS AND DON'TS

- Do not park your vehicle on the street between 2 am and 6 am or for more than 3 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. When vehicles overhang the sidewalk, they can be an obstacle and unsafe for others who walk or use a stroller on sidewalks.
- Do not park in a designated bike lane.

Learn more at www.brampton.ca/bylaws



COMMUNITY CORNER



Daniels Corporation is bringing sustainable housing right here to Ward 6! Councillor Paleschi and Councillor Brar were honoured to join Mayor Brown and Chair of Economic Development, Councillor Toor, to announce the first near zero carbon planned community in Brampton in Ward 6. This development is a step towards a more sustainable future in our city.



Small businesses are flourishing in Wards 2 & 6! Congratulations to Hawk Prints on their grand opening -- we wish them every success. Councillor Paleschi and Councillor Brar had the honour of attending the opening of Hawk Prints earlier this year and showing their support for small businesses.

311 SERVICE BRAMPTON (APP)

The City of Brampton provides easy to access municipal services, request tracking, and information through the Brampton 311 mobile app and website. The app is available for download on Google Play and the App Store. Learn more at www.311brampton.ca

BRAMPTON LIBRARY

In eight neighbourhood branches and through its digital collections, Brampton Library reflects its mission to build an inclusive community by inspiring literacy, learning, and social cohesion. Discover the Library's lineup of exciting and enriching in-person and virtual programs at www.bramptonlibrary.ca



Meeting residents face-to-face and engaging with them at community events, town halls and celebrations is one of the best parts of the job. Councillor Paleschi and Councillor Brar recognize the importance of community engagement and speaking personally to residents to hear their stories, their concerns and celebrate with them as well. This year, at the Mayor's Levee, the Councillors had the great opportunity to meet with community members and introduce themselves as the area Councillors.

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION



Giving back to the community is a priority for both Councillor Paleschi and Councillor Brar. They celebrated Valentine's Day with a visit to a local women's shelter, with care packages for the women and toys for their children. The Councillors look forward to continuing to support local shelters through donations and encourage residents to donate as well.



Have your say! We had a great turnout at our Budget 2023 Coffee Chat at Cassie Campbell Community Centre. Community members joined Councillor Paleschi, Councillor Brar and Finance staff to ask questions and discuss their priorities for the 2023 Budget. We look forward to more community meetings so we can hear from our residents and bring their concerns to the table.

COYOTES IN BRAMPTON

Coyotes are integral members of our ecosystem. We benefit tremendously from their activities; however human-coyote conflicts may arise when we intentionally or unintentionally feed them. Report coyote sightings online via an interactive map at www.brampton.ca/animalservices



Be a P.A.L.! Bill Godfrey of People Against Littering (P.A.L.) is a vocal advocate for a litter-free Brampton and inspires community members to join the cause and clean up their neighbourhoods. Councillor Paleschi and Councillor Brar are honoured to work with Bill and support his organization. Join the Councillors as they clean up our local parks, and register at www.brampton.ca/cleanup

BULK WASTE

Bulk waste is any large item that is too big to fit into a bin or garbage bag such as furniture, mattresses, and barbecues. The Region of Peel collects acceptable bulky items from the curb free-of-charge on your regular collection day. Help maintain a safe and attractive environment for everyone – don't dump waste on public or private property. Learn more at www.peelregion.ca

CITY EVENTS

PARKS CLEANUP
April 1 to November 1

EARTH DAY
April 22

COMMUNITY BIKE RIDES
May 28 to September 24

BRAMPTON CELEBRATES PRIDE
June 4

BRAMPTON FARMERS' MARKET
June 10 to October 7

BIKE THE CREEK
June 10

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY
June 22

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION
July 1

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SIKH HERITAGE MONTH
April 21-23

FESTIVAL OF LITERACY DIVERSITY
April 30 to May 7

RIB 'N' ROLL
May 26-28

LUSOFONIA
June 2-4

KITE FESTIVAL
June 3-4

HERITAGE SOUNDS OF MUSIC FESTIVAL
June 16-18

CARABRAM
July 7-9

VIBRANT BRAMPTON
July 21-22

CHUTNEYFEST
July 29-30

JAMAICA DAY
August 26-27

WORLD OF JAZZ FESTIVAL
September 9-10

CHECK OUT

CITY MATTERS



Sign up to City Matters to stay up to date with the latest news and events happening in YOUR city.



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