



City of Brampton | Summer 2023 Edition

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our newsletter! The last few months have been productive as we continue meeting with residents, attending events and supporting initiatives across Wards 2 & 6.

Our parks are community gathering places and everyone takes pride in their neighbourhood parks, advocating for their improvement. With the help of organizations like People Against Littering (PAL) and City staff, residents have successfully cleaned up parks and trails across our wards. We encourage our residents to continue taking part in community cleanups.

Environmental resiliency is a key goal in our city and we continue to champion a sustainable and resilient community. This Term of Council supported the design and framework of the Environmental Education Centre, which will reinforce environmental resiliency, while simultaneously serving as an education tool for the community. We are excited about the Environmental Education Centre and look forward to sharing with you as the project progresses.

We remain steadfast in our commitment towards community safety and celebrated a win this past spring with the installation of a pedestrian crosswalk on McLaughlin Road. We had been working with external stakeholders for some time on making this high-traffic area safer for residents and are pleased to see its impact on pedestrian safety.

We hosted a Town Hall at Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre, where we engaged with residents about their concerns related to neighbourhood safety, auto theft and other concerns. Community safety is about continued dialogue, and town halls like these are crucial as we work collaboratively towards a safer community.

Brampton was one of the first municipalities in Ontario to adopt Automated Speed Enforcement Cameras, which are installed in school zones and community safety zones. We are committed to enhanced road safety and are pleased to share two additional traffic-calming measures with you:

- As part of a pilot program, the City is implementing neighbourhood speed limit reductions in designated areas from 50km/hour to 40km/hour. In Wards 2 & 6, the designated area for this pilot program is Royal Palm Drive.
- Council approved a \$2 million dedicated budget to traffic calming measures, with a larger portion allocated towards the installation of speed cushions.

In closing, thank you for your continued support and we hope this newsletter provides you with key information about your community. We invite you to reach out to our office and look forward to hearing from you!

Wishing you a safe and healthy summer,

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BEAT THE HEAT

With summer on the horizon, it is the perfect time to enjoy Brampton’s beautiful parks and splash pads. Did you know Brampton is home to more than 15 splash pads and more than 340 playgrounds across the city? Parks Maintenance and Forestry staff maintain approximately 1,119 hectares of parkland and 278 kilometers of recreational trails for residents to explore and enjoy. Visit some of our newest splash pads at English Street Park, Loafer’s Lake Park, Gore Meadows Activity Hub, and Sesquicentennial Activity Hub (opening late summer 2023). Learn more at www.brampton.ca/splash



ADOPT A PET

Pets reduce stress levels, improve health, increase happiness, and offer companionship. If you’re ready to bring an addition to your family, consider adopting a pet.

- Adopting a pet is more economical than buying one or even receiving one for free when you factor in the cost of shots, spay/neuter surgery, microchipping, and dewormer that are included in the adoption fee.
- Adopting gives an animal a second chance at life in a loving home.
- Many animals at the shelter are social and well-behaved and are there due to unrelated reasons.

Learn about the pet adoption process and associated fees at www.brampton.ca/animalservices

CENTRE FOR INNOVATION

The Centre for Innovation (CFI) is envisioned to be an iconic landmark building for downtown Brampton – potentially including a new central library, collaborative space for postsecondary institutions, and modern, state-of-the-art office space. The City has currently issued an Expression of Interest - seeking innovative ideas and partnership models from prospective proponents to deliver the CFI. City staff will be evaluating proposals over the summer, and then presenting recommendations to Council this fall. Learn more at www.brampton.ca/cfi



HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON

Calling all hockey fans! Join us on August 23, at the CAA Centre, for an all-star night where NHL players and hockey legends will face off in support of William Osler Health System and building Brampton’s new Peel Memorial Hospital. Leading the lineup are Mark Giordano, Sean Monahan, Jeremy Roenick, and coaches Wendel Clark, and Doug Gilmour. Purchase your tickets now, proceeds will benefit the new Peel Memorial Hospital – a significant project that will bring Peel’s nearly 100-year legacy into the future with the construction of a 350-bed, multi-storey patient tower with room to grow, new and expanded outpatient services, and Brampton’s second 24/7 Emergency Department. Visit www.brampton.ca/HNIB

BRAMPTON URBAN DESIGN AWARDS RETURN

The Brampton Urban Design Awards are returning this year! Every two years, the awards celebrate urban design excellence and those who make our public spaces and places thrive, including city builders, urban designers, architects, landscape architects, artists, and design students. Winners were last announced in 2019 and not presented in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, the City is accepting applications from a four-year timeline (2019-2023) with a focus on ‘Inclusivity – By Design’. Public voting for the People’s Choice Award officially opens on July 3. For more information and to vote for your favourite projects, visit www.brampton.ca/budawards



PLAN. GROW. PLAY. TOGETHER.

The City is undertaking a review of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Plan guides the delivery of parks, open space, recreation and sport facilities with the goal of promoting an active and engaged community where attention to personal and public health is paramount. The five-year update to the Plan will rethink and examine the original recommendations against today’s landscape and make further recommendations to reflect the current needs and demands of the city and its residents. We want to hear your feedback and ideas about Brampton’s parks and recreation.

Visit www.brampton.ca/engage to have your say!



CITY OF BRAMPTON FIREWORKS BAN

Under the new Fireworks by-law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale, and offer to sell of fireworks is strictly prohibited in Brampton. This includes all fireworks such as sparklers, roman candles, rockets, ground spinners, fountains, flying lanterns, bombshells, etc.

The safety of residents is the City's top priority. A ban on fireworks:

- Mitigates the risk of fires, injury and damage to residents, pets, and properties.
- Reduces air pollution and debris keeping the City clean and green.
- Reduces excessive noise causing stress to children, veterans, and pets.
- Protects animal habitats.

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 of Brampton is dedicated to creating an inclusive and welcoming environment. Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day, Diwali, and New Year's Eve at City-led events with Pyrotechnics.

To learn more, visit www.brampton.ca/fireworks



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. 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

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



SUMMER FIRE SAFETY

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services wants to help ensure all Brampton residents protect their home, loved ones, and summer memories from the impacts of fire.

Make sure to:

- Install working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Create an escape plan with your family.
- Always stay in the kitchen while cooking.
- Use barbecue grills only outdoors, positioned away from combustible objects.

For more safety tips, visit www.bramptonfire.com



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



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



COMMUNITY CORNER



COMMUNITY SAFETY TOWNHALL

We hosted a successful Ward 2 Community Safety Townhall at Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre. We had great support from City staff, including By-Law and Enforcement and Traffic Operations who presented relevant information to community members and addressed resident concerns. Peel Regional Police officers also addressed the main community concerns of traffic violations, auto theft, and gave recommendations on how to make one's home safer. Thank you to all our City staff, Peel Police, MPP Graham McGregor, and community partners for their support. And, a big thank you to our residents who came out and engaged with us about community safety!



GURDWARA SIKH SANGAT

Gurdwara Sikh Sangat, located in Ward 2, is a hub for the Sikh community in Brampton. We had the opportunity to visit the Gurdwara while it was undergoing renovations and see the incredible work and care being put into improvements and beautification. We were pleased to learn that Gurdwara management also supported local by working with local construction companies (DeVaal Construction Inc. and Singh Renovations) to complete all the work.

THE MCLAUGHLIN ROAD SIGNALIZED CROSSWALK

A good news story for our residents! The McLaughlin Road signalized crosswalk is finally open. We had been working diligently with the community and external stakeholders for some time to make this high-traffic area safer for residents and we are thrilled that the crosswalk was installed just in time for the summer months.



AMAZON FULFILLMENT

One of the best Amazon Fulfillment facilities in all of North America is located right here in Ward 6 on Heritage Road. With 56 hockey rinks worth of robotics storage, a 99.7% delivery accuracy rate and unbelievable efficiency, YYZ4 is leading the way for Amazon locations across the map. We also had a chance to learn about Amazon's employee programs, their involvement in various community engagement initiatives, donation drives and volunteer initiatives. Amazon is the perfect example of a large corporation committed to supporting the local community.



WOMEN'S SHELTER

This past Mother's Day, a resident with a heart of gold prepared gift bags with individualized notes of support for distribution at the women's shelter. The staff at our women's shelters do tremendous work to support the women in our community and we were pleased to make this connection so they can work together to continue their phenomenal work.



MCHAPPY DAY

Thank you to the Bridale McDonald's for welcoming us as we participated in McHappy Day, in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities. It was great to meet the hard-working staff and thank them for their dedication towards such a great cause. A special shout-out to the entire Brampton Fire team for showing up to support McDonalds locations across the city.

CITY EVENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE IN GARDEN SQUARE
July 7 to September 1

GARDEN SQUARE MOVIE NIGHT
Every Wednesday and select Saturdays until September 2

BRAMPTON FARMERS' MARKET
Saturdays, 8 am - 1 pm until October 7 in Gage Park

JAMBANA (IN CELEBRATION OF EMANCIPATION DAY)
August 7

HOCKEY NIGHT IN BRAMPTON
August 23

LATINO HERITAGE MONTH
September

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September

COMMUNITY EVENTS

VIBRANT BRAMPTON
July 21-22

CHUTNEYFEST
July 29-30

JAMAICA DAY
August 26-27

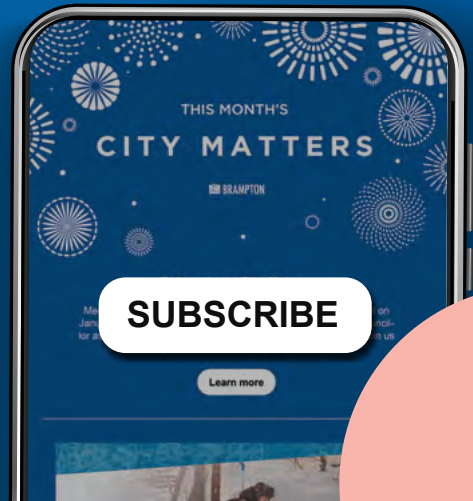
WORLD OF JAZZ FESTIVAL
September 9-10

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

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