

City of Brampton | Spring 2023 Edition

# COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

We are proud to represent you as your Regional Councillors for Wards 3 & 4 at the City of Brampton and Region of Peel. It is an honour to advocate for your needs and be your voice within Council Chambers.

As we start a new term of Council, we are committed to making positive changes in our community and improving Wards 3 & 4 by making our roads safer, ensuring our City and Region deliver services efficiently and effectively, and working with and supporting our partners at Peel Regional Police to help reduce crime, 911 wait times, and auto thefts.

Earlier this year, we approved the 2023 budgets for the Region of Peel and City of Brampton. Included in our regional budget are investments in our police and paramedic services, affordable housing, and road resurfacing. Highlights include: 70 new Peel Regional Police officers and 50 new civilian staff, 44 new paramedics, four additional 24/7 ambulances, Zero Emissions Vehicle pilot to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, \$12.5M to address affordable and emergency housing, and \$4M in cost savings and efficiencies.

At the City of Brampton, we've made investments in community and road safety, improvements to our local parks, and active transportation. Highlights include: more than \$650K towards the Community Safety Action Plan, \$1.2M for traffic calming, \$1.4M for intersection cameras, \$20M towards the development of Riverwalk, and \$21M over three years towards downtown revitalization.

As always, we are available to meet or have a call with you to address your questions or concerns. We'd love to hear your thoughts on how to improve our city. We can be reached via the email addresses or office numbers listed above.

Regards,

Handwritten signatures of Martin Medeiros and Dennis Keenan.

Martin Medeiros & Dennis Keenan

## MTSA PUBLIC ENGAGEMENTS

Major Transit Station Areas (MTSA) will be the focus for growth and redevelopment over the long term. Brampton is responsible for guiding growth within MTSA's to ensure the development of transit-oriented communities. Four public engagements were held in early 2023 to inform residents and landowners on Brampton's MTSA Study and preliminary land use plans. Participants were asked to provide feedback on what is required to transform their MTSA into a transit-oriented community. Next steps include refining the preliminary land use plans and developing policies aligning with provincial directives and the Region of Peel. Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/mtsa](http://www.brampton.ca/mtsa)



## BRAMPTON FIREWORKS BY-LAW UPDATE

The City of Brampton strictly prohibits the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale and offer to sell of fireworks in Brampton. The safety of residents is the City's top priority, and the Fireworks By-law aims to mitigate the risk of injury and damage to property. 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. For details, visit [www.brampton.ca/fireworks](http://www.brampton.ca/fireworks)

## 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](http://www.brampton.ca/recreation)



## 2023 BUDGET – BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

In March 2023, City Council unanimously approved the 2023 Operating and Capital Budgets. The budget includes a \$496 million investment in Capital projects, and another record contribution of \$134 million to reserves. It focuses on expanding health care, supporting community safety and wellbeing, transitioning transit to green our fleet, investing in arts and culture, and enhancing and revitalizing our parks and recreation for youth, seniors and all to enjoy. It reflects input from the community from an extensive public engagement process, including a business virtual roundtable, two telephone town halls – with almost 14,000 households – and “coffee chats” in each of the ward pairings, as well as emails, phone calls and messages through Service Brampton and social media. Thank you to our residents and businesses for their input. More details are available at [www.brampton.ca/budget](http://www.brampton.ca/budget)



## 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!

## CITY SERVICES AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

The City provides easy to access municipal services and information through the Brampton 311 mobile app and website. The app is available for download on Google Play and the App Store and provides mobile access to information, submissions and request tracking. Residents can reach Service Brampton quickly and easily through their smartphone, online or by calling 311. Customer service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, in more than 150 languages. In-person services are also available at multiple locations, visit [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca) for locations and hours.



## 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](http://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](http://www.brampton.ca/bylaws)



## 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](http://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](http://www.brampton.ca/bylaws)



## COUNCILLORS IN THE COMMUNITY



## WARDS 3 & 4 FAMILY SKATE

Dear Friends,

I would like to thank you for re-electing me as Regional Councillor for Wards 3 & 4 and giving me the honour of representing you at the City of Brampton and Region of Peel. Your trust and confidence are not something I take lightly, and I will continue to fight to improve the quality of life for the residents of Wards 3 & 4 and the City of Brampton.

As we begin a new term, I am thrilled to take on new roles at the Region of Peel. With the support of my Council colleagues, I was appointed Chair of Public Works, Chair of Waste Management Strategy Advisory Committee, Vice-Chair of Government Relations Committee, and of Policies and Procedures Committee.

Over the last two terms, I had the pleasure of leading initiatives, such as opening Brampton's first youth shelter, creating youth hubs, advocating for ASE cameras and speed cushions, creating an auto theft reduction strategy with the Peel Police Services Board, bringing 50 affordable rental units and 17 transitional housing

units to 5 Rutherford Road, creating Service Brampton kiosks in recreation centers, and successfully advocated for a new long-term care facility in Wards 3 & 4.

There is still work to be done and I will continue to be a voice for transparency, accountability, ensuring your tax dollars are spent wisely. I commit to working hard for Wards 3 & 4, with my top priority being road and neighbourhood safety. Work has begun on improving our parks, reducing speeding, introducing stricter bylaws and penalties to tackle licensing of rooming houses to improve property standards.

I encourage you to contact me should you have any questions, concerns or simply wish to chat about improving our community.

Regards,

Martin Medeiros

## MARTIN MEDEIROS



Dear Friends,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and trust in electing me to be your new City Councillor for Wards 3 & 4. Just as I expressed during my campaign, I'm sitting on Council to make change – to voice the concerns of our residents and take action on issues for the betterment of our community.

At our first City Council meeting, I was unanimously appointed Regional Councillor for Wards 3 & 4. Since then, I have not only been representing our residents at the City of Brampton, but at the Region of Peel as well.

In November 2022, my motion to prohibit the use, purchase, discharge, possession, sale and offer to sell all fireworks, as well as increase current fines in Brampton, was passed unanimously. With a significant increase in resident firework complaints, and safety concerns it was clear that the current Fireworks By-Law needed amendments and harsher penalties.

Priorities that I continue to work diligently on with staff include a pilot project specific to road safety and traffic calming measures within our residential neighbourhoods, the licensing of landlords to combat rooming houses, and proactive property standards enforcement, to help our community maintain a welcoming and safe environment.

I am always more than happy to meet or speak with you regarding your thoughts or concerns about our city.

Regards,

Dennis Keenan

## DENNIS KEENAN



## CITY EVENTS

**PARKS CLEANUP**  
April 1 to November 1

**EARTH DAY**  
April 22

**COMMUNITY BIKE RIDES**  
May 28 to September 24

**BRAMPTON FARMERS' MARKET**  
June 10 to October 7

**BRAMPTON CELEBRATES PRIDE**  
June 4

**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

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# CITY MATTERS



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