



City of Brampton | Fall 2023 Edition

# COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear friends,

As the leaves begin to change and a crispness fills the air, I warmly welcome you to the latest edition of our Councillor newsletter. It is my pleasure to keep you informed about the latest happenings, initiatives, and important decisions that impact Brampton's Wards 7 & 8.

In this issue, you will find updates on various ongoing projects and valuable information about upcoming events. My commitment to transparency and communication remains unwavering, and I am excited to share the progress we have collectively achieved.

I want to remind everyone that as schools reopen and our children head back to class, please drive slowly and carefully. The safety of children and pedestrians is paramount, so be sure to adhere to all speed limits and follow any additional road signs or signals. Always prioritize the well-being of those around you, especially in school zones, play areas, and busy intersections.

As we navigate the changing seasons, let us also reflect on our strength. Your input and involvement continue to shape the direction we take and the decisions we make, and I continue to encourage you to reach out, voice your opinions, and actively participate in the democratic processes that guide our city.

Stay connected, stay engaged, and enjoy the beauty that fall has to offer.

Pat Fortini

Coming up on the first year as a City Councillor, it has been deeply rewarding. We can celebrate small victories—improving local parks, launching community programs, and fostering a sense of unity among residents. I have dedicated myself to listening to the concerns and needs of our residents, collaborating with fellow Councillors, and implementing impactful policies that address key issues and improve the quality of life for all residents.

My commitment to restoring City Council by being open and working with all Councillors and Mayor Brown to create a unified vision for our city has been achieved through open and collaborative communication. We are working on implementing strict property standards and By-law enforcement to ensure that our city remains clean and well-maintained. The Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) Pilot Program is the first step toward improving the quality of rental properties, street parking, and garbage policies in our city. I am also extremely proud that all the community outreaches I have done, did not cost the City, my office, or taxpayers any money, as I was able to secure sponsorships and donations from local businesses and community organizations.

One issue I would like to bring to your attention is the approval of a Safe Injection Site in Ward 7. In July 2023, a presentation, and numerous delegations were made to the Region of Peel Council to support a site at the Region of Peel building, 10 Peel Centre Dr. This was approved. This location is troubling as it is in proximity to the only regional mall, seniors' living building, seniors' community center, vulnerable community in the buildings, and the most used park in the entire city. I am strongly opposed and have sent a joint letter (with Mayor Brown and Councillor Keenan) to the Premier stating the community opposition and asking for him to intervene.

Rod Power



## CRICKET IN BRAMPTON

Cricket is one of the fastest-growing sports in Canada, and we take pride in providing residents with dynamic amenities. Over the last three years, more than 20 enhancements have been made to cricket fields. Upgrades vary per location and include shade shelters, replaced screens, lighting, expanded seating, and more. This past summer, Brampton hosted the GT20 Canada tournament at the CAA Centre -- making its mark as the Cricket Capital of Canada! The action-packed tournament featured six teams, international cricket stars, and attracted thousands of enthusiastic fans. To learn more, visit [www.brampton.ca/cricket](http://www.brampton.ca/cricket)



## ADOPT, FOSTER OR DONATE

Animal Services provides a vital service to our community by caring for and housing stray, surrendered, abandoned, and neglected animals in need. This year, we are experiencing a record number of dogs and cats at the shelter. If you are looking to add a pet to your family, please consider adopting or fostering. Other ways to support include donating to the HOPE fund and spreading the word. Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/animalservices](http://www.brampton.ca/animalservices)

## HELP KEEP BRAMPTON CLEAN AND GREEN!

Join Brampton's Parks Cleanup program and help clean up litter in the community until November 1. Register for a self-led cleanup at one of our many parks. All cleaning supplies are provided to participants. Over 25,000 residents have participated in a parks cleanup this year -- join the fun and do your part! For more information and to register, visit [www.brampton.ca/cleanup](http://www.brampton.ca/cleanup)



## TMU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

In January 2023, the City of Brampton and the Province of Ontario announced Bramalea Civic Centre will be the new home of the Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU) School of Medicine.

Construction begins this fall. City staff are relocating organizations using the centre: Peel Region, Muslim Community Services, Brampton Multicultural Community Centre, Malton Neighbourhood Services, Royal Bank, Kinderkollege, and Canadian South Asians Supporting Independent Living.

The Chinguacousy Branch Library has relocated to Chinguacousy Park. Lester B. Pearson Theatre and adjacent studio space will be used jointly by the City and TMU. Learn more at [www.torontomu.ca/school-of-medicine](http://www.torontomu.ca/school-of-medicine)

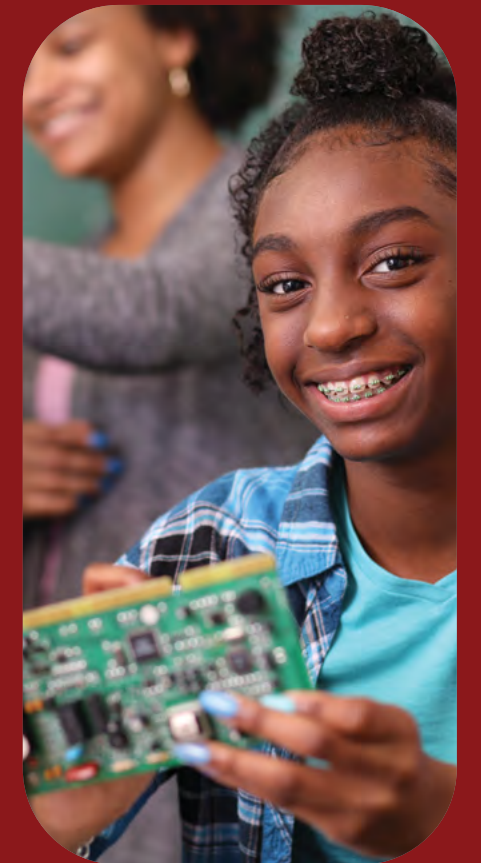
## BRAMPTON FORWARD: FAIR DEAL FOR INDEPENDENCE

On May 18, 2023, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 112, Hazel McCallion Act, to make Brampton, Caledon, and Mississauga single-tier municipalities and dissolve the Region of Peel by January 1, 2025. The provincial government has established a five-member transition board to facilitate this change and oversee Peel's financial affairs to ensure prudent financial stewardship until the Region is dissolved. The City of Brampton looks forward to independence and discussions with the Province of Ontario and our regional partners on the division of services like police, paramedics, waste management, and other supports for our rapidly growing city. To learn more, visit [www.brampton.ca/bramptonforward](http://www.brampton.ca/bramptonforward)



## CENTRAL PEEL COLLABORATIVE LEARNING TECHNOLOGY CENTRE

The Collaborative Learning Technology Centre (CLTC) at Central Peel Secondary School is opening its doors this fall. The City has partnered with the Peel District School Board to create a shared space for students and youth to collaborate and learn the concepts that solve real world problems. CLTC is equipped with innovative technological equipment that can be used in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math related programming, and offers program opportunities in robotics, computer engineering, film production, graphic design and more. Learn more and register for programs at [www.brampton.ca/cltc](http://www.brampton.ca/cltc)



## KEEPING PETS SAFE DURING THE COLD

Be a responsible pet owner and protect your pets from the cold. Remember:

- If it's too cold for you, it's too cold for your pet.
- Don't leave your pets in the car.
- Wash and dry your pet's paws and stomach to clean off ice, salt and chemicals.
- Keep your dogs on a leash.
- Don't shave your pet down to the skin in winter – fur provides warmth.
- The cold can result in frostbites, hypothermia, and death. Keep them indoors.

Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/animalservices](http://www.brampton.ca/animalservices)



## SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE ALARM MAINTENANCE TIPS

House fires can be devastating, causing a great deal of property damage and putting your family at risk. Maintenance ensures your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms keep you safe.

- Install working smoke alarms on every storey of your home and outside all sleeping areas.
- Install working carbon monoxide alarms beside all sleeping areas.
- Test alarms monthly.
- Replace alarms that are 10 years old or older.
- Replace batteries at least once a year.

Learn more at [www.bramptonfire.com](http://www.bramptonfire.com)

## SNOW REMOVAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The City of Brampton has a financial assistance program for seniors and physically challenged homeowners to help with costs for removing snow from sidewalks and driveways. The grant provides \$300 for non-corner lot properties or up to \$400 for corner lot properties with sidewalks. To learn more, visit [www.brampton.ca/snowgrant](http://www.brampton.ca/snowgrant)



## PERMITS REQUIRED TO DISPLAY SIGNS

Permits must be requested to display signs on buildings or in the ground in Brampton. All signs, temporary or permanent, are regulated to help keep pedestrians and drivers safe from distractions and avoid visual clutter in the city. To request a permit to display a sign, visit [www.brampton.ca/signs](http://www.brampton.ca/signs)



## FIREWORKS BAN

Under the Fireworks By-law, the use, purchase, discharge, possession, display, sale, and offer to sell of fireworks is strictly prohibited in Brampton. 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 is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment. Residents are invited to celebrate Canada Day, Diwali, and New Year's Eve at City-led events with Pyrotechnics. Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/fireworks](http://www.brampton.ca/fireworks)



## ACCESSIBLE PARKING

As the City continues to develop and expand, the number of people requiring barrier-free parking also increases. Access to accessible parking is important for people with disabilities to be able to enjoy services and facilities. Accessible Parking Permits are issued free of charge to qualified individuals through the Province of Ontario. Under the Traffic By-law, owners and operators of businesses are required to provide for and maintain accessible parking spaces. Learn more at [www.brampton.ca/accessibility](http://www.brampton.ca/accessibility)





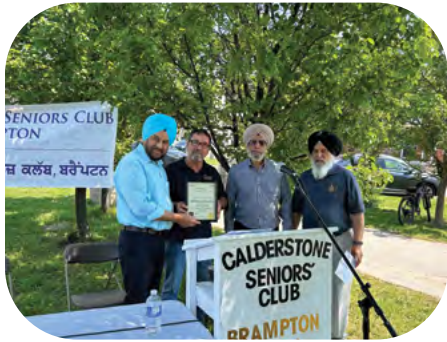
Distributing information to members of the public about a community meeting for a development proposal in the neighbourhood (June 2023).



Sharing important points regarding a proposed development application in the neighbourhood (June 2023).



I was proud to join the Italian Canadian community during the special flag-raising ceremony at City Hall, in celebration of Italian Heritage Month (June 2023).



I was happy to present a certificate of appreciation to the Calderstone Seniors' Club (June 2023).



It is always fun to celebrate Canada Day with our family, friends and neighbours at Chinguacousy Park. This year, the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, The Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, joined Brampton residents in marking this special day (July 2023).



It was a great opportunity to work with my former Council colleague, the current MPP for Brampton Centre, The Honourable Charmaine Williams, and her wonderful volunteers (July 2023).



It is always my pleasure to serve the community – including ice cream!



I was invited to join the Valleycreek Seniors' Club as they marked India's Independence Day (July 2023).



I had the honour of meeting Harbhajan Singh – an international cricket superstar and sports commentator - during the Global T20 Cricket tournament in Brampton. This was a blockbuster event featuring the biggest cricket players (July 2023).



Thank you to the members of the St. Anne's Italian Senior's Club and the Italian Cultural Centre for working with me to rename this park to Amore Italian Park, located at 55 Halliford Place. There are over 25,000 Italian Canadians in Brampton, and we are happy to contribute to the growth and success of this city (August 2023).

## KNIGHTSBRIDGE COMMUNITY BACK TO SCHOOL BARBEQUE EVENT AND BACKPACK DISTRIBUTION

Awesome turnout for the Knightsbridge Community Back to School BBQ event and backpack distribution to support our local students and families. This event was designed to provide a fun and enjoyable experience for the community while also ensuring that students had the necessary supplies for a successful school year. Families and community members gathered together to celebrate the start of the new school year and promote a sense of unity and support within our community. Thank you to all the vendors and sponsors who made the event possible and to all the volunteers who dedicated their time and efforts to make it a success. As well thank you to those who donated to the Families of Virtue Organization for their generous contribution to keep the various programs running smoothly throughout the year.



## SUPPORTING THE BATTLE AGAINST MS

Mayor Brown and I had the privilege of partnering with A&W Canada and MS Canada in the Burgers to Beat MS campaign to distribute mouth-watering burgers as part of our fundraising efforts to support individuals impacted by MS and raise awareness about this debilitating disease.



## SUPPORTING OUR BRAMPTON COMMUNITY



Celebrating 40 years in business with Claireville Ranch with horseback riding.



End of school year barbecue event.



Facilitating delivery of 2500lbs of food donations to Regeneration.

## CLAIREVILLE NORTH MULTI-USE TRAIL GRAND OPENING

Together with TRCA and community members, we are proud to announce the grand opening of the Claireville North Multi-use Trail. This new addition to the community will provide a safe and accessible recreational space for residents to enjoy outdoor activities such as walking, cycling, and running. The Claireville North Multi-use Trail is a testament to our commitment to promoting a healthy and active lifestyle within the community, while preserving the ecosystems of the surrounding natural areas.



## SENIORS COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our seniors are influential in our homes and community, this is why it's so important to engage and participate in their events and help organize these events. I had the opportunity to participate in the Calderstone Seniors Community event, where youth volunteers were instrumental in helping, so we presented them with certificates of recognition for their outstanding contributions to the community. We also helped with seminars on Elder Abuse, Mental Health, and Dental Care held at Riverstone Community Centre by the seniors.



## CITY EVENTS

**FRIGHT NIGHTS**  
October 20, 21, 27, 29

**PUMPKIN PARTY**  
November 1

**REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES AND PARADES**  
November 5 & 11

**DIWALI CELEBRATION**  
November 12

**WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL**  
November 17 & 18

**NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION**  
December 31

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**WELLNESS SPRING WALK AND CAR SHOW**  
October 1

**WORLD JUNIOR GIRLS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP**  
October 2-7

**ULTIMATE CANADA UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
October 13-15

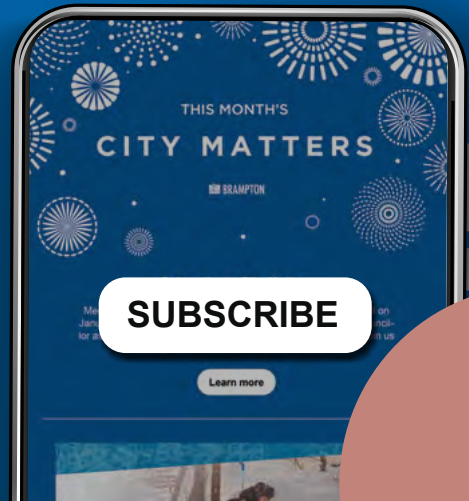
**CRUISERS CUP**  
November 3-5

This is a selection of events, to see the full list visit [www.brampton.ca/events](http://www.brampton.ca/events)

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