

City of Brampton | Fall 2023 Edition

# COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Residents of Wards 9 & 10,

It is with immense pleasure that we reach out to you in this season of transition, aiming to facilitate a connection that keeps you well-informed about our community's latest developments.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your enduring support and confidence in us as your elected officials. Your active participation is the cornerstone of the policies and decisions that shape our city, and we take immense pride in being your advocates, dedicated to elevating our community.

In recent months, we have witnessed notable advancements across various fronts, from enhancements in infrastructure to the expansion of essential services. In the center pages of this newsletter, you will discover details about enhancements to local parks, recreational facilities and the incredible sports events that have been hosted by the City of Brampton.

We also invite you to explore the upcoming events section, where you can learn about community gatherings and City organized events. Fall is a time for us to unite, celebrate our shared values, and engage in meaningful conversations that shape our community's future. We look forward to your participation in these gatherings in the coming months.

As we navigate the evolving landscape of governance and community progress, we want to underscore the significance of your voice. Your feedback and suggestions drive the policies we formulate and the decisions we undertake. Whether through attendance at community meetings, reaching out to our offices, or participating in public consultations, your active engagement ensures that your needs are acknowledged and addressed.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our offices anytime. We are available at your convenience either through email at [Gurpartap.Toor@brampton.ca](mailto:Gurpartap.Toor@brampton.ca) and [Harkirat.Singh@brampton.ca](mailto:Harkirat.Singh@brampton.ca) or a call at **905.874.2609** and **905.874.2610**

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Harkirat Singh and Gurpartap Singh Toor in black ink.

Harkirat Singh and Gurpartap Singh Toor



## SESQUICENTENNIAL PARK ACTIVITY HUB

Brampton's third activity hub is complete! Located at 11333 Bramalea Road, the hub is fully accessible, featuring innovative play structures and recreational elements for all ages and abilities. Park amenities include a splash pad, planting beds, seating areas, fitness equipment, shade sail shelters, and much more. To learn more, visit [www.brampton.ca/parks](http://www.brampton.ca/parks)



## ADVANCE BRAMPTON FUND

Applications for the Advance Brampton Fund are now open to all Brampton-based non-profit and charitable organizations. The popular community grant program supports Brampton's non-profit sector by providing grants through three funding streams: New and Small Projects (formerly Emerging), Developing Projects and Amplifying Projects. New this year and based on feedback from the community, matching funds are no longer required for the New and Small Projects stream, creating more opportunities for organizations to receive funding.

The City of Brampton recognizes the unique and valuable role that the non-profit sector plays in delivering programs and services that meet the needs of the community. Learn more about funding opportunities and apply today by visiting [www.brampton.ca/abf](http://www.brampton.ca/abf)

## 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)



## SUSAN FENNELLS SPORTSPLEX YOUTH HUB NOW OPEN!

The new youth hub is a dedicated space with a variety of unstructured spaces that allow youth to freely socialize and connect. Young people can access programming and supports, while building meaningful friendships and connections. Other amenities in the space include an eSports area, sponsored by Sheridan College, a creative space, ideation rooms, and a lounge area.

Youth hubs add to the growing amenities available for young people within the city, prioritizing safe, inclusive, and supportive communities. This hub is a first of its kind, to be followed by the Century Gardens Youth Hub, expected to open in spring 2025. For more information, visit [www.brampton.ca/sfyouthhub](http://www.brampton.ca/sfyouthhub)



## 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)



## SANDALWOOD HEIGHTS ADVENTURE PARK (SHAP)

Sandalwood Heights Adventure Park will be adjacent to the existing Torbram Sandalwood Community Park. The construction of the new park will further enhance the site as a universally accessible park. The park is anticipated to be fully open in 2025.

### Amenities include:

- parkour apparatus (first in Brampton)
- off-leash dog park
- community garden
- alternative learning space
- adventure playground
- open space areas
- splash pad
- basketball courts - half courts
- 2 tennis courts



## SESQUICENTENNIAL PARK ACTIVITY HUB OPENING

The activity hub at Sesquicentennial Park is officially open! This hub is an outdoor area dedicated to a variety of recreational and leisure activities. Amenities include:

- junior and senior playgrounds
- water play area
- sloped lawn with tiered-edge seating
- outdoor fitness area
- shaded family gathering area
- outdoor gathering area for sports-groups
- grassed open spaces and berms
- landscaping
- pedestrian lighting



## BRAMPTON'S SPEED HUMP PILOT PROJECT

The installation of speed humps on both Rae Avenue and Leparc Road have now been completed. The City is now preparing designs for the implementation of speed humps and/or other traffic calming measures on the top five roads in Wards 9 and 10 as follows:

### Ward 9:

1. Fernforest Drive
2. Father Tobin Road – between Bramalea Road & Torbram Road
3. Sunny Meadow Boulevard
4. Octillo Boulevard/Dewside Drive
5. Australia Drive
6. Black Forest Drive

### Ward 10:

1. Martin Byrne Drive
2. Mountainberry Road
3. Braydon Boulevard
4. Father Tobin Road – between Torbram Road & Mountainash Road
5. Via Romano Way



## GORE MEADOWS COMMUNITY PARK

Phase 2 of Gore Meadows East Community Park is anticipated to be fully open in 2025.

### Amenities include:

- 1 fully lit premier cricket pitch
- 2 fully lit community cricket pitches
- 9 tennis courts (3 under the permanent dome and 6 under a seasonal dome)
- 6 pickleball courts
- 2 junior soccer fields
- playground
- shade shelter
- comfort station
- skateboard park
- additional parking spaces
- fitness and cycling trails
- picnic areas
- naturalized environmental areas



## FIRST TAPE BALL CRICKET PITCH IN BRAMPTON

There's a new way to play cricket in Brampton now that the first-ever dedicated tape ball pitch has opened in the city. Located at Brampton's Chris Gibson Park, the tape ball grounds opened in August and offers cricket players a different, low-impact way to play the game.

Tape ball is cricket played with a tennis ball wrapped in electrical tape. The game is played in a smaller area than traditional hardball cricket and doesn't require any specialty equipment to play.

With an artificial pitch, sight screen, lights and bleachers, the new tape ball grounds will provide more access to players in Brampton.

## 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)

## CHECK OUT CITY MATTERS



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



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