

City of Brampton

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Winter 2021 Edition



Wishing you and your families a
Merry Christmas and a happy and safe
holiday season.

Dear friends,

As 2021 is wrapping up and 2022 will soon be upon us, we want to take this opportunity to thank you for doing your part in protecting yourself, your family, and our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. We know it wasn't easy to restrict interactions with friends and family, and we appreciate the sacrifices you have made and thank you for listening to the advice of our top medical experts. If you or your loved ones have not been vaccinated yet, we urge you to contact Peel Public Health for an appointment.

Brampton has made strides in key areas this year. Through the Automated Speed Enforcement program, speed has decreased in our neighbourhoods with the installation of more than 12 Automated Speed Enforcement cameras. We have worked closely with City of Brampton staff to upgrade local parks with \$1.9 million allocated to Wards 3 and 4. Our Economic Support Task Force has consulted with more than 11,000 businesses during the pandemic and we continue to advocate for local businesses through their recovery. To improve access to City of Brampton services, we've opened Service Brampton pop-ups in recreational facilities in addition to launching an online appointment reservation system, Skip the Line.

We continue to advocate for increased openness, accountability, and transparency at City Hall, calling for investigations into hiring and procurement practices, and for our Online Employee Directory to be published to ensure you have confidence in your municipal government.

Regards,

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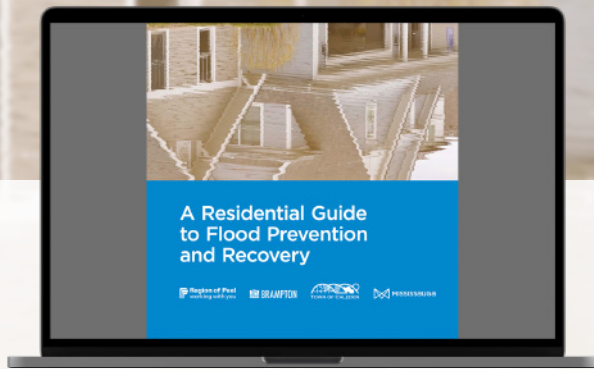
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FLOOD SAFETY

Check out **“A Residential Guide to Flood Prevention and Recovery”** on our website on how to assess and reduce flood risks.

The City works with partners to provide safety alerts ahead of seasonal changes. Residents are encouraged to learn simple steps to protect yourself, and your family, pets and home.

Find out more at www.brampton.ca/prepared

NEW SENIORS RESOURCE DIRECTORY AND VIDEO SERIES

The City qualified for a federal grant under the New Horizons for Seniors Program to expand seniors access to resources, services, and caregivers through the development of a new video tool and Age-Friendly Resource Directory. The project’s objective is to foster intergenerational and cultural connections furthering Brampton’s Age-Friendly Vision to meet the needs of all ages and abilities. We also hope to leverage the expertise and wisdom of older adults to mentor others. The project is scheduled to be completed in early 2022.

The video tool and resource directory will be available at www.brampton.ca/agefriendly



GARDEN SUITES: NEW POLICY COMING SOON

The City has initiated a Policy Review to implement Additional Residential Unit (ARU) policies in the form of “Garden Suites” in the Official Plan and Zoning By-law to conform to the province’s Bill 108: More Homes, More Choice Act. A Garden Suite is a self-contained residential unit located within a structure that is detached from the main house. Policies are aimed to reduce zoning barriers and support the supply and range of affordable rental accommodations in the city. Made-in-Brampton policies will include building standards, approval processes, property boundary setbacks, height, maximum size and other considerations.

Learn more at www.brampton.ca/ARU



SHORT TERM RENTALS: NEW POLICY IN PLACE

The new Short-Term Rental Registration Licensing By-Law is now in effect for new and existing Short-Term Rental operators to operate legally. The licence fee is \$150 annually and proof of liability insurance (\$2 million) is required. The term “Short-Term Rental” is when a dwelling unit is used to provide accommodations for any rental period that is less than 28 consecutive days in exchange for payment. Short-Term Rental operators are permitted to rent up to three bedrooms individually or the entire dwelling. Platforms such as Airbnb, VRBO, HomeAway, and FlipKey fall within this category. To receive a copy of the licensing application, email licensing@brampton.ca or call **905.874.2100**.



UPDATES FOR BRAMPTON MEDICAL SCHOOL

Through the 2021 Budget, the Government of Ontario committed to providing financial support to a partner university in the planning for a proposal for a new institute of medical education in Brampton. This landmark initiative will help address healthcare shortages and boost economic development opportunities. In July, Brampton Council voted in favour of a \$1 million planning grant, matching similar contributions from the province and the partner university. The proposal to be delivered to the province will detail the approach to health education, expanded use of technology, inter-professional practice with a focus on primary care and the provision of culturally sensitive care.

OFFICIAL PLAN UPDATE

The City’s new Official Plan (Brampton Plan), to replace the 2006 document, will provide direction to ensure all City planning, projects and development are working efficiently to meet the challenges of a growing city and implemented thoughtfully to serve the best interests of all Bramptonians.

Public engagement for Brampton Plan entered the final stage in late 2021. Following the April 10 City-Wide Workshop, staff hosted three themed townhalls, numerous focus group sessions, and the second City-Wide Workshop on October 23.

Visit www.brampton.ca/bramptonplan to learn more, see full recaps of events, and survey results.



FIREWORKS SAFETY

Only short-range fireworks are allowed on private properties on New Year's Eve.

Short-range fireworks fly less than three metres (10 feet) when set off (e.g. fountains, wheels, ground spinners, sparklers). All other rocket-type fireworks are banned in Brampton. Fireworks are not allowed on streets, sidewalks, parks and other City properties.

Learn more at www.brampton.ca/fireworks



BRAMPTON IS READY FOR WINTER

Winter weather has arrived, and Brampton's crews are ready to work around the clock to clear roads, sidewalks, transit stops, school crossings, and recreational trails so residents can travel safely.

The City would like to remind residents that being winter-ready is a team effort. Here are some ways you can help:

- Clear sidewalks of ice, snow and slush promptly after a snowfall.
- Remove vehicles from the road to ensure plows and emergency vehicles can safely operate.
- Do not park on streets, as it will be enforced during winter weather events.

Visit www.brampton.ca/snow to see what's happening in your neighbourhood.



ACCESSIBLE PARKING

When you are out this winter, remember to leave accessible parking spaces for those who need them. Don't park across the yellow striped area next to an accessible parking spot. Those access aisles provide a safe space for entering and leaving the vehicle and extra space to manoeuvre for those with disabilities.

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE

A fire can happen anywhere, at anytime. It most often strikes when we let our guard down - when we're distracted by the hustle and bustle of the holidays, by our cell phones, by the kids or by the doorbell.

Learn more at www.bramptonfire.com on how to keep you and your family safe.



SIDEWALK SNOW CLEARING

Residents are required to clear sidewalks of ice and snow by 11 am the day after a snowfall.

When responding to complaints, the City directs the property owner or occupant to take immediate action. Upon re-inspection, if not complete, the City will clear the snow at the property owner's expense (cost added to property taxes, plus a \$250 penalty).



The Councillors took a break to enjoy some fresh smoothies at Trish Juice. What's your favourite menu item?



Outside of Baci Gifts, a great place to start and finish all your holiday shopping for your loved ones.



It's great to see local businesses back to work, serving the community, like Al's Barber Shop.



Brampton's Main Street has a number of great businesses, both old and new.



At the COVID-19 Vaccination Mobile Clinic, the Councillors are joined by Public School Board Trustee Kathy McDonald.



At the official launch of the B-Town Pizza shop at 8975 McLaughlin Road South.



Regional Councillor Medeiros and City Councillor Bowman at the Annual Poppy Campaign Flag Raising at City Hall.



The Councillors joined Kavita Kapil as she launched 'Dezeyne Studio' – a new photo studio rental space in Downtown Brampton.



Councillor Bowman thanking Alexis MacLeod for organizing the annual Eldomar Avenue food drive, collecting non-perishable food items for Knight's Table. During their Thanksgiving drive, they collected 767lbs of food!



From left to right: Councillor Martin Medeiros, Mayor Patrick Brown, Brian Bentz (President and CEO of Alectra), Councillor Jeff Bowman

Joined in the ground-breaking ceremony for Alectra's new Central Region Facility in August.



From left to right: Councillor Pat Fortini, Councillor Rowena Santos, Former Mayor Susan Fennell, Mayor Patrick Brown

At the renaming ceremony of the South Fletcher's Sportsplex to the Susan Fennell Sportsplex.

PARKS ENHANCEMENTS

(Continued from page 1)...Improving our local parks and recreational amenities in Wards 3 and 4 has always been a priority to us. As your area representatives, we have worked closely with City staff to ensure your taxpayer dollars are being invested in our community.

In the coming months, residents will see the following enhancements coming to Wards 3 and 4 based on resident demand.

Location	Project	Proposed Completion
Banting Park	Playground replacement	May/June 2022
Bellcrest Park	Multi purpose - basketball	Nov/Dec 2021
Centennial Park	Playground replacement	May/June 2022
Elmcrest Park	Multi purpose - basketball	Nov/Dec 2021
Elmcrest Park	Playground rubber surface	May/June 2022
Fallen Oak Park	Playground rubber surface	May/June 2022
Halldorsan Park	Shade shelter medium	Winter/Spring 2022
Meadowland Park	Playground replacement	May/June 2022
Rollingwood Park	Playground rubber surface	May/June 2022
Sheridan Woodlands	Playground replacement	May/June 2022
South Fletcher's Park	Dog park	Winter/Spring 2022
Sparrow Park	Multi purpose - basketball	Nov/Dec 2021
Sparrow Park	Playground replacement	May/June 2022
Timberlane Park	Fitness equipment	June 2022
Timberlane Park	Shade shelter medium	Winter/Spring 2022

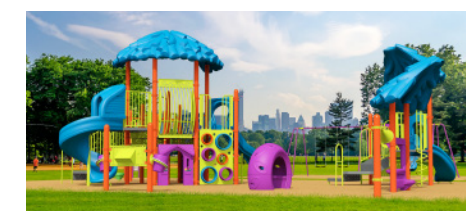
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Banting Park Playground Concept



Sheridan Woodlands Park Playground Concept



Sparrow Park Playground Concept

SUPPORT LOCAL

This holiday season we encourage you to support local businesses.

Brampton's small businesses have been severely impacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic and working hard to recover. Let's show our support by purchasing from local retail shops and restaurants to strengthen our local economy. We all have a part to play. Please visit: www.brampton.ca/supportlocal for information on how to support local businesses, and for local businesses in Downtown Brampton: www.downtownbramptonbia.ca

SAVE THE DATE! VIRTUAL TOWN HALL

January 25 | 7 pm

We invite you to attend a virtual town hall on Tuesday, January 25 at 7 pm.

As your Regional and City Councillors, we want to hear your questions, concerns, and suggestion on how to improve Wards 3 and 4. Please connect with our offices if you have any discussion items for our next town hall.

EVENTS

NYE

December 31

Ring in the New Year with the City of Brampton, visit www.brampton.ca/events for details.

PARKS CLEANUP

April 1 - November 1

Residents are encouraged to register for self-led clean ups at one of our many parks.

Get the details at www.brampton.ca/cleanup

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