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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Thank you for your continued trust and confidence in re-electing me to serve as your Regional Councillor. I take pride in bringing your issues and concerns to the City Council Chambers and to the Region of Peel's table for immediate attention and action.

I'm sure you're aware by now, that the Bramalea Civic Centre was chosen as Toronto Metropolitan University's (TMU) new medical school location. The medical school will feature 250,000 square feet for classrooms, offices, research facilities, and an integrated health clinic.

The school will open in September 2025, with 80 undergraduate seats and 95 postgraduate seats, and will be supported by the William Osler Health System in providing clinical learning environments, residency training and professional development.

I was proud to highlight this location to the members of TMU and suggest it for their medical school expansion. Having such a prestigious and honourable institution in Brampton, let alone in Ward 7, is an incredible achievement! I'm confident we will produce the world's top doctors, right here in Brampton.

I'm looking forward to working with you during this term. Please continue to keep in touch and follow me on social media for City and Regional updates and announcements.

Pat Fortini

I want to say thank you for your support in my recent election as City Councillor. I am deeply grateful for your confidence in me and will do everything I can to earn it. I will do my best to represent your interests in my new role.

I have always been proud of our city's diversity, welcoming spirit and strong sense of community. I am committed to helping Brampton grow into a city that provides access to jobs and opportunities for all its residents—from families working hard to get by to small businesses seeking expansion capital. I am a committed supporter of the residents' voices and ideas and have a passion to serve your interests and goals.

In order to accomplish the goals for our wards, we must work together. If you have an idea or suggestion that would help us, make Brampton better, or have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact my office.

As a City Councillor, I will work collaboratively with my fellow councillors to find solutions that will make Brampton the best it can be.

Thank you again for your support.

Rod Power



YOUR CITY PLANS

Brampton is growing fast, and the decisions made today are shaping the future of tomorrow. The Planning and Development Committee (PDC) meetings hear the views of the public on applications being brought forth for consideration and take those important inputs into full consideration. Whether you are attending a meeting in person, viewing the livestream, or watching a pre-recorded session, public input is crucial in decision making. We encourage you to get involved and stay informed. We want to hear from you! Visit www.brampton.ca/engage to learn more.



COYOTES IN BRAMPTON

Coyotes are integral members of a diversified ecosystem and contribute to a necessary and healthy prey-predator balance. We benefit tremendously from their activities; however, human-coyote conflicts may arise when we intentionally feed them or inadvertently create opportunities for free food around our city. Residents can report coyote sightings online via an interactive map including food sources identified in the public, sick or injured coyotes, den sightings, and pet conflicts. If you require assistance with a sick/injured animal or an animal that is posing a risk to the public, call 311. If there is an immediate threat to public safety, call 911. Access the map and read tips on what to do if you encounter a coyote at www.brampton.ca/animalservices

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

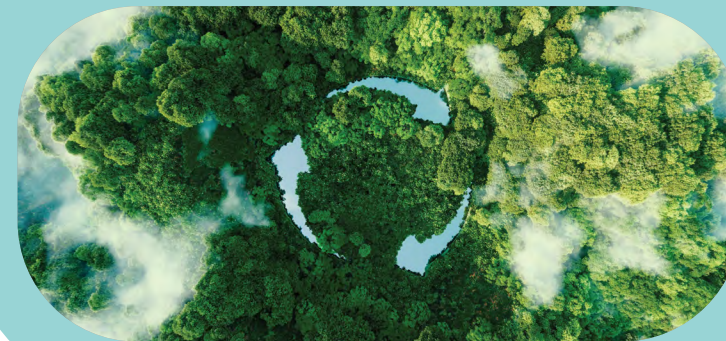


WELCOME TO BRAMPTON, TMU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE!

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!

MOVING TOWARD A RESILIENT BRAMPTON

The City is developing its first Climate Change Adaptation Plan (CCAP), a five-year plan that charts the course toward a vibrant, sustainable and resilient city in the face of climate change. The Plan will focus on understanding the climate impacts we see today (flooding, extreme heat and storms) and how they will change in the coming century, providing a series of recommended measures to reduce our risk imposed by these climate impacts. Over the course of the year, the City will engage with residents to develop the Plan. Visit www.brampton.ca/growgreen for more information.



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 for locations and hours.





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

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



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

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



PAT FORTINI



Brampton City Council Inauguration, swearing-in ceremony, presided by the Hon. Justice Donald F. McLeod. (November 2022)



At the special announcement to welcome Ontario's newest medical school, the TMU School of Medicine. The new campus will be located at the Bramalea Civic Centre. (January 2023)



Joined by Council colleagues, we met with MPP Amarjot Sandhu and MPP Graham McGregor to discuss shared City priorities and issues. (January 2023)



The City hosted a live broadcast of Team Canada's match during the 2022 FIFA World Cup, in Garden Square. Thanks to all who came out to cheer and enjoy the game! (November 2022)

THANK YOU, INGRID!

Many of you who have called or emailed my office, or met with me at City Hall or at community events over the years, have gotten to know my Executive Assistant, Ingrid Jagtoo. She worked with me during my time at the City and Region of Peel and I owe her so much gratitude for the excellent administrative support she provided me, and the political guidance shared. She brought years of federal and provincial political experience, and worked for 20 years in the Council Office; first supporting Gael Miles and Sandra Hames, then me during my first two terms as a City then Regional Councillor. She is now taking a well-deserved break and enjoying retirement with her husband, George. I hope you'll join me in thanking Ingrid for her hard work and dedication to the residents of Wards 7 and 8.

In Ingrid's place, my new Executive Assistant is Rupinder Kaur. Like Ingrid, Rupinder brings over 20 years of politically-oriented communications and strategic expertise to the Council Office. Over the past 8 years, she supported the Councillors for Brampton's Wards 3, 4, 9 and 10. I'm very happy to have her work alongside me to help address my constituents' issues and concerns.



THE BRAMPTON CUP

The Brampton Cup, one of Canada's largest and longest-running Olympic-style boxing tournaments, returned to the City of Brampton and celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. The Bramalea Boxing Club hosted a four-day boxing competition at the Save Max Sports Centre. The Brampton Cup provides novice boxers an opportunity to compete in an Olympic-style format. It will feature amateur athletes of all ages and skill levels from across Ontario, Canada and the world.

Events and tournaments like the Brampton Cup put our city on the map. The Brampton Cup has a lot of personal meaning for me – as a former medalist of this tournament, I firmly believe this has made a positive impact in shaping me into the person I am today.



ROD POWER



It was a pleasure to attend the donation cheque presentation by the Bramalea City Centre and Morguard to the Boys and Girls Club (BGC) Peel. The organization donated \$10,000 to BGC Peel, from the proceeds of the Santa Claus pictures. This donation will go into local Brampton programs and services that will help in developing a better quality of life for all youth across the Region of Peel.

I am very excited to be on the Board with BGC Peel. BGC Peel is a unique organization with many important goals to achieve. We have a wealth of knowledge on the Board, that will be very useful in achieving many of these goals. I am excited to be a part of this amazing journey!

The Faith Leaders meeting returned to City Hall, hosted by the Community Safety and Well-Being Office (CSWO). This year's meeting focused on informing faith leaders of the CSWO's vision of an empowered and connected Brampton where everyone feels safe, has a sense of belonging and has their needs met.



SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

I care about our community, which is why I support small businesses in Brampton. We work hard every day to make Brampton a great place to live and to do business. We're constantly looking for ways to improve what we offer as your local government. We offer programs and services designed to help you start and grow your business and learn more about being a small business owner in Brampton.



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

CHECK OUT

CITY MATTERS



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



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