

Brampton

Ward Report



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Wards 2 & 6

SPRING/SUMMER 2010 WARDS 2 AND 6

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Mayor Susan Fennell, Regional Councillor Paul Paleschi and City Councillor John Hutton at the Mount Pleasant Mobility Hub site

Dear residents

It's summer and time to get outdoors and bask in the warmth! We hope that you are making the most of this wonderful season and we look forward to the street parties. We always enjoy meeting you and getting to know you better. As Regional and Council representatives of Wards 2 and 6, it is our privilege to work with such a diverse and multicultural community.

Throughout the year, numerous events are held to highlight our heritage, culture and diversity. We would like to encourage all our residents to take full advantage and participate in these events. Cassie Campbell Community Centre, one of the largest recreation centres of its kind in the Greater Toronto Area, provides access to varied programs for all ages and numerous events that happen all year round. The centre

offers fantastic facilities and great after school programs. Let's all make an effort and keep our youth gainfully occupied and safe.

While you are out and about, please stay safe. Safety is always a priority for us. Each year, the numbers of police on our streets go up. However, safety has to be a joint effort. We all have to work together to ensure that our children, family, friends and neighbourhood are safe. A number of Neighbourhood Watch programs are being set up across our wards and if you are interested in being part of it, please call or e-mail us (details below).

We've had some fires recently that have destroyed homes, some of which were heritage properties. This is a sad moment for us as a piece of history has been lost. We are working with the Office of the Fire Marshal and Peel Police to ensure that this doesn't happen again.

Heritage is critical and we have to preserve it for our youth, not only to help them remember our rich and proud history but also give them a sense of belonging.

The past year, though the economy has been slow, we've had an exciting time in terms of the planning process. The Mount Pleasant Transit Hub received \$15.4 million as part of the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund. The development of this innovative, environmentally sustainable community in northwest Brampton will include historic landmarks and pedestrian amenities, all designed to integrate seamlessly with public transit systems (see page 2 and 8). Work is well underway and, as the economy makes a turnaround, the City of Brampton will be a step ahead and ready to make the best of it.

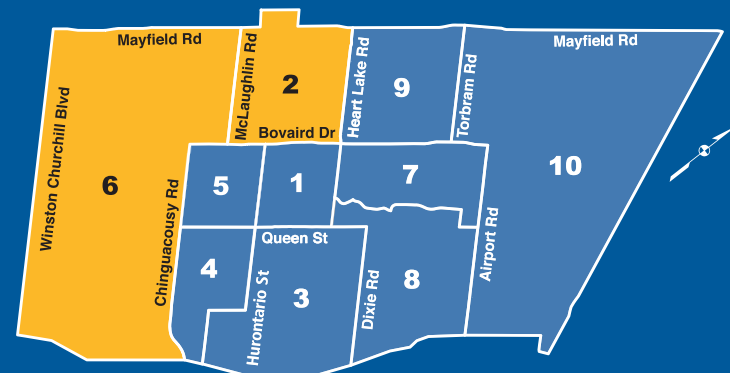
In this Ward Report you can read about the various projects underway in the City and find information that will help you in your daily lives. We hope you will enjoy reading it. If you need more information please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Ward Map



Building the Brampton of tomorrow

As Canada's 11th largest city and the fastest growing municipality in the Greater Toronto Area, Brampton is committed to proactively pursuing a responsible growth management plan that will benefit both residents and businesses.

In its Places to Grow legislation, which outlines the management of growth and development in Ontario over the next 25 years, the provincial government has designated Brampton as a high-growth municipality. Currently home to more than 450,000 people from 175 different ethnic backgrounds, Brampton plays a significant role in shaping the social, economic and cultural identity of the region.

With this in mind, the City of Brampton continues to make strategic investments in public infrastructure to ensure that our growing population has the resources it needs to be successful.

In 2009, Brampton was successful in securing millions of dollars in funding from federal and provincial stimulus programs aimed at spurring local economies through investments in infrastructure.

In the spring of 2009, these levels of government challenged municipalities to put forward projects for consideration under two new joint funding programs – the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and a Recreation Infrastructure Fund that combined the federal Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RIInC) Program and Ontario Recreation (Ontario REC).

Through proactively engaging our partners at the federal and provincial levels, and encouraging them to see the value in our credible and accountable infrastructure proposals, Brampton received a total of more than \$41 million in funding for critical infrastructure projects across the city.

Infrastructure Stimulus Fund

Mount Pleasant Transit Hub: The project received a total of \$23 million with the City of Brampton committing \$7.6 million. Centered around the existing Mount Pleasant GO station in northwest Brampton, the development of the Mount Pleasant Transit Hub will transform this residential community into a modern, transit-oriented neighbourhood, built to accommodate the day-to-day needs of pedestrians, cyclists and commuters.

Donald M. Gordon Chinguacousy Park: This 103-acre signature park in Brampton received a total of \$24.5 million with the City committing \$8.2 million. It is a civic landmark and a local and regional destination.

Throughout the year, many activities take place within the park, including winter sports, petting zoo, water play and sports. The City has been looking to invest in Chinguacousy Park to improve the amenities, unify the design of the buildings and other features through the master planning process, and realize the park's potential as an outstanding, showcase destination park for Brampton and beyond.



The project primarily focuses on renewal and enhancement of current park facilities, and increased capacity to meet the demands of Canada's second fastest growing city. The overall character of the park will be retained while current park programs will be continued and enhanced.

Recreation Infrastructure Canada (RIInC) Program and Ontario Recreation (Ontario REC)

In late May 2009, the City of Brampton submitted 16 projects for funding approval for the RIInC/Ontario REC programs. Nine projects were approved, for a total funding commitment of \$14.035 million with each level of government committing one-third of the total cost or \$4.7 million each.

The approved projects include:

- Brampton Curling Club - \$1,486,500 (Wards 7&8)
- Brampton Soccer Centre - \$766,000 (Wards 9&10)
- Chris Gibson Recreation Centre - \$1,918,000 (Wards 1&5)
- Greenbriar Recreation Centre - \$1,306,000 (Wards 7&8)
- Memorial Arena - \$922,000 (Wards 3&4)
- Snelgrove Community Centre - \$242,000 (Wards 2&6)
- South Fletcher's Sportsplex - \$2,459,000 (Wards 3&4)
- Lawn Bowling Club - \$2,976,000 (Wards 3&4)
- Ebenezer Community Hall Relocation - \$1,959,750 (Wards 9&10)

Apart from these strategic investments, the City of Brampton is also moving forward with a number of proposals targeted for future investment.

Of particular note, is the Request for Proposals (RFP) that was put out to the industry on October 30, 2009 to renew downtown's southwest quadrant at the corner of Main and Queen

Streets. The redevelopment of this piece of land will not only build upon the City's recent investments in the core, such as the Rose Theatre Brampton, but also encourage further investment from the private sector in Brampton's historic downtown.

Given this strong commitment to the revitalization of the downtown core, a major priority for the City of Brampton continues to be the development of a hotel and convention centre in the heart of the city. As a growing tourist destination, downtown Brampton needs increased capacity to host regional, national and international events, such as major conferences and conventions. By attracting this type of development, our downtown will become a key social and cultural centre within the Greater Toronto Area.

An optimistic outlook: looking at the year ahead

The City of Brampton has started 2010 with optimism, despite the fact that, like many other Ontario municipalities, Brampton too was witness to economic distress in 2009. August last year saw the highest unemployment rate of 11.6 per cent in the region. By year-end, the rate had gone down but was still above 10 per cent. By December 2009, the City of Brampton experienced a year-over-year drop in total construction values of more than 36 per cent, with the number of new housing starts down almost 67 per cent to only 1,260 units.

However, what began with pessimism ended with a more optimistic outlook. By the end of 2009, activity was starting to return to job sites and people were buying houses again in Brampton.

Brampton is a city driven by manufacturing. And this was the sector most acutely affected by the economic recession worldwide. Brampton experienced its most painful job losses in the automotive parts and transportation equipment industries. Brampton's logistics and supply chain industries also had to make adjustments to the faltering North American markets throughout the year, and no sector of the economy went unscathed.

Despite that, there are glimmers of hope. At the time of going to print in April, FIAT, the new owner of Chrysler, was expected to announce in the weeks to come new plans for the Brampton Assembly facility.

According to a survey by Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters, business confidence has returned to Canadian manufacturers as well: 43 per cent of manufacturers expect orders to pick up, 27 per cent expect hiring and jobs to increase, and 30 per cent expect to see demand return to pre-recession levels by 2012.

Brampton is at the crossroads of a global network of supply chains and our strategic location bodes well for a recovery, especially as the major emerging economies of Brazil, India and China begin to recover to their former levels. As a prime industrial location within the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), one of the most resilient and diverse city regions in the world, Brampton boasts several advantages.

- Brampton is one of Canada's fastest growing cities.
- Some of the world's most respected companies are located here.
- Brampton is located in close proximity to Toronto Pearson International Airport.
- It offers congestion-free access to road and rail infrastructure that is unequalled anywhere in the GTA.
- Brampton has one of the most naturally-situated inland ports in North America and is well positioned to take advantage of the increasing trade flows that will come with the global economic recovery.
- Brampton has an ample supply of new vacant land for business development.
- It has one of the youngest and most diverse labour forces in Canada.
- It has a very competitive cost and pro-business climate.

These are the kind of factors that helped attract new business investment to the City, most notably the new Canadian head office for Medtronic, one of the world's leading medical technologies companies. There were other good news stories too: office openings of Mirus International, Canadian Blood Services and the multi-million dollar expansion of Gamma Dynacare that will ultimately see 600 employees at its Airport Road facility, all happened in 2009.

Brampton has not been shy about promoting its advantages. This past year, Mayor Susan Fennell participated in several international trade development and cross-border transportation infrastructure initiatives to highlight Brampton's capabilities and obvious advantages as a player in global supply chain industries.

At present, Brampton is a key player in the international marketplace by virtue of having major players in the global automotive, food and beverage and transportation and logistics companies located here. The City will need to work more closely with those industries to take advantage of new business opportunities and facilitate investment in skills and technology.

But the global economy is changing and so are we. In the past year, the City of Brampton began realigning its economic development efforts with the continuing evolution of Brazil, India and China as manufacturing economies and the reality of a new world-wide marketplace.



The evolution of new “green industries” and the impact of higher energy costs and climate change on goods and services production will have implications on what kinds of new industries the City will need to attract and support. In the year ahead, Brampton will evolve its efforts to target a larger share of these new business opportunities, while continuing to focus on ways to sustain a competitive local business climate.

It is also clear that building a prosperous economy requires us to develop a city that can support a skilled workforce and attract the kinds of creativity and innovation that underpin the new economy.

The revitalization of Brampton’s downtown, embracing new tourism and health care projects in our central area, and the evolution of a new plan to encourage heritage, arts and culture within the City is all part of a broader strategy to build a city that can attract and sustain the brightest and the best.

The road ahead has tremendous potential, and the future prospects for Brampton are bright indeed.

Southwest quadrant update

As the revitalization of downtown Brampton continues with a flurry of construction projects underway, work has also progressed with the Southwest Quadrant Renewal Plan. Representing a five minute radius around the current City Hall, located at the historic Four Corners of downtown Brampton (the intersection of Queen and Main Streets), the Southwest Quadrant Renewal Plan is an exciting expansion and redevelopment project that will contribute to building a vibrant, diverse and bustling downtown.

Accommodating the City’s growing municipal workforce is one of drivers behind this project. But there is so much more. The City also envisions a creative mixed-use development for retail and service commercial purposes, as well as much-needed public amenities such as a police station, library and multi-purpose meeting and committee rooms.

To fulfill its vision of a revitalized southwest quadrant, the City embarked upon an innovative Request for Proposal (RFP) process. Unlike a more traditional RFP for a design competition or design-bid-build contract, the City is looking for a private sector development partner to participate in this unique project. This leading-edge process will harness the financial resources and creativity of the private sector and find a solution that will guarantee Brampton residents the best value solution without impacting property taxes. It’s an ambitious undertaking, which is why other jurisdictions across Canada are watching Brampton’s experience with interest.

With the close proximity to the Rose Theatre Brampton, restaurants and businesses, new condominiums, the Southwest Quadrant Renewal project will be a welcome addition to our downtown. We look forward to sharing more news about this exciting project.



2010 Events List

June

Flower City Parade

Downtown Brampton
June 19
2 pm

Opening of the Brampton Farmers Market

Downtown Brampton
June 19
7 am – 1 pm

July

Canada Day

Powerade Centre
July 1

September

Canadian National FireFit Championship (Blazin’ Summer Weekend)

South Fletcher’s Sportsplex
September 1 – 5

Brampton Day

Downtown Brampton
September 25
8 am – 2 pm

October

2010 Election

City Hall – 2 Wellington Street West
October 25

November

Remembrance Day

Chinguacousy Park
November 7
11 am

Remembrance Day

City Hall
November 7
2 pm
November 11
11 am

Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

City Hall Atrium, Ken Whillans Square,
Wellington Street West, Gage Park
November 19
6 – 8 pm

December

New Year’s Eve

Downtown Brampton
December 31
7 am – 12:30 am

January

Mayor’s New Years Day Levee

Rose Theatre Brampton
January 1
1 – 3 pm

Other community events supported by the City of Brampton

- **Brampton Blooms a Flower Show** – www.bramptonhort.org
- **Carabram** – www.carabram.org
- **Classic Cars & Legendary Stars** – www.bramptondowntown.com
- **Santa Claus Parade** – www.bramptonbot.com

Managing Growth, Protecting our Environment, Enhancing our Community

Bus Rapid Transit in Brampton – See You Sooner!

Züm (pronounced "zoom") is a City of Brampton initiative that will introduce Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) services along the City's key north-south and east-west corridors.

BRT is a public transit solution that supports high-capacity routes and has benefits similar to rail transportation – using world-class technologies to find faster ways to connect people and places.



A Better Way to Commute – Starting Fall 2010

Züm will significantly improve the quality of Brampton Transit's overall service. While Züm will be a unique addition, it won't operate separately. This means you'll be able to move between the two services with ease.

How you benefit:

- Frequency: running every seven to 10 minutes during peak periods and approximately every 15 minutes during off-peak hours.
- Reliability: technology to influence traffic signals to ensure buses remain on schedule even in mixed traffic.
- Advanced communication: real-time schedule information will be posted at all Züm station stops and terminals so you know where Züm vehicles are and when the next one is coming. Real-time rider information will also be available on our website and accessible through cell phones and other mobile devices.
- Limited stops: unlike conventional transit routes, the Züm lines will have limited stops reducing travel time.

Züm will give you better connectivity within Brampton and throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Züm will be completed in two phases with a total budget of \$285 million funded by all three levels of government.

Phase 1 of the project will see 50 to 60 new, technologically advanced BRT vehicles (which will be environmentally friendly and look different from our conventional fleet) on the road along three major corridors:

- Queen Street (Fall 2010) – Downtown Brampton to York University
- Main Street (Fall 2011) – Sandalwood Parkway to Mississauga City Centre
- Steeles Avenue (Fall 2012) – Shoppers World to Humber College

Phase 2 will expand services along Queen Street and Steeles Avenue, as well as introduce services on Bovaird Drive.

Züm program costs include:

- Roadway infrastructure, intersection modifications and signal priority equipment.
- New terminals and station stops with high-quality passenger amenities.
- Capital equipment including new vehicles for expanded and rebranded service.
- Intelligent Transportation System technologies including real-time passenger information.



Züm Vehicles

Züm BRT vehicles will look and operate in a new way. They will have state-of-the-art features to provide you with a safer, greener and a more comfortable ride:

- Clean hybrid diesel-electric technology boasting a 10 to 15 per cent fuel reduction compared to conventional diesel buses.

- Lower floors, wider doors and entrance ramp.
- Larger windows, tinted skylights and high-back plush seats.
- All stops along the Züm lines will also be announced and displayed visually on the buses to assist passengers while travelling.

Transit Terminals

To prepare for increased capacity, Phase 1 of Züm includes significant relocations/redesigns of two key transit terminals and a small facelift to a third:

- Bramalea Transit Terminal is being redesigned and relocated closer to Queen Street in preparation for Züm's Queen Street launch in fall 2010.
- Shoppers World Transit Terminal will be redesigned and relocated closer to Main Street in preparation for Züm's Main Street launch in fall 2011.
- Downtown Transit Terminal will also undergo a minor renovation in preparation for 2010 Queen Street launch.



Station Stops

Züm station stops will be unique to the GTA thanks to their modern design and functionality. Station stops will vary in size and will be equipped with spacious heated waiting areas, better lighting, security cameras and comfortable seating.

Each station stop will also feature a wide range of advanced communication technologies including digital signs that list real-time information about bus availability (so you can track when your next bus is coming) route maps and information boards.

Pedestrian Safety Plan

Earlier this year, the City Works and Transportation Department presented a Pedestrian Safety Plan report to Council. The report recommends the implementation of several initiatives focused on improving pedestrian safety including:

- For schools – increased school crossing signage, additional crossing guards, and a program aimed at encouraging children to walk to school using a designated signed route
- Traffic calming – introduction of measures to increase pedestrian visibility and reduce crossing distances in designated neighbourhoods
- Geometric changes to roads – study and possible implementation of innovative design techniques like pedestrian refuge islands
- Audible pedestrian signals – to advise pedestrians with vision or hearing impairments when they have the right-of-way to cross at an intersection
- Enhanced crosswalk markings – to be considered for roads with high pedestrian traffic
- Sidewalk maintenance – introduction of a yearly winter inspection to enhance pedestrian safety around schools and other areas that generate the most pedestrians.

The key change for 2010 will be improved pavement markings at crossings in key areas of the city.

In addition, the City's "Traffic Safety Around Schools and Playgrounds" pamphlet is now available on the City's website in 12 languages. To view or download the pamphlet, visit www.brampton.ca/en/residents/Roads/pedestrian-safety.

The City of Brampton provides a wide range of programs and services to meet the diverse needs of its citizens. Brampton is committed to keeping citizens informed and engaged in the development of a sustainable community with superior infrastructure and services that continue to provide a high quality of life, making Brampton a great place to live, work and play.

Environmental Master Plan

The City is moving forward with developing its first Environmental Master Plan (EMP), Brampton Grow Green. Throughout the process, community members and stakeholders will be engaged and inspired to become environmental champions and stewards. The EMP will define a sustainable environmental framework that will apply to the entire City of Brampton as a corporation and a land use approval authority. It will cover such issues as health and safety, education, operations management and building construction, transportation, community (land use) planning, energy, waste, water use, the natural heritage system, and urban green space.

When complete, this plan will establish strategic directions to improve the environmental sustainability of the City's built and natural systems. It will highlight what Brampton does well and will identify opportunities to further integrate environmental performance into the City's operations and decision making.

Our consultants are gathering background from all City departments, and are meeting with external members of the Technical Advisory Committee (Toronto Region Conservation Authority, Credit Valley Conservation and Region of Peel) and the Brampton Environmental Planning Advisory Committee (BEPAC). At the time of going to print, public workshops with community stakeholders and groups, the City's youth and the general public were expected to begin in May.

The success of this project relies on the participation of Brampton's residents, businesses and community groups. For more information, visit our Environmental Master Plan project page at www.brampton.ca. If you wish to share your thoughts, please contact growgreen@brampton.ca.

Help us protect the Kennedy Valley Trail for future generations!

The Kennedy Valley Trail is an important link in Brampton's trails and pathway network. The City of Brampton in partnership with the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) has been playing an active and vital role in the fulfillment of our plan to revitalize and expand the Etobicoke Creek Recreation Trail.

Ultimately, our goal is to create an integrated pathway system that extends north to Caledon and south to Mississauga and eventually Lake Ontario. Unfortunately, the final implementation of our revitalization plan for the Kennedy Valley will be facing significant delays unless we are able to discourage the illegal off-roading by ATVs, motorcycles and snowmobiles.

We need your help

Kennedy Valley is NOT an ATV or snowmobiling trail. Not only is this illegal off-roading causing significant damage to the natural environment, it is dangerous. In addition, this activity poses a danger to pedestrians who will be using the park trail.

How can you help restore Kennedy Valley?

There are several things you can do to help us restore Kennedy Valley.

1. If you do use Kennedy Valley for off-roading, stop doing it! Continued illegal use of the land will result in fines and charges.
2. Spread the word that using ATVs, snowmobiles and any other motor vehicles in the Kennedy Valley Trail will no longer be tolerated and that fines will be levied against trespassers.
3. As a proud Bramptonian and an outdoor enthusiast, protect your parkland for everyone to enjoy.

Illegal off-roaders can face a fine of up to \$5,000!

For more information, contact:

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Web: www.brampton.ca

Downtown Hotel and Convention Centre update

As part of the revitalization of downtown Brampton, the City has invested significantly in the public infrastructure supporting a redevelopment of the historic downtown, including: The Rose Theatre Brampton; City Hall; four parking structures; and various road realignment projects. With the growing demand for a venue to stage professional events, corporate and community meetings and conventions, the potential role of a hotel convention centre in downtown Brampton is quite significant.

After a Feasibility Study by external consultants, it was concluded that the Downtown Brampton GO Station site is the highest-rated public site for the proposed hotel. In December 2009, the Mayor and senior staff met with GO Transit officials regarding the development of a Hotel and Convention Centre in Downtown Brampton on the GO station site.

At the meeting, it was agreed that GO Transit and the City of Brampton would enter into an agreement guiding a due diligence period focused on the creation of a site plan; preparation of a financial analysis and exploration/definition of possible businesses models supporting a hotel and convention centre development on the parcel of land located on the south side of Church Street between Mill Street and Main Street North, known as the Downtown Brampton GO Station.

With GO Transit's interest to explore the feasibility of a Hotel and Conference Centre development on the Downtown Brampton GO Station lands (Church Street, west of Main Street North) confirmed, City staff received Council approval earlier this year on the following next steps:

1. Complete a site plan development concept for the Church Street lands utilizing the services of an outside firm. This plan shall identify site statistics, building massing, entry and exitway, municipal land use requirements, and conceptual architectural features.
2. Analyze the financial and economic feasibility of the proposed site plan including information on the development format and general economic impact statement related to the site plan.
3. Define the business management structure and preferred funding model(s) including: the municipality, GO Transit/Metrolinx (GTTA), Senior Government funding programs and private investors (developer/contractor(s), hotelier/ operator, other intermediaries).
4. Develop a draft Request for Proposal (RFP) document that shall serve to invite investors to the project.

For information visit www.brampton.ca.



Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) to come into effect July 1, 2010

As announced in the 2009 Ontario Budget, the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) will be replaced with a new tax that will be combined with the federal Goods and Service Tax (GST) to create a Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) for Ontario.

The provincial portion of the new HST Tax will be eight per cent and the federal portion of the HST will be five per cent, for a combined HST rate of 13 per cent. The new HST will come into effect on July 1, 2010.

This new tax will use the same general rules and tax base as the existing federal GST and will apply to most items that currently attracts a GST. For a complete list of exempt items, refer to the Ministry of Revenue at www.rev.gov.on.ca.

Although the new HST does not come into effect until July 1, 2010, the City of Brampton, like all organizations and businesses, must start collecting the new tax on advance payments made between May 1 and June 30, 2010 for taxable goods and services delivered after July 1.

There are certain City of Brampton services where the City will have to start charging the HST (13 per cent), namely:

- Rental fees for skating rinks
- Rental and lease fees for City facilities
- Fitness memberships and recreation programs for individuals over 14 years old.

This represents an eight per cent increase to include the provincial portion of the HST. For more information about the HST, please visit the province's website at www.rev.gov.on.ca.

Enjoy Brampton's parks and open spaces

The City of Brampton offers more than 6,000 acres of parkland and open space throughout the city. With more than 850 parks, 217 km of trails and countless floral displays, playgrounds and amenities for your enjoyment, just choose what suits you and your family the best. Whether you're looking for a large park with activities and attractions to entertain you, or a small, quiet spot to commune with nature, you will find the perfect place in the City of Brampton.

Enjoying parks safely

For your own safety, and the comfort of other park users, it is important to respect the rules and by-laws pertaining to City parks.

- Cyclists and in-line skaters should wear an appropriate helmet.
- Open fires (including barbecues) are not allowed in City parks without written permission from the Fire Department.
- Loitering in the park is not permitted between 11 pm and 7 am.
- Motorized vehicles are not permitted in parks (except motorized wheelchairs) without prior permission from the City.



Be a courteous park user

- Trails are used by pedestrians, cyclists, wheelchairs, and in-line skaters. Be courteous and share the trails.
- Keep your pets on a leash unless you are in a designated leash-free area.
- Don't forget to stoop and scoop.
- Help keep our trails clean by not littering or dumping garbage.
- Respect private property and stay on the marked public trails.
- Do not plant, remove or damage plants or naturalized areas.

For more information about Brampton's parks system and how you can get involved:

- Pick up a brochure at your local recreation centre
- Call 311
- Check out the interactive map online at www.brampton.ca to find a park near you.

Canadian National FireFit Championships

Brampton Fire and Emergency Services is thrilled to be hosting this year's Canadian National FireFit Championships. Events will take place at South Fletcher's Sportsplex from September 1 – 5. More than 400 firefighters from across Canada, the United States and as far away as Dubai will compete against the clock and each other in thrilling team and individual events.

The Championship Finals are aired every year on several sports television networks. Additional details, including a schedule of events, will be posted on www.brampton.ca and www.bramptonfire.com as they become available.

Registration for Fall/Winter 2010 Recreation Programs

Registration for fall and winter recreation programs begins Monday, August 9, 2010.

Visit www.brampton.ca to find out about recreation programs and take advantage of on-line registration – no waiting, 24-hour a day access.

The Fall & Winter 2010 Recreation Program Guide will be available for pick-up at your local community centre, public library or City Hall by July 30, 2010. The Recreation Program Guide may also be viewed on the City's website.

Please note that the City has discontinued door-to-door delivery of the Recreation Program Guide. This change will reduce the City's printing costs and save the cost of delivery. It will also consume much less paper, consistent with the City's commitment to sustainability.



New ways to serve you better



The City of Brampton has just introduced two exciting new customer service enhancements. Residents now have municipal information, programs and services at their fingertips, 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week.

The official City of Brampton website has been completely redesigned to provide a better experience for all users. The content on the website has been updated and reorganized to make it easier to find what you're looking for, and ensure that information is always current and up-to-date.

The new website will continue to offer new online services as they become available, so check back often for updates. Visit the City's new website at www.brampton.ca

311 is an easy-to-remember telephone number to access non-emergency local municipal government information, programs and services provided by the City of Brampton and Region of Peel. Representatives are available 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week to respond to your requests, and service is available in more than 150 languages using telephone interpretation.

All regular City of Brampton phone numbers still work. 311 is simply an additional, simplified option to help serve you better.

Scotiabank Start-Up Business of the Year Award 2010

Are you Brampton's Start-Up Business of the Year? The Brampton Small Business Enterprise Centre is now accepting submissions for its Start-Up Business of the Year (SUBY) Award. Launched by the Centre in 2007, this program was created to recognize and celebrate new ventures in Brampton's small business community.

If you:

- Have launched a Brampton-based business in 2009 or 2010
- Are not a franchise or purchased business (from a previous owner)
- Have 10 or fewer employees
- Are a Brampton Small Business Enterprise Centre client

Visit www.brampton-business.com or email sbec@brampton.ca to find out how to apply. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash prize from Scotiabank. Application deadline is October 4, 2010. Finalists will be notified by October 11.

Help keep Brampton clean and green

The Brampton Clean City Committee offers a variety of ways for Bramptonians to show their community pride by helping to keep our city beautiful.

Adopt-a-park

Be a part of the preservation and enhancement of the City's parks system! Volunteer on your own or with your family, neighbours, community group, or business to donate time and resources to take special care of a City park.

Youth Park and Trail Stewardship

Youth, ages 13-18, are invited to meet new friends, earn community service hours, and have fun while helping to keep Brampton clean and green! Throughout the spring, summer and fall, teens can take part in organized cleanups at community parks and trails. Check your Spring & Summer Recreation Program Guide for times and locations, and register at your local recreation centre.

This section provides a miscellany of "bits and bites" of information that may be of interest to residents of Brampton. Please note that information provided is not necessarily related to a City of Brampton municipal program or service, but may fall under regional, provincial or federal government jurisdiction.

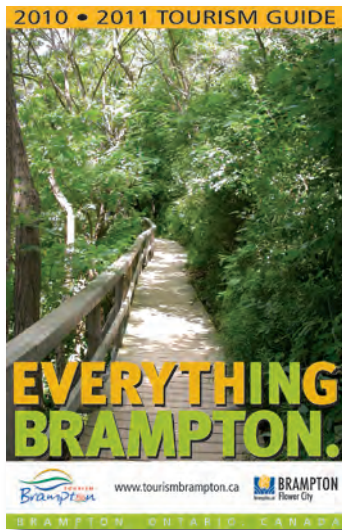
Spring and Harvest Cleanups

In 2009, more than 100,000 volunteers took part in Brampton's two seasonal, city-wide litter cleanup events. This year's Spring Cleanup was a great success once again, and plans are in the works for another exciting Harvest Cleanup this October. Thank you for your support!

For more information or to register for Clean City programs and upcoming events, please visit www.brampton.ca/cleancity, or call 905.874.2828.

Explore your city with Brampton's Tourism Guide

You don't need to stray far from home to discover beautiful parks, fascinating history, exciting festivals and events, diverse arts and culture, and lots of opportunities for sports, leisure and shopping. Everything Brampton is at your fingertips with the newly released 2010-2011 Tourism Guide.



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The new HACE program

The City of Brampton has created a new downtown planning and economic development program focusing on heritage, arts, culture and entertainment (HACE) sectors. This initiative builds on the ten-year program and established relationship between the City and the Brampton Arts Council.

HACE-related activities that are already in place include:

- Art in the Open with the Brampton Farmers' Market
- Business of the Arts Workshops held in November of each year
- Arts Incubator at Beaux Arts Studio
- Events, festivals and performances
- Business of the Arts Directory

Working with partners such as the Brampton Downtown Development Corporation and the Brampton Arts Council, the HACE Committee is working on a new creative sector program designed to attract more people to our beautiful downtown.

June is Seniors Month – celebrate at the Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre!

Join us for the Seniors Picnic on June 18 from 11 am – 3 pm. This year the party will be outdoors with a catered BBQ lunch and dancing at the Seniors Centre. Tickets may be purchased for \$10.15 at Flower City or Knightsbridge Seniors Centres.

For lots of other fun activities, pick up the Seniors Spring and Summer Activities Guide, now available. The Seniors Centre is a recreation facility for Brampton seniors, age 55 and up. The Centre offers a wide variety of activities, including salon services, registered courses in dance, fitness, computers, arts and crafts, bus trips and special events, as well as fun drop-in activities like cards and games.

The City's seniors programs are very reasonably priced and are a great way to stay active, meet new people and have fun. Pick up your Spring and Summer Activities Guide at the Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre, 8870 McLaughlin Rd., or call 905.874.3500 for details.



Property Tax Assistance Program for eligible low income seniors and disabled taxpayers

The City of Brampton has replaced the Seniors Tax Rebate Program that provided a \$300 property tax rebate to eligible applicants. Effective 2010, a new program has been approved by City Council, increasing the rebate to \$400 and expanding eligibility requirements to include low-income disabled persons.

Low-income seniors or disabled taxpayers are eligible to apply if they are a property owner or the spouse or same sex-partner of an owner, and if one or both:

1. Is 65 years of age and in receipt of the Guaranteed Income Supplement (GIS) under Part II of the Old Age Security Act, or is disabled and in receipt of benefits under the Ontario Disability Support Program Act.
2. Occupy the property as a personal/principal residence.
3. Has been assessed as an owner of the residential property located in the municipality for at least one year.

How to Apply for a Rebate

Eligible seniors or disabled taxpayers must apply annually and applications must be made by December 31st of the current taxation year.

The application is available either in person at City Hall, by calling the Tax office at 905.874.2200, or you can download a copy from the City of Brampton website at www.brampton.ca.

Peel Heritage Complex undergoing major revamp

Big changes are in the offing for the Peel Heritage Complex. The complex that houses the region's archives, museum and art gallery closed its doors in March to undergo a year-long \$13-million overhaul that will both raise the status of the facility and create new opportunities for the public. The complex will reopen in Fall 2011.

The expanded Peel Heritage Complex will have new community and studio spaces for music, lectures, performances and films, an increased presence on the Internet, and a bigger focus on Peel's diverse ethnicity and culture.

For information, visit www.peelheritagecomplex.org

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By-laws, Building Permits, Crossing Guards, Economic Development, Fire and Emergency Services, Libraries, Licensing, Local Roads, Parks and Recreation, Planning, Small Business Enterprise Centre, Snow Removal, Taxation, Traffic, Transit, Zoning

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Council Offices	905.874.2616
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Fire Administration	905.874.2700
Human Resources	905.874.2150
Rose Theatre Box Office	905.874.2800
Risk & Insurance	905.874.2144
Information Technology	905.874.2000
Licensing	905.874.2580
Legal Services	905.874.2675
Parking Enforcement	905.874.3424
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Cyril Clark Library revitalization

The Cyril Clark Library, which closed to the public in January 2009 for a major revitalization project, is expected to be completed by May 2010. The library will re-open in July.

The revitalization project includes: the addition of approximately 3,800 square feet of community space; washroom redesign in keeping with the Ontario Disabilities Act; and a new roof, HVAC system and windows. The revitalization of the interior includes focus on the introduction of Radio Frequency Identification Technology (RFID) for the circulation of material along with the enhancement of the children's area with early literacy workstations and child-friendly furniture for the youngest customers and their families.

This is a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) project, the first one the city has in its portfolio.

Mount Pleasant wetlands development and protection

The Mount Pleasant community, located in northwest Brampton, is a prime example of the City's eco-friendly approach to urban planning to achieve a sustainable and a healthy natural heritage system. Northwest Brampton is an agricultural community with scattered natural woodlands, wetlands and small watercourses. The Mount Pleasant Subwatershed Study emphasizes the protection of existing features and the restoration, maintenance and creation of key natural functions in this fragmented landscape.

Existing wetlands that will be protected in Mount Pleasant include forested swamps, woodland vernal pools, and localized floodplain wetlands, covering approximately 5.7 hectares of the area. New wetlands to be created include marsh, open water, and forested swamp communities that will cover approximately 35 hectares. These wetlands, in combination with restored and enhanced watercourses, will provide critical natural functions along the East Huttonville Creek and Fletcher's Creek corridors with the focus being to restore and enhance significant habitat for waterfowl, amphibians, fish and wildlife.

Wetland creation in Mount Pleasant will also be one of the first planning examples in Ontario where private lands are being dedicated for the restoration of historical wetland cover in Peel Region. An existing farm field between two woodland-wetlands known as the 'tooth', identified as a high-priority wetland restoration area in the study *Identification of Sites for Wetland Creation in the TRCA and CVC, 2005*, will be restored through the efforts of the developers, the City of Brampton and the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Wetland conservation efforts in Mount Pleasant will focus on restoring existing swamp communities that are being impacted by stream channels that were previously lowered and channelized through the existing woodlands/wetlands. These restoration measures will significantly improve both the features and functions of these protected wetlands, including wildlife habitat.

Brampton Brick Update

The Brampton Brick rezoning application, related to the Norval Quarry, is currently under review by City staff. To assist in assessing the planning application and supporting materials, Mr. Mark Dorfman was retained as the City's Aggregate Advisor in December 2009. Additionally, the City of Brampton has created a multi-agency Joint Aggregate Review Team (JART) that includes: the City of Brampton, the Regions of Peel and Halton, the Province of Ontario, adjacent municipalities like Halton Hills and Caledon, and commenting agencies.

At the time of going to print, the City was drafting terms of reference for external consultants to peer review a number of technical reports that were submitted by the Brampton Brick rezoning application.

Once the peer review consultants are selected, staff will prepare a status report for the Planning Committee. Staff will again report to Planning Committee following completion of the peer review exercise to update the findings and seek direction to undertake public consultation with area residents.

For further information on the rezoning application, visit www.brampton.ca.

Award for Peel Living



FRPO Award: (Left to right) Peel Living Housing Corporation's General Manager, Glen O'Brecht; Vice President and Regional Councillor Patricia Mullin; President and Regional Councillor Paul Palleschi; FRPO's President/CEO Vince Brescia; Board of Directors Chair David Horwood; and CRB Program Director Ted Whitehead

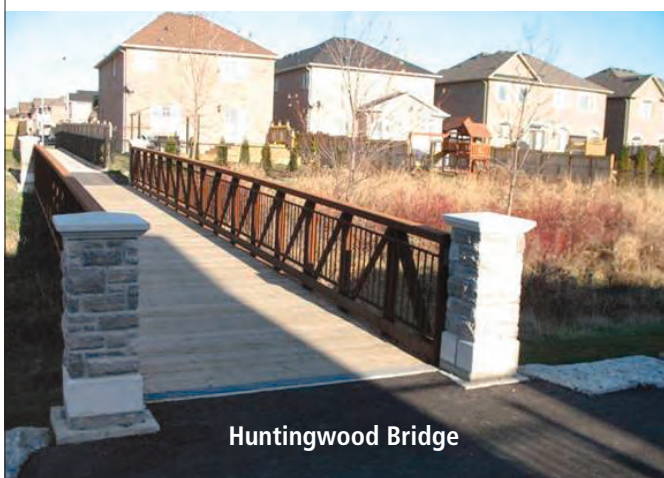
Earlier this year in March, the Federation of Rental-housing Providers of Ontario (FRPO) presented Peel Living with an award recognizing the certification of its 70 residential property sites under FRPO's Certified Rental Building Program. Peel Living is the first social housing provider in Canada to receive the Certified Rental Building Designation.

The certification involved a rigorous process that required tireless efforts of Peel Living staff to ensure the FRPO standards were met. The recognition award is a result of staff's outstanding contribution and dedication to Peel Living residents.

New park, pathway and streetscape

Neighbourhood Parks:

- **Magnolia Development:** Located at the intersection of Van Kirk Drive and Begonia Crescent, the park was opened in late 2009. This facility includes an elaborate junior and senior play structure that features an innovative climbing structure, pathways, seating, gazebo and an open play area.



Pathways:

- **Huntingwood Bridge:** A pedestrian bridge was installed in 2009 to connect the existing pedestrian trails that opened to the public in Spring 2008. This bridge completes an attractive local limestone trail that was carefully constructed through one of the area's scenic woodlots and over a new storm water management pond.

Streetscapes – Stormwater management ponds:

• Creditview Crossing Streetscape Works:

The City is working closely with local developers and their consultants to preserve the heritage character of Creditview Road south of Queen Street. Special attention is being given to the preservation of the existing mature tree canopy and hedge rows that give this road its unique identity in Brampton. To this end, the existing roadway and ditches will be retained and the only intrusion will be paired driveways carefully spaced between the existing vegetation on wide lots that will have frontage on Creditview Road. New large trees will be added where there are gaps in the existing canopy. To further protect the existing streetscape, the typical concrete sidewalk will be substituted with an informal asphalt-surfaced path behind the hedgerow that will extend from Queen Street to Eldorado Park.

Mount Pleasant Community Breaks Ground

As one of the fastest growing cities in Canada, Brampton has been recognized – both locally and internationally – for its innovative, environmentally-sound, transit-centred, and people-friendly planning.

The development of the Mount Pleasant Mobility Hub is a perfect demonstration of our commitment to these planning principles. Supported with a \$23 million investment from the federal government's Infrastructure Stimulus Funding (ISF) program, construction has begun on this exciting and innovative new community in the northwest corner of the City.

The Mount Pleasant Community is an environmentally sustainable, transit-oriented, and pedestrian-friendly community, distinct from any other new community currently planned in the Greater Toronto Area. Mount Pleasant emphasizes elements that will help create an innovative community with mixed uses, a variety of housing types and densities, and an emphasis on encouraging public transit as a viable alternative to the automobile.

The Mount Pleasant Community can be broken down into three components:

1. Mount Pleasant Community is the entire development project; the "Inverted L" bounded by the CN rail line, Mississauga Road, Mayfield Road and Creditview Road.
2. Mount Pleasant Village is the triangle-shaped portion in the southeast corner of the development, bordered by the CN line, Creditview Road and James Potter Road; it will include higher-density residential, live-work units, as well as commercial, civic and transit elements.
3. Mount Pleasant Mobility Hub is a specific portion of the Mount Pleasant Village, adjacent to the CN line, which includes transit infrastructure, boulevard enhancements, civic square, cultural amenity space and CPR station reconstruction. This is the portion that is funded through the ISF agreement.

The Mount Pleasant Mobility Hub will serve as an interface for GO commuter rail, Züm Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), conventional Brampton Transit, alternative transportation modes (pedestrians and cyclists) and automobiles.

The Mobility Hub will also include a civic square that will act as a focal point for the community. Other elements include: transit infrastructure, boulevard enhancements, cultural amenity space (including programming space and a branch library) and the CPR station reconstruction.

Construction is expected to take approximately 12 months, with the grand opening of the Mobility Hub scheduled for Spring 2011.

Designed in cooperation with community members, business leaders, and various levels of government, it is expected that Mount Pleasant will become a regional and national benchmark of innovative community planning and design.

