



Minutes

City Council - Special Meeting

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

January 19, 20, and 27, 2026 and February 6, 2026

Members Present: Mayor Patrick Brown
Regional Councillor R. Santos
Regional Councillor P. Vicente
Regional Councillor N. Kaur Brar
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi
Regional Councillor D. Keenan
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros
Regional Councillor P. Fortini
Regional Councillor G. Singh Toor
City Councillor R. Power
Deputy Mayor H. Singh

Staff Present: Marlon Kallideen, Chief Administrative Officer
Bill Boyes, Commissioner, Community Services
Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth
Management
Laura Johnston, Commissioner, Legislative Services
Peter Pilateris, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
Jason Tamming, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Support
Services
Heidi Dempster, General Manager, Brampton Transit
Steven Ross, Acting City Solicitor, Legislative Services
Nash Damer, Treasurer, Corporate Support Services
Mark Medeiros, Chief Budget Officer, Corporate Support
Services
Genevieve Scharback, City Clerk
Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

On January 19, 2026 the meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m., recessed at 11:57 a.m., reconvened at 12:46 p.m. and recessed again at 12:52 p.m.

On January 20, 2026 the meeting reconvened at 10:00 a.m. and recessed at 11:58 a.m.

On January 27, 2026 the meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m. and recessed at 3:29 p.m.

On February 6, 2026 the meeting reconvened at 11:02 a.m., recessed at 11:06 a.m., reconvened in closed session at 12:00 p.m., recessed at 12:02 p.m., reconvened in open session at 12:12 p.m. and adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Attendance Notes:

All Members were present for each meeting session.

Meeting Chair Roles:

- January 27, 2026
 - Deputy Mayor Singh assumed the Chair from approximately 1:26 p.m. to 1:43 p.m.
 - Regional Councillor Vicente assumed the Chair from approximately 2:07 p.m. to 2:16 p.m.
- February 6, 2026
 - Regional Councillor Vicente assumed the Chair from approximately 11:02 a.m. to 11:06 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

C022-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi

Seconded by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026 be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

3. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Legislative Services Department budget, in that his daughter is employed within the By-law and Enforcement Services Division.

Mayor Brown declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Downtown Brampton BIA budget funding, in that his partner owns property within the downtown area.

4. Staff Presentations

4.1 Presentation by Mayor Brown, Mark Medeiros, Chief Budget Officer, and Nash Damer, Treasurer, re: 2026 Proposed Budget

Mayor Brown provided an overview of the 2026 proposed budget, including the approval process and timelines, public consultation, and resident concerns regarding affordability. The Mayor encouraged Members of Council to provide input on the proposed budget.

Mark Medeiros, Chief Budget Officer, thanked Members of Council and staff for their guidance and support, and presented the Corporate Overview for the proposed 2026 budget.

Council discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Budget impact and challenges in relation to Brampton's unreported population, and the City's advocacy for more funding
- Review of the departmental structure and management level staff
- Transition of services from the Region of Peel, including roads and waste collection
- Request for additional information on the City's reserve funds, including balances and contributions to these funds
- Clarification regarding the commercial tax rate and the infrastructure and transit levy

The following motion was considered.

C023-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Medeiros

Seconded by City Councillor Power

That the presentation by Mayor Brown, Mark Medeiros, Chief Budget Officer, and Nash Damer, Treasurer, to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

- a. Mayor – Introductory Budget Presentation
- b. Chief Budget Officer and Treasurer – Financial Context and Budget Proposal

Carried

4.2 Departmental Presentations

- a. Transit
- b. Community Services
- c. Public Works and Engineering
- d. Corporate Support Services
- e. Planning, Building and Growth Management
- f. Legislative Services
- g. Office of the CAO

a. Transit

Heidi Dempster, General Manager, Transit, presented the 2026 Proposed Budget for the Transit Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Transit ridership
- Budget for fuel and clarification regarding the provincial gas tax and carbon credit
- Bus purchases and refurbishments
- Infrastructure for electric buses
- High Order Transit review on Steeles Avenue
- Future construction for proposed shelters/pads
- Business Plan review and the purpose of this plan

- Clarification regarding the CAD/AVL hardware and system enhancements program
- Repairs to Gateway terminals
- Status of 2025 staff requests and new staff requests in 2026

b. Community Services

Bill Boyes, Commissioner, Community Services, presented the 2026 Proposed Budget for the Community Services Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Abandoned shopping carts on City property and associated costs
- Proposal for a fire inspection fee for the Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) program and repeat inspections
- Rental space for the arts community at Central Public School
- Budget impact of delegation requests to waive fees
- Request for a breakdown of risk intervention and response, and funding from the Region of Peel
- Labour expenditures and gapping of unfilled positions
- Status of 2025 staff requests and new staff requests in 2026
- 2026 Garden Square programming and budget, and downtown construction impacts
- Decrease in the Parks Maintenance and Forestry budget
- Tree Planting program and the warranty on planted trees
- Accounting for utilities and fuel for the Animal Services Division
- 2026 staff requests in Fire and Emergency Services to support the RRL program
- Request for further information regarding unspent and uncommitted funds

The following motion was considered.

C024-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente

Seconded by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

That the following departmental presentations to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

- a. Transit
- b. Community Services

Carried

c. Public Works and Engineering

Peter Pilateris, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering, presented the 2026 Proposed Budget for the Public Works and Engineering Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Status of 2025 staff requests and new staff requests in 2026
- Approved budget for the Embleton Community Centre project
- Status of Development Charges reserves
- Clarification regarding the collection of Development Charges
- Amount of unspent capital
- Capital budget for roads, including construction on Countryside Drive and Goreway drive
- 2026 budget request for the purchase of new vehicles and a request for additional information on the need/use for these vehicles and the size of each department's fleet
- Budget for street lighting, including lighting on trails
- Budget for wayfinding and elevator upgrades, and operational issues with City Hall elevators
- Request for information on the previous allocation of funds for sound walls on Sandalwood Parkway
- Security and safety, and the potential utilization of ASE cameras on trails and in parks
- Update on the installation of cameras at intersections

The following motion was considered.

C025-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Singh Toor
Seconded by City Councillor Power

That the following departmental presentation to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

c. Public Works and Engineering

Carried

d. Corporate Support Services

Jason Tamming, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Support Services, presented the 2026 Proposed Budget for the Corporate Support Services Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Increase to Marquee Festival funding
- Budgets for video production and labour costs
- Council budgets for advertising and promotion
- 2026 staff requests
- Request for information on the budgets for the Mount Pleasant Night Market and Movie Nights

The following motion was considered.

C026-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Singh

That the following departmental presentation to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

d. Corporate Support Services

Carried

e. Planning, Building and Growth Management

Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, presented the 2026 Proposed Budget for the Planning, Building and Growth Management Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Base operating growth in 2026
- CIP for major office employment tax incremental equivalent grant
- Status of 2024 and 2025 staff requests and indication that there are no new staff requests for 2026
 - In response to questions from Council, Steven Ross, Acting City Solicitor, advised that matters relating to labour relations should be considered in closed session.
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and strategic plan in relation to housing, and the impact of the housing market and provincial policy on the City's housing pledge

f. Legislative Services

Laura Johnston, Commissioner, Legislative Services, presented the 2026 Proposed Budget for the Legislative Services Department.

There were no questions from Council.

The following motion was considered.

C027-2026

Moved by Deputy Mayor Singh

Seconded by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

That the following departmental presentations to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

- e. Planning, Building and Growth Management
- f. Legislative Services

Carried

g. Office of the CAO

Marlon Kallideen, CAO, presented the 2026 Proposed Budget for the Office of the CAO.

There were no questions from Council.

The following motion was considered.

C028-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Medeiros

Seconded by City Councillor Power

That the following departmental presentation to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

g. Office of the CAO

Carried

5. Public Delegations

5.1 Possible Delegations re: 2026 Proposed Budget

Tuesday, January 20, 2026 (10:00 am)

1. Jaipaul Massey-Singh, CEO, Brampton Board of Trade, re: Budget 2026 Response from the Business Community
2. Vijai Kumar Singh, Co-Founder, Third Space Music Inc., re: Two Way All Day GO Service (Four Tracks)
3. Sunny Ahmad, Brampton Resident, re: Removal of Bike Lanes at Howden and Dixie/Williams Parkway Area
4. Dayle Laing, BikeBrampton, re: Brampton Vision in relation to Bike Lane Infrastructure

Tuesday, January 27, 2026 (1:00 pm)

1. Chris Drew, re: City Clerk's Office Capital Budget - Use of TMMIS instead of eScribe

Note: Delegation 1 was withdrawn on January 26, 2026.

2. Idris Orughu, Brampton Resident, re: 2026 Budget Proposal
3. Cindy Evans, Brampton Resident, re: Brampton's Bike Lane Infrastructure Plan

4. Stephen Laidlaw, Brampton Resident, re: Brampton Vision in Relation to Bike Lane Infrastructure
5. Dennis Szilvasy, Brampton Resident, re: Bike Lane Infrastructure
6. Justin Kang, Brampton Resident, re: Howden Bike Lanes
7. Anna Hooper, Brampton Resident, re: Removal of Bike Lanes on Howden Boulevard
8. Ann Robson, Brampton Resident, re: Removal of Bike Lanes on Howden Boulevard
9. Bill Emms, Brampton Resident, re: 2026 Proposed Budget
Note: Delegation 9 was withdrawn on January 27, 2026.
10. Sylvia Roberts, Brampton Resident, re: 2026 Proposed Budget - Transit

Jaipaul Massey-Singh, CEO, Brampton Board of Trade, addressed Council regarding the proposed 2026 budget and response from the business community, and provided information on the following:

- Importance of transit to the business community and the need to stabilize transit funding
- Prioritizing funding and advocacy for the Queen Street Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project

The delegation added that the Board of Trade is prepared to advocate and partner with the City in these initiatives, noting that this will demonstrate the City's commitment to the business community and to attracting business investment.

The following motion was considered.

C029-2026

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Singh

That the following delegation to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

Jaipaul Massey-Singh, CEO, Brampton Board of Trade, re: Budget 2026
Response from the Business Community

Carried

Vijai Kumar Singh, Co-Founder, Third Space Music Inc., addressed Council regarding the proposed 2026 budget and Two Way All Day GO Service in Brampton. The delegation outlined the economic benefits of more frequent GO train service to Brampton and the need to advocate for a fourth track.

In response to questions from Council, staff provided information on the City's advocacy efforts for Two Way All Day GO and 15 minute service, and advised that Metrolinx has not committed a date for the third track. In addition, staff advised that a fourth track is required to achieve 15 minute service.

Council expressed support for Two Way All Day GO Service in Brampton and acknowledged its importance for Brampton's economy and residents.

The following motion was considered.

C030-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi

Seconded by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

That the following delegation to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

Vijai Kumar Singh, Co-Founder, Third Space Music Inc., re: Two Way All Day GO Service (Four Tracks)

Carried

Sunny Ahmad, Brampton Resident, expressed concerns regarding the protected bike lanes along Howden Boulevard and described the traffic impacts in the area, including on Dixie Road and Williams Parkway. The delegation provided additional information with respect to the following:

- Negative impact of the bike lanes on traffic flow and area residents
- Petition previously submitted by residents regarding the bike lanes
- Concerns regarding emergency vehicle access due to increased traffic
- Previous survey conducted by staff regarding the bike lanes and the lack of support from area residents
- Low usage of these bike lanes

The delegation requested that the cement curbs be removed from the bike lanes to alleviate traffic congestion and improve traffic flow in this area.

Council discussion on this matter included the following:

- The City's Mobility Plan and the need for more affordable transit options
- Increased use of the Howden Boulevard bike lanes
- Cost of active transportation infrastructure compared to roads
- Impact of the Howden Boulevard bike lanes on traffic low in this area

The following motion was considered.

C031-2026

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

That the following delegation to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

Sunny Ahmad, Brampton Resident, re: Removal of Bike Lanes at Howden Boulevard and Dixie Road/Williams Parkway Area

Carried

Dayle Laing, BikeBrampton, addressed Council regarding the Brampton's vision in relation to bike lane infrastructure and provided information with respect to the following:

- The importance of investing in active transportation infrastructure and to plan for future growth
- Council approval of Brampton's 2040 Vision and the Mobility Plan
- Evidence-based decision making
- Impact of the potential removal of the Howden Boulevard bike lanes on the east-west corridor

Council discussion on this matter included the following:

- Implementation of the Active Transportation Master Plan
- Increased speeding on roads since the cancellation of the Automated Speed Enforcement program

The following motion was considered.

C032-2026

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

That the following delegation to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

Dayle Laing, BikeBrampton, re: Brampton Vision in relation to Bike Lane Infrastructure

Carried

Idris Orughu, Brampton Resident, outlined their opinion that the proposed 2026 budget increase does not align with the current economic climate and challenges faced by residents, including inflation, and indicated that residents are not getting value for money. In addition, the delegation:

- requested that the City find efficiencies and savings in various projects and contracts
- highlighted the importance of transparency and accountability
- outlined the need for improvements to the City's infrastructure and enforcement services

Council shared information regarding subsidized programs offered by the City to support residents and provide access to recreation.

Cindy Evans, Brampton Resident, addressed Council regarding Brampton's bike lane infrastructure, outlined their opinion that the 2040 Vision and Mobility Plan are only achievable if people use active transportation, and highlighted the benefits of the Howden Boulevard bike lanes. The delegation outlined the need to encourage youth and residents to use active transportation in order to achieve the City's vision.

In response to questions from Council, the delegation outlined the importance of the Howden Boulevard bike lanes to the east-west corridor and the impact of replacing these bike lanes with sharrows.

Stephen Laidlaw, Brampton Resident, addressed Council regarding the Howden Boulevard bike lanes, outlined the importance of protected bike lanes for cyclists, including delivery riders that depend on this infrastructure for work, and referenced the Vision Zero approach to road safety. In addition, the delegation:

- advised that protected bike lanes are a safer design option
- provided information on the use of sharrows
- highlighted the health benefits of active transportation

- advised that active transportation provides residents with an affordable transportation option

Staff responded to questions from Council regarding use and effectiveness of sharrows in accordance with the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) - Book 18.

Dennis Szilvasy, Brampton Resident, addressed Council regarding the Howden Boulevard bike lanes and its importance to the east-west corridor. The delegation outlined the impact of population growth and traffic on cycling and expressed support for maintaining the protected bike lanes. In addition, the delegation outlined the need to encourage people to use active transportation.

In response to questions from Council, the delegation outlined safety concerns in relation to cycling on Bovaird Drive due to increased traffic and bike lanes on the boulevard, and highlighted the benefits of protected bike lanes and the Howden Boulevard bike lanes to the east-west corridor.

Justin Kang, Brampton Resident, addressed Council and provided a presentation regarding the Howden Boulevard bike lanes, which included information regarding:

- the importance of these bike lanes to the east-west corridor and lane connectivity
- previous speeding and traffic concerns on this road
- history of the implementation of these bike lanes
- impact of Peel Region construction in the area
- data regarding e-scooters and e-bikes
- safe active transportation infrastructure

Council asked questions of staff regarding the previous installation of rocks in the area of Howden Boulevard and Vodden Street due to speeding and unsafe driving, and how the installation of the bike lanes improved safety in this area.

A Point of Order was raised by Regional Councillor Toor, for which Mayor Brown gave leave. Councillor Toor indicated that this matter should not be debated at this time.

Anna Hooper, Brampton Resident, addressed Council regarding the impact of the bike lanes on Howden Boulevard on traffic in the area and requested that they be removed. The delegation outlined the following:

- Lack of consultation with area residents regarding the installation of the bike lanes

- Concerns regarding a survey conducted by staff
- Petition signed by residents requesting the removal of the bike lanes
- Traffic impacts due to the bike lanes, including impact on emergency vehicle access
- Increased traffic due to Additional Residential Units (ARUs)
- The need to design bike lanes that keep cyclists safe and maintains traffic flow

Anna Hooper, Brampton Resident, read a statement on behalf of Ann Robson, Brampton Resident, regarding the bike lanes on Howden Boulevard, which included the following:

- Impact of the bike lanes on area residents
- Lack of use of the bike lanes
- Traffic congestion during peak hours and the impact on emergency vehicle access
- Statistics on accidents in the area before and after the installation of the bike lanes
- Concerns regarding a survey conducted by staff

Sylvia Roberts, Brampton Resident, addressed Council regarding the 2026 Proposed Budget in relation to Transit, outlined the impact of the reduction of international students on transit ridership, and suggested that the City consider establishing an operating stabilization reserve for transit, similar to the TTC in the City of Toronto.

In response to the delegation, Mayor Brown and staff provided information regarding the use of the General Rate Stabilization Reserve for all lines of business, and explained how fluctuations resulting from the decrease in student ridership was addressed.

The following motion was considered.

C033-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

Seconded by Regional Councillor Keenan

That the following delegations to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **2026 Proposed Budget**, be received:

1. Idris Orughu, Brampton Resident, re: 2026 Budget Proposal
2. Cindy Evans, Brampton Resident, re: Brampton's Bike Lane Infrastructure Plan
3. Stephen Laidlaw, Brampton Resident, re: Brampton Vision in relation to bike lane infrastructure
4. Dennis Szilvasy, Brampton Resident, re: Bike Lane Infrastructure
5. Justin Kang, Brampton Resident, re: Howden Bike Lanes
6. Anna Hooper, Brampton Resident, re: Removal of Bike Lanes on Howden Boulevard
7. Ann Robson, Brampton Resident, re: Removal of Bike Lanes on Howden Boulevard
8. Sylvia Roberts, Brampton Resident, re: 2026 Proposed Budget – Transit

Carried

6. Local Board and Other Presentations

6.1 Downtown Brampton BIA

Note: Mayor Brown declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Downtown Brampton BIA budget funding, in that his partner owns property within the downtown area, and left the room during consideration of this item. Regional Councillor Vicente assumed the Chair at this time.

Louroz Mercader, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, presented the Downtown Brampton BIA 2026 Budget Request.

Council thanked the Downtown Brampton BIA for their efforts.

The following motion was considered.

C034-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Keenan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That the presentation by Louroz Mercader, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **Downtown Brampton BIA 2026 Budget Request**, be received.

Carried

6.2 Brampton Library

Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, presented the Brampton Library 2026 Budget Request.

Council thanked the Brampton Library for their efforts and acknowledged the success of the temporary library branch at Shopper's World.

Todd Kyle advised that this temporary branch location will cease operations in February 2026 and noted the potential use of this space for future activations.

The following motion was considered.

C035-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Medeiros

Seconded by City Councillor Power

That the presentation by Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, re: **Brampton Library 2026 Budget Request**, be received.

Carried

7. Reports from Corporate Officials

Nil

8. Correspondence

- 8.1 Correspondence from Prashanth Panda, Brampton Resident, dated December 31, 2025, re: Funding for Embleton Community Services

Items 8.2, 8.3, 8.4 and 8.5 were brought forward and dealt with at this time.

The following motion was considered.

C036-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Singh

That the following correspondence to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27, and February 6, 2026, be received:

- 8.1 Correspondence from Prashanth Panda, Brampton Resident, dated December 31, 2025, re: Funding for Embleton Community Services

- 8.2 Briefing Note dated November 6, 2025, re: Cost Analysis of the Howden Boulevard Bicycle Lane Options - Wards 7 and 8
- 8.3 Correspondence from Michael Longfield, Executive Director, dated January 23, 2026, Cycle Toronto, re: Howden Boulevard Bike Lanes
- 8.4 Correspondence from Regional Councillor Santos, dated January 24, 2026, re: Active Transportation Network, Mobility Plan and Howden Bike Lanes
- 8.5 Correspondence re: Howden Boulevard Bike Lanes
1. Seema Banwait, Brampton Resident, dated January 21, 2026
 2. Roop Sandhu, Brampton Resident, dated January 23, 2026
 3. Heather Kay, Brampton Resident, dated January 20, 2026
 4. Allison Visco, Brampton Resident, dated January 25, 2026
 5. Ramandeep Tut, Brampton Resident, dated January 20, 2026
 6. Varinder Singh, Brampton Resident, dated January 24, 2026
 7. Reynaldo Bautista, Brampton Resident, dated January 24, 2026
 8. Kim Szlapetis, Brampton Resident, dated January 20, 2026
 9. Michelle Simao, Brampton Resident, dated January 24, 2026
 10. Fatheen Ali, Brampton Resident, dated January 26, 2026
 11. Debbie Stellinga, Brampton Resident, dated January 26, 2026

Carried

- 8.2 Briefing Note dated November 6, 2025, re: Cost Analysis of the Howden Boulevard Bicycle Lane Options - Wards 7 and 8

Dealt with under Item 8.1 - Resolution C036-2026

- 8.3 Correspondence from Michael Longfield, Executive Director, Cycle Toronto, dated January 23, 2026, re: Howden Boulevard Bike Lanes

Dealt with under Item 8.1 - Resolution C036-2026

- 8.4 Correspondence from Regional Councillor Santos, dated January 24, 2026, re: Active Transportation Network, Mobility Plan and Howden Bike Lanes

Dealt with under Item 8.1 - Resolution C036-2026

8.5 Correspondence re: Howden Boulevard Bike Lanes

1. Seema Banwait, Brampton Resident, dated January 21, 2026
2. Roop Sandhu, Brampton Resident, dated January 23, 2026
3. Heather Kay, Brampton Resident, dated January 20, 2026
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8. Kim Szlapetis, Brampton Resident, dated January 20, 2026
9. Michelle Simao, Brampton Resident, dated January 24, 2026
10. Fatheen Ali, Brampton Resident, dated January 26, 2026
11. Debbie Stellinga, Brampton Resident, dated January 26, 2026

Dealt with under Item 8.1 - Resolution C036-2026

9. Other Business

9.1 Budget 2026 Community Engagement Summary

The following motion was considered.

C037-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Medeiros

Seconded by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

That the **Budget 2026 Community Engagement Summary**, to the Special Council Meeting of January 19, 20, 27 and February 6, 2026, be received.

Carried

9.2 Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee Recommendation BCS025-2025

The following motion was considered.

C038-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi

Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

That the request to convene meetings of the Brampton Committee Safety Advisory Committee in community locations, other than City Hall Council Chamber in 2026, be approved.

Carried

9.3 Council Deliberations - Questions from Council

Note: This item was deemed to be received by Council through its publication on the meeting agenda.

9.4 Budget 2026 – Consideration of Motions

Amendment to User Fee By-law to Recover Costs Associated with Abandoned Shopping Carts

A motion was introduced with the following operative clause:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Council direct staff to implement a user fee of \$100 per shopping cart retrieved to recover staff time and resource costs; and
2. That the fee apply to retailers in the City of Brampton who, at City staff discretion, fail to properly manage their shopping carts, where such carts are clearly identifiable as the retailer's property, and where their abandonment results in hazardous conditions or pollution within the City.
3. That staff report back in Q1 2026, on the feasibility of legislating a requirement for Brampton retailers to implement locking technology that keeps their respective shopping carts within the proximity of their property.

Council discussion on this matter included the following:

- Abandoned shopping carts and communication with Walmart regarding this issue
- Number of abandoned carts found on City property and green spaces per year
- Effectiveness of implementing a fee to recover shopping cart retrieval costs
- Resident complaints regarding abandoned shopping carts

- Indication that Walmart does not use GPS locking technology on their shopping carts in Brampton

The following motion was considered.

C039-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos

Seconded by Regional Councillor Keenan

Whereas the Municipal Act, 2001, c.25, S.391(1) provides that a municipality may amend a by-law to impose fees or charges;

Whereas the City is experiencing a growing problem with abandoned shopping carts in parks, creeks, valleys, boulevards, transit stops, storm water management ponds, and other public spaces;

Whereas the City has received an increasing number of complaints from residents regarding abandoned shopping carts on City property;

Whereas abandoned shopping carts create hazards for pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists, impede accessibility, and pose risks to public safety;

Whereas abandoned shopping carts pose risks to wildlife and contribute to environmental pollution within the City;

Whereas shopping carts are the property of retailers or merchants, who are responsible for securing and managing their property and preventing carts from being removed from their premises;

Whereas reacting to this growing problem requires the collection and removal of abandoned shopping carts from City property, utilizing a significant amount of staff time and municipal resources, resulting in additional costs to the City and property tax payers; and

Whereas in cases of persistent incidents of abandoned shopping carts on City property, it is appropriate for City staff to at minimum, recover costs associated with cart retrieval and management through the imposition of user fees;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Council direct staff to implement a user fee of \$100 per shopping cart retrieved to recover staff time and resource costs; and
2. That the fee apply to retailers in the City of Brampton who, at City staff discretion, fail to properly manage their shopping carts, where such carts are clearly identifiable as the retailer's property, and where their abandonment results in hazardous conditions or pollution within the City.

3. That staff report back in Q1 2026, on the feasibility of legislating a requirement for Brampton retailers to implement locking technology that keeps their respective shopping carts within the proximity of their property.

Carried

Amendment to the User Fee By-law for a Fire Inspection Fee through the Residential Rental Licensing Program

The following motion was considered.

C040-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos

Seconded by Regional Councillor Keenan

Whereas the Municipal Act, 2001, c.25, S.391(1) provides that a municipality may amend a by-law to impose fees or charges;

Whereas all residential rental properties must meet minimum standards for health, safety, and habitability, and property owners are responsible for ensuring their properties comply with fire safety regulations;

Whereas residential rental property owners remain subject to the requirements of the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, 1997, S.O. 1997, c. 4, and any contraventions of that Act may be enforced independently of, and in addition to, any municipal fees;

Whereas failure to comply with fire safety requirements poses serious risks to tenants, neighbouring properties, and the safety of first responders;

Whereas the City's Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) program has expanded to protect resident safety, housing quality, and neighbourhood well-being, and can be further strengthened to reduce life-safety risks associated with fire hazards; and

Whereas escalating user fees for repeat fire safety violations support enforcement, promote compliance, and help safeguard tenants and residents;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That Council direct staff to bring forward an amendment to the Fire and Emergency Services Fees (User Fee By-law 193-2024 – Schedule A) to establish a new tiered fee structure for non-compliant fire inspections for properties licensed under the City's Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) program, as follows:

- \$3,000 for a first RRL fire inspection with a violation
 - \$5,000 for a second RRL fire inspection with a violation
 - \$10,000 for a third and any subsequent RRL fire inspections with a violation; and
2. That these fees apply to the Owner of the residential rental property, as defined in the Residential Licensing By-law 216-2023, as amended; and
 3. That staff update all related by-laws, enforcement procedures, and public communications to reflect these changes and ensure consistent application.

Carried

Howden Boulevard Bicycle Lanes (Wards 7 and 8)

A motion was introduced with the following operative clause:

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That staff proceed with immediate removal of on-street protected bicycle lanes on Howden Boulevard from Dixie Road to Williams Parkway, restoring four traffic lanes, utilizing the funds in the amount of \$337,000 from the allocated \$730,000;
2. That staff incorporate sharrows (shared lane pavement markings) on this section to maintain cycling accommodation;
3. That the remaining \$393,000 be allocated to future bike lane relocation projects with Active Transportation; and
4. That staff continue to find practical solutions with resident input for Active Transportation and connectivity of trail systems already in place and biking infrastructure across the City using money previously allocated from the Howden design process.

Council discussion on this matter included the following:

- Impact of the Howden Boulevard bike lanes on area residents and traffic in this area
- Implementation and benefits of Brampton's active transportation network
- Court ruling relating to the removal of a bike lane in the City of Toronto
- Data and evidence in relation to bike lanes addressing traffic congestion and improving safety

- Indication that sharrows are not an appropriate alternative to bike lanes
 - Staff advised that sharrows are not recommended in this area and provided information on their intended use
- Impact of the removal of these bike lanes on the Mobility Plan
- Previous traffic concerns along Howden Boulevard
- Impact of the removal of these bike lanes on safety and a suggestion that the painted lines be maintained and only the concrete barriers be removed
- Inclusion of a multi-use pathway
- Region of Peel construction in this area
- Active Transportation Master Plan update in relation to provincial legislation, the *Highway Traffic Act* amendments, and court rulings

A Point of Order was raised by Regional Councillor Toor, for which Mayor Brown gave leave. Councillor Toor indicated that the matter relating to the Active Transportation Master Plan update does not relate to the 2026 Budget and should not be debated at this meeting. Regional Councillor Santos clarified that there is currently no budget allocated to proceed with the update of this plan.

The following amendments to the motion were introduced and accepted by the mover:

- To add the words "including a multi-use pathway along the same route" to the end of clause 3; and
- To add clause 5 as follows:

"5. That the Active Transportation Master Plan be updated with respect to provincial legislation and *Highway Traffic Act* amendments."

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

C041-2026

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Regional Councillor Fortini

Whereas the Province of Ontario enacted Bill 60, Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024, requiring removal of bike lanes from certain roadways;

Whereas protected bicycle lanes on Howden Boulevard were installed on-street as part of Brampton's Active Transportation Network;

Whereas public consultation showed 70 per cent support (842 of 1,209 respondents) for Option 1A; and as referenced by Minister Williams, a recent survey shows 86 per cent of respondents do not support the current configuration on Howden Boulevard; and

Whereas the staff report has allocated \$730,000 to implement Option 4;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That staff proceed with immediate removal of on-street protected bicycle lanes on Howden Boulevard from Dixie Road to Williams Parkway, restoring four traffic lanes, utilizing the funds in the amount of \$337,000 from the allocated \$730,000;
2. That staff incorporate sharrows (shared lane pavement markings) on this section to maintain cycling accommodation;
3. That the remaining \$393,000 be allocated to future bike lane relocation projects with Active Transportation including a multi-use pathway along the same route;
4. That staff continue to find practical solutions with resident input for Active Transportation and connectivity of trail systems already in place and biking infrastructure across the City using money previously allocated from the Howden design process; and
5. That the Active Transportation Master Plan be updated with respect to provincial legislation and *Highway Traffic Act* amendments.

A recorded vote was requested and carried as follows:

Yea (10): Mayor Patrick Brown, Regional Councillor Vicente, Regional Councillor Kaur Brar, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Keenan, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor Fortini, Regional Councillor Singh Toor, City Councillor Power, and Deputy Mayor Singh

Nay (1): Regional Councillor Santos

Carried (10 to 1)

City-wide Windrow Snow Clearing Service

Council discussion on this matter included the following:

- Windrow snow clearing service in other municipalities
- Lack of a decisive response from residents on this issue

- Possibility of adding a question on the ballot for the 2026 Municipal Election with respect to this service
- Cost of providing this service and indication that it would not be available to all residential areas
 - It was noted that the costs and percentage of the City that would receive this service must be clearly outlined on the ballot.
- Potential damages to residential properties resulting from this service
- Indication that this service is not a top priority for residents
- Suggestion to increase the Snow Removal Financial Assistance Program grants
- The need to address on-street parking during snow events prior to considering a windrow clearing service
- Staff review of camera technology on snow plows

The following motion was considered.

C042-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That staff be requested to report to the February 4, 2026 meeting of Council with respect to potential means and process for the addition of a question on the ballot for the 2026 Municipal Election in Brampton with respect to city-wide windrow snow clearance service, such report to include details with respect to associated costs and potential coverage area.

Carried

Technical Recommendations Budget 2026

Mayor Brown acknowledged the suggestions from Members of Council and feedback from the public regarding the 2026 budget and highlighted the financial challenges faced by residents. The Mayor thanked staff for their efforts in relation to the 2026 budget, and Regional Councillor Vicente, Budget Vice Chair, for his participation throughout the budget process.

Members of Council further thanked staff for their leadership and residents for participating in the engagement opportunities and providing feedback to inform the budget.

A motion was introduced outlining the Technical Recommendations for the 2026 budget, and Council discussion took place with respect to the following:

- 2026 net property tax levy impact of 0% on the tax bill for City business
- 1% increase to the net property tax levy to be contributed to the second Hospital Reserve
- Challenges relating to the preparation of the 2026 budget
- Amendment to the Community Services 2026 Capital Budget to include various projects
- Clarification regarding the amendment to the Corporate Support Services 2026 Operating Budget to exclude \$30,000 for Experience Brampton Festival Sponsorship Funding
- Clarification regarding the voting procedure in relation to the conflicts of interest declared on the 2026 budget
- Motions required in relation to the approval of the 2026 budget, as amended

The motion was amended as follows:

- To replace the word "Marquee" with "Experience Brampton" in clause 6
- To add clause 9 as follows:
"9. That declarations of interest declared in relation to the Legislative Services Operating Budget and the BIA budgetary supports have been recognized."

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

C043-2026

Moved by Mayor Patrick Brown

Seconded by All Members of Council

1. That the City of Brampton Council endorse a 2026 net property tax levy impact of 0% on the Tax Bill for City business.
2. That the City of Brampton Council endorse a \$15,327,700 or 1% increase to the net property tax levy to be contributed to the 2nd Hospital Reserve, thereby accelerating the collection of the City's \$125 million commitment to Osler and meeting the cash flow requirements of the project.

3. That to achieve the 0% impact, the 2026 Proposed Budget net property tax levy increase of \$23,653,612 or 1.5% be amended as follows:
 - a. The General Government Budget include a provision for efficiency savings and/or revenue increases in the amount of \$4,147,956 and that staff be directed to achieve this amount in the 2026 fiscal year.
 - b. That Contributions from Reserves include a short-term internal loan from Strategic Reserves to the Operating Budget in the amount of \$19,475,656 be repaid through the existing 2nd Hospital Levy, subsequent to fulfilling the \$125M commitment to William Osler.
4. That the Treasurer be authorized to make all necessary transfers of amounts budgeted on a provisional basis in General Government accounts to Department operating accounts, as and when the necessary supporting information is available;
5. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to affect the necessary funding transfers, incur expenditures, and add or adjust complement as required to implement the budget;
6. That the Corporate Support Services 2026 Operating Budget be amended to exclude \$30,000 for Experience Brampton Festival Sponsorship Funding, relating to the Council-approved recommendation CW254-2023, directing staff to add one new Experience Brampton Festival each year;
7. That the Community Services 2026 Capital Budget be amended to include the following projects in the amount of \$6,066,000, to be fully funded from Return of Capital that has been identified through the year-end process:

a. George M. Lee Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 274,000
b. Gladys and George Gray Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 274,000
c. Grey Whale Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 274,000
d. Joseph Lawson Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 274,000
e. Keirstead Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 274,000
f. Mountainash Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 274,000
g. RM Wells Park - Playground Replacement	\$ 274,000
h. Lightcatcher Park - Shade Shelter	\$ 200,000
i. Shabaz Bhatti Park - Shade Shelter	\$ 200,000
j. Dr. Jose Rizal - Shade Shelter	\$ 200,000
k. Offset: Community Living Wards 9 & 10	(\$1,000,000)
l. Bovaird House and Duggan Park - Rinks Construction/Upgrades	\$1,200,000
m. WJ Clifford Park - Playground	\$ 274,000
n. Treleaven Park – Outdoor Rink	\$ 450,000

o. Treleaven Park – Splash Pad	\$ 450,000
p. Treleaven Park – Playground Replacement	\$ 274,000
q. Worthington Park - Playground Replacement Cost	\$ 425,000
r. Worthington Park - Shade Shelter Replacement	\$ 250,000
s. Boreham Park - Playground Replacement Cost	\$ 325,000
t. 55 Queen Lorne Scots Museum Accessibility Compliance	\$ 900,000
NET TOTAL	\$ 6,066,000

8. That the Capital Project for Sandalwood Fieldhouse, in the amount of \$3,000,000, be shifted from the 2027 Budget year to the 2026 budget year; and

9. That declarations of interest declared in relation to the Legislative Services Operating Budget and the BIA budgetary supports have been recognized.

A recorded vote was requested and carried unanimously, as follows:

Yea (11): Mayor Patrick Brown, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Vicente, Regional Councillor Kaur Brar, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Keenan, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor Fortini, Regional Councillor Singh Toor, City Councillor Power, and Deputy Mayor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

To Reduce 30-day Consideration Period

The following motion was considered.

C044-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente

Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

That, in accordance with Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council reduce the time period as set out in subsection 7(3) of O. Reg. 530/22 to pass a resolution making an amendment to the proposed budget from 30 days from the date the budget is submitted, being January 9, 2026, to 29 days, being February 6, 2026, after which the budget shall be deemed adopted by the municipality pending the mayoral veto period of 10 days or a mayoral decision to shorten the 10 day period.

Carried

10. Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made during this meeting. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

11. By-laws

Nil

12. Closed Session

12.1 2026 Budget Consideration relating to Confidential HR Matters

The following motion was considered.

C045-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

Seconded by Regional Councillor Fortini

That Council proceed into Closed Session at 12:00 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

19.1 2026 Budget Consideration relating to Confidential HR Matters

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (d) and (f) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

Labour relations or employee negotiations; and, advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

In Open Session, Mayor Brown reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session, as follows:

19.1 – This item was considered in closed session and no direction was given to staff.

13. Confirming By-law

13.1 By-law 27-2026 – To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting

The following motion was considered.

C046-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

That the following by-law before Council at its Special Meeting of January 19, 20, and 27, 2026 and February 6, 2026, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, and signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

By-law 27-2026 – To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting of January 19, 20, and 27, 2026 and February 6, 2026.

Carried

14. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

C047-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Keenan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros

That Council do now adjourn to meet again for a Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

P. Brown, Mayor

G. Scharback, City Clerk