



Minutes

City Council

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Wednesday, March 11, 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. 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
Douglas Rieger, Acting General Manager, Brampton Transit
Steven Ross, Acting City Solicitor, Legislative Services
Genevieve Scharback, City Clerk
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator
Richa Ajitkumar, Legislative Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 10:46 a.m. Council moved into Closed Session at 11:00 a.m. and recessed at 11:50 a.m. Council reconvened in Open Session at 12:00 p.m. and adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Council discussion took place with respect to proposed amendments to the agenda.

The following motion was considered.

C060-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Toor

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Singh

That the agenda for the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, be approved as amended, as follows:

To add:

7.2 Delegation re: Tanzania National Day

14.1 Correspondence from the Apartheid Free Communities Canada Team, dated March 11, 2026, re: Apartheid Free Communities Pledge

16.3 Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Toor re: Apartheid Free Communities Pledge

Carried

Note: Later in the meeting, on a two-thirds majority vote to reopen the question, the Approval of Agenda was reopened and Item 7.2 was added.

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

Regional Councillor Vicente declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item 19.6 - Verbal Update – PAMA Complex Transfer: Strategic Implications & Municipal Readiness, as he lives in the vicinity of the subject facility.

4. Adoption of the Minutes

4.1 Minutes - City Council - February 25, 2026

The following motion was considered.

C061-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Keenan
Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

That the **Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of February 25, 2026**, to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, be adopted as published and circulated.

Carried

5. Consent Motion

In keeping with Council Resolution C019-2021, Mayor Brown reviewed the relevant agenda items during this section of the meeting and allowed Members to identify agenda items for debate and consideration, with the balance to be approved as part of the Consent Motion given the items are generally deemed to be routine and non-controversial.

The following items marked with a caret (^) were considered to be routine and non-controversial by Council and were approved as part of the Consent Motion below: 8.1, 10.1.1, 10.3.1, 10.7.1, 12.1, 16.1, 19.1, 19.2

The following motion was considered.

C062-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos
Seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros

That Council hereby approves the following items and that the various Officials of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to give effect of the recommendations as contained therein:

8.1, 10.1.1, 10.3.1, 10.7.1, 12.1, 16.1, 19.1, 19.2

8.1

That the staff update re: **Government Relations Matters**, to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, be received.

10.1.1

1. That the report prepared by Sean Morgan, Director, Purchasing, Office of the CAO, to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, re: **Purchasing Quarterly Activity - Reporting Update (RM 9/2026)**, be received;

2. That staff be directed to include the hyperlink to the Council-approved Request to Begin Procurement report for competitive contracts over \$1 million in the Purchasing Quarterly Activity report; and
3. That staff be directed to resume processing contract renewals and extensions in accordance with the Purchasing by-law.

10.3.1

1. That the report prepared by Maja Kuzmanov, Senior. Manager Accounting Services/Deputy Treasurer, Corporate Support Services, to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, re: **Annual Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for 2025**, be received; and
2. That Council approve the 2025 expenses exceeding the annual budget for the Office of the Mayor.

10.7.1

1. That the report prepared by Doug Rieger, Director, Transit Development, Brampton Transit to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, re: **Making Prom Happen – Transit Support**, be received; and
2. That Council direct Transit staff to work with “Making Prom Happen” event organizers to provide in-kind rides on Brampton Transit services to and from the event on April 16, 2026.

12.1

1. That the **Minutes of the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026**, to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, be received.
2. That Recommendations CW056-2026 to CW074-2026 be approved as outlined in the minutes.

16.1

That the **Referred Matters List**, to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, be acknowledged.

19.1 and 19.2

That the following Closed Session minutes be acknowledged and the directions therein be deemed given:

19.1 - Closed Session Minutes – City Council – February 25, 2026

19.2 - Closed Session Minutes – Committee of Council – March 4, 2026

6. Announcements (2 minutes maximum)

6.1 Proclamations:

a) Day of Remembrance and Action on Religious Freedom (Shahbaz Bhatti Day)
- March 2, 2026

Deputy Mayor Singh acknowledged and read the proclamation for the Day of Remembrance and Action on Religious Freedom (Shahbaz Bhatti Day). Council noted attendance at a fundraiser in honour of Shahbaz Bhatti.

Peter Bhatti, International Christian Voice, provided remarks in response to the proclamation and thanked Council and staff for the continued support in honouring his brother Shabazz Bhatti's legacy.

b) Harriet Tubman Day - March 10, 2026

Regional Councillor Santos acknowledged and read the proclamation for Harriet Tubman Day.

Dewitt Lee, Caretakers of Our Culture, provided remarks in response to the proclamation and introduced representatives and award recipients for Harriet Tubman Women of the Year.

Representatives and award recipients expressed gratitude for the recognition and highlighted the legacy of Harriet Tubman.

c) Naw-Ruz Day - March 20, 2026

Regional Councillor Toor acknowledged and read the proclamation for Naw-Ruz Day.

Eliza Rizal, Baha'i Community of Brampton, provided remarks in response to the proclamation and thanked Council for this recognition.

d) World Down Syndrome Day - March 21, 2026

Mayor Brown noted Council attendance at a recent Project 321 event.

Regional Councillor Medeiros acknowledged and read the proclamation for World Down Syndrome Day

Paula Anderson, Founder and Chair, Project 321, provided remarks in response to the proclamation and thanked Council for this recognition. The representative

shared a personal story and encouraged participation in the “Rock Your Socks” campaign on March 21, 2026.

7. Public Delegations and Staff Presentations (5 minutes maximum)

- 7.1 Delegation from Rizwan Mohammad, Senior Government Affairs and Public Policy Officer, The National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM), re: Item 16.2 - Quebec’s Bill 21 – An Act respecting the laicity of the State

Item 16.2 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Rizwan Mohamed, representative of the National Council of Canadian Muslims, addressed Council and expressed views, suggestions, and concerns in opposition to Quebec’s Bill 21 and thanked Council for their leadership and support.

Council extended thanks to the delegate for their advocacy and provided remarks in opposition to Bill 21. Discussion took place with respect to inclusion, religious freedom, charter rights, and municipal advocacy.

The following motions were considered.

C063-2026

Moved by Mayor Patrick Brown

Seconded by Regional Councillor Toor

That the delegation from Rizwan Mohammad, Senior Government Affairs and Public Policy Officer, The National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM), to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, re: **Item 16.2 - Quebec’s Bill 21 – An Act respecting the laicity of the State**, be received.

Carried

C064-2026

Moved by Mayor Patrick Brown

Seconded by Regional Councillor Toor

Whereas Bramptonians value the Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

Whereas the Supreme Court of Canada is now prepared in March 2026 to hear a legal challenge against Quebec’s Bill 21 – An Act respecting the laicity of the State; and

Whereas Bill 21 represents a threat to the integrity of the Charter and the foundational value of religious freedom; and

Whereas the City of Brampton's Mayor and Council have had a history of serving as leading voices opposing the infringement of fundamental Charter rights and freedoms through motions in 2019 and 2021, as well as supporting civil society organizations reflecting the diversity of Brampton to legally challenge Bill 21; and

Whereas a Supreme Court decision allowing the infringement of religious freedom would have negative consequences for Bramptonians and all Canadians;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. That the City of Brampton re-affirm its opposition to Quebec's Bill 21 – An Act respecting the laicity of the State; and
2. That the City of Brampton re-affirm its support for the legal challenge to Quebec's Bill 21 at the Supreme Court of Canada by the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA), the World Sikh Organization (WSO), and the National Council of Canadian Muslims (NCCM); and
3. That a copy of this Resolution be sent to:
 - a. the Canadian Big City Mayors, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) requesting they share with all their member municipalities inviting municipal leaders to voice their opposition to Bill 21 and their commitment to upholding Charter Rights and Freedoms, including freedom of religion; and
 - b. the Region of Peel, City of Mississauga, Town of Caledon and all Members of Parliament and Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, requesting their support.

A recorded vote was requested, and the motion 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 Toor, City Councillor Power, and Deputy Mayor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

7.2 Delegation re: Tanzania National Day

Note: Later in the meeting, on a two-thirds majority vote to reopen the question, the Approval of Agenda was re-opened and this item was added.

A representative provided remarks and requested that the City of Brampton proclaim April as Tanzania Heritage month and that April 26, 2026 be recognized with a flag raising followed by a community reception.

Council extended thanks to the delegate.

The following motion was considered.

C065-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

That the delegation to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, re: **Tanzania National Day**, be **referred** to staff to add Tanzania National Day to the Important and Commemorative Dates Listing and consider future budgetary impacts.

Carried

8. Government Relations Matters

8.1 ^Staff Update re: Government Relations Matters

Dealt with under Consent Resolution C062-2026

9. Reports from the Head of Council

Nil

10. Reports from Corporate Officials

10.1 Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

10.1.1 ^Staff Report re: Purchasing Quarterly Activity Reporting Update (RM 9/2026)

Dealt with under Consent Resolution C062-2026

10.2 Legislative Services Operating

Nil

10.3 Corporate Support Services

10.3.1 ^Staff Report re: Annual Statement of Remuneration and Expenses for 2025

Dealt with under Consent Resolution C062-2026

10.3.2 Staff Report re: Development Charges Reduction Options

Note: This Item was withdrawn at the request of staff

Council provided an update on this matter and requested that the Mayor write a letter to the Province seeking clarification on repayment requirements arising from the removal of capital projects from the Development Charges Study, with a request to respond by April 1, 2026.

Staff confirmed that the subject matter will be discussed later in Closed Session.

The following motion was considered.

C066-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi

Seconded by Regional Councillor Toor

That the Mayor write a letter to seek clarity from the Province on the repayment requirements for the removal of capital projects from the City's development charges study, with a request that the Province respond by April 1, 2026.

Carried

10.4 Planning and Economic Development

Nil

10.5 Community Services

Nil

10.6 Public Works

Nil

10.7 Brampton Transit

10.7.1 ^Staff Report re: Making Prom Happen - Transit Support

Dealt with under Consent Resolution C062-2026

10.8 Fire and Emergency Services

Nil

11. Reports from Accountability Officers

Nil

12. Committee Reports

12.1 ^Minutes - Committee of Council - March 4, 2026

Dealt with under Consent Resolution C062-2026

The recommendations approved under Consent are as follows.

CW056-2026

That the agenda for the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026 be approved, as amended, as follows:

8.3.1 Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Palleschi re: Development Charges

10.3.1 Discussion Item at the request of City Councillor Power re: 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion

CW057-2026

That the following items to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026 be approved as part of Consent:

7.1, 8.2.1, 9.2.2, 9.2.3, 9.2.4, 13, 15.1

CW058-2026

That the delegation from Donna Boucher, Chair, and Cathy Corsetti, Co-Chair, Making Prom Happen, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **Making Prom Happen 2026 Event - April 16, 2026 - Turner Fenton Secondary School**, be **referred** to staff for consideration, and report to the March 11, 2026 meeting of Council.

CW059-2026

That the delegation from Lisa Clarke, Community Organizer, E.Q.U.A.L. Peel, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **E.Q.U.A.L. Peel (Empowering Queer Unity And Leadership)**, be **referred** to staff for consideration.

CW060-2026

That the delegation from Marci Gray, CEO and Lead Consultant, Gray Matter Health, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **Black Mental Health Awareness and Centering**, be **referred** to staff for consideration.

CW061-2026

That the staff update re: **Government Relations Matters**, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, be received.

CW062-2026

That the report prepared by Bennett Kim, Real Estate Coordinator, Realty Services, Office of the CAO, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **Agreements Executed by Administrative Authority for October 1 to December 31, 2025**, be received.

CW063-2026

That staff be requested to investigate potential means or opportunities with respect to development charges and to develop a draft motion and report for consideration at the March 11, 2026 meeting of Council.

CW064-2026

1. That the report prepared by Shane Loftus, Director, Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **Request to Begin Procurement for CAA Parking Lot Resurfacing – Ward 3**, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for CAA Parking Lot resurfacing.

CW065-2026

1. That the report from Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **Request to Begin Procurement – Inspection of Storm Sewer System Using CCTV Cameras**, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to begin the procurement to hire a Contractor for the Inspection of Storm Sewer System using CCTV Cameras.

CW066-2026

1. That the report from Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **Request to Begin Procurement – Stormwater Management Pond Maintenance**, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to begin the procurement to hire a Contractor for the Stormwater Management Pond Maintenance.

CW067-2026

That the report from Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, and Bill Boyes, Commissioner, Community Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **Update on Non-Conventional Stormwater Management Facilities Under Parks**, be received.

CW068-2026

1. That the report prepared by Ed Fagan, Director, Parks Maintenance and Forestry, Community Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, re: **Budget Amendment – Reimbursement for One Pedestrian Trail, Plan 43M-1714 – Ward 8**, be received; and
2. That a budget amendment be approved for Project #255860 in the amount of \$48,190 to reimburse developers for the construction of (1) Pedestrian Trail with full funding to be transferred from Reserve #134 – DC: Recreation.

CW069-2026

That staff be directed to report on potential means for recognizing and commemorating the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion, to an April meeting of Committee.

CW070-2026

That the **Referred Matters List**, to the Committee of Council Meeting of March 4, 2026, be acknowledged.

CW071-2026

That Committee proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

15.2 Outsourcing Concessions Operations in City-Owned Recreation Centres RM 28/2025

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

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

15.3 Verbal Update – Recreation Sponsorship Update

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

Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

15.4 Verbal Update – Contract Administration

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

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

CW072-2026

That the Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering, in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the administrative authority to execute the City lease agreement and any related documents for the City Hall Bridge Concession, at fair market value, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Director, Facilities, Operations and Maintenance and to the Senior Manager, Realty Services, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor or designate.

CW073-2026

That the Commissioner of Community Services or designate be authorized to negotiate and execute required agreements for the operations of concessions in City of Brampton Recreation facilities on terms acceptable to the Director, Recreation or designate, in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor or designate, and with financial approval from the City Treasurer or designate.

CW074-2026

That the Committee of Council do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, April 1, 2026, or at the call of the Chair.

13. Unfinished Business

Nil

14. Correspondence

14.1 Correspondence re: Apartheid Free Communities Pledge

Dealt with under Item 16.3 - Resolution C068-2026

15. Notices of Motion

15.1 Notice of Motion re: Modernizing School Zone Safety: An Infrastructure-Based Strategy Following Automated Speed Enforcement Cancellation

Regional Councillor Santos outlined the purpose of the motion.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Cost and procurement process
- Report back on associated costs and timelines
- Providers and technology involved
- Provincial funding opportunities
- Technology used in the past for crosswalks
- Clarification on whether the initiative is led by a specific technology or company

Council Members expressed support for the motion and thanked Regional Councillor Santos for exploring an innovative approach to improve road safety.

An amendment to the motion was introduced and accepted by the mover to add the words “or similar program” to clauses 2 and 3.

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

C067-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos

Seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros

WHEREAS the City of Brampton has demonstrated strong leadership in advancing road safety initiatives in School and Community Safety Zones, including the implementation of Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) and complementary traffic-calming measures; and

WHEREAS recent provincial legislation to cancel ASE programs has created an urgent need for municipalities to deploy alternative, infrastructure-based safety measures that are effective, visible, and aligned with Vision Zero principles; and

WHEREAS following the provincial ban on Automated Speed Enforcement cameras, municipalities were provided large new school-zone signage to replace enforcement measures; however, these signs have proven problematic in most locations due to their excessive size and infrastructure requirements, making them difficult to install and limiting their practicality as an effective traffic-calming tool; and

WHEREAS the limitations beyond replacement signage increase the urgency for alternative safety measures, as the current level of protection in former school-

zone camera areas is inadequate and residents remain at risk in locations where there is no enforcement or sufficiently visible cues to slow drivers; and

WHEREAS SmartCrossingLED, an Ontario-based company, appeared as a delegation before Committee of Council on November 26, 2025, presenting its in-ground LED gateway safety technology for consideration in School and Community Safety Zones; and

WHEREAS the SmartCrossingLED in-ground system is a proven, infrastructure-based solution that enhances visibility through illuminated in-pavement LED technology designed to increase driver awareness and compliance; and

WHEREAS in-ground LED have been successfully implemented for years across jurisdictions in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East, including in winter-weather climates such as Finland that are comparable to Ontario; and

WHEREAS the SmartCrossingLED system is ready for pilot deployment in Canada and has undergone consultation and technical refinement with municipal staff across the Greater Toronto Area to ensure alignment with operational, maintenance, and regulatory considerations; and

WHEREAS under current provincial guidance, municipalities may proceed with pilot or demonstration projects where a technology is not expressly prohibited, particularly for the purpose of safety evaluation, performance validation, and data collection; and

WHEREAS the City of Brampton has previously implemented successful pilot initiatives, including the 2023 E-Scooter Pilot Program, which enabled staff to evaluate performance, operational considerations, and data outcomes in a controlled, real-world environment to inform future policy decisions; and

WHEREAS City staff are currently reviewing a broad range of traffic-calming measures in response to the cancellation of Automated Speed Enforcement and are expected to report back to Council in April; and implementing a SmartCrossingLED pilot at this time would generate real-world performance data and operational insights to inform staff's recommendations and support evidence-based decisions regarding potential broader implementation; and

WHEREAS similarly, a SmartCrossingLED pilot program would allow the City to continue its leadership in advancing and evaluating innovative safety solutions while assessing real-world performance, visibility impact, driver behaviour response, winter resilience, maintenance requirements, and overall operational fit; and

WHEREAS pilot deployment would generate meaningful data to inform Brampton's broader transportation safety strategy and provide evidence-based insight to guide future policy and capital investment decisions; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario provides Road Safety Initiatives funding and other transportation safety funding streams that may be leveraged to support innovative infrastructure-based solutions in School and Community Safety Zones where speed cameras were previously operational; and

WHEREAS the cancellation of ASE presents an opportunity for the City to redirect eligible funding toward permanent, visible, infrastructure-based safety enhancements such as in-ground LED gateway treatments; and

WHEREAS advancing new technology like SmartCrossingLED pilots would position the City of Brampton as a provincial leader in next-generation school-zone safety innovation; and

WHEREAS highly visible safety infrastructure projects generate strong public awareness, reinforce Council's commitment to protecting children and neighbourhoods, and demonstrate proactive leadership in community safety; and

WHEREAS providing each Member of Council the opportunity to nominate one pilot location within their respective Ward would ensure equitable geographic distribution and responsiveness to local safety concerns;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. THAT staff continue their work to evaluate and report back on innovative and infrastructure-based traffic-calming solutions, including SmartCrossingLED and other emerging technologies, to inform a coordinated, city-wide implementation strategy for safety measures replacing the Automated Speed Enforcement program
2. THAT Council direct staff to proceed with the development and implementation of a SmartCrossingLED Pilot Program, or similar program, in School and Community Safety Zones within the City of Brampton where speed cameras were previously operational; and
3. THAT the Pilot Program include the installation of one (1) SmartCrossingLED, or similar program, gateway location in any Ward where the Ward Councillor requests participation, in consultation with the respective Ward Councillor and subject to technical feasibility and site suitability; and
4. THAT staff identify appropriate funding sources, including but not limited to Ontario Road Safety Initiatives funding and any funding streams associated

with the transition from Automated Speed Enforcement, to support the pilot installations; and

5. THAT staff report back to Council no later than the end of April with recommended pilot locations, implementation timelines, and cost; and
6. THAT staff conduct a formal evaluation of pilot installations and report to Council on outcomes, including safety impact, operational performance, and recommendations regarding potential expansion of the technology.

Carried

16. Other Business/New Business

16.1 ^Referred Matters List

Dealt with under Consent Resolution C062-2026

- 16.2 Discussion Item at the request of Mayor Brown re: Quebec's Bill 21 – An Act respecting the laicity of the State

Dealt with under item 7.1 - Resolution C064-2026

- 16.3 Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Toor re: Apartheid Free Communities Pledge

Item 14.1 was dealt with at this time.

Regional Councillor Toor introduced a motion with the following operative clause and outlined the purpose of the motion and encouraged Council support.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The City of Brampton sign the Apartheid-Free Communities Pledge to:
 - a. Affirm our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian People and all people;
 - b. Oppose all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression;
 - c. Declare ourselves an apartheid-free community and to that end;
 - d. Pledge to join others in working to end support to all Apartheid Regimes, settler colonialism and military occupation;
2. The Mayor of Brampton send a formal letter to the Government of Canada, urging the immediate establishment of a full two-way arms embargo between Canada and Israel;

3. Brampton city councillors urge all Brampton Federal Members of Parliament to support Bill C233 – the No More Loopholes Act, which will regulate arms being exported from Canada to align with the Arms Trade Treaty and international law;
4. The Mayor of Brampton send a formal letter to the Government of Canada urging the transformation of the Gaza Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) program so as to prioritize safe reunification of Gazan- Canadian families, including expedited processing, humanitarian pathways, and removal of barriers for eligible applicants

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Potential impacts on City procurement, partnership, and operations
- Review of legal and financial considerations
- Request for additional information

Staff responded to questions from Council and advised that staff will report back with additional information.

The following amendments to the motion were introduced to:

- amend clause 1 to read as follows:

“1. The City of Brampton support the Apartheid-Free Communities Pledge in principle to:”

- add the following after clause 1:

“That staff report back to Council on the financial and legal implications of formalizing the commitment to the pledge;”

The motion, as amended, and in its entirety, was considered as follows.

C068-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Toor

Seconded by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

Whereas the City of Brampton recognizes its responsibility to uphold human rights, international humanitarian law, and the dignity of all peoples;

Whereas since October 2023, Israel’s military campaign in Gaza has constituted genocide against the Palestinian people—as confirmed by the United Nations, Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, the International Association of Genocide Scholars, and many other international human rights organizations,

including Jewish and Israeli groups such as Independent Jewish Voices, Zochrot and B'Tselem;

Whereas the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and Israel, determined that Israeli authorities and security forces committed four out of the five underlying acts of genocide and whereas this represents a fundamental violation of international law, including the Geneva Conventions;

Whereas international human rights organizations such as the United Nations, International Court of Justice, Amnesty international and Human Rights Watch, have concluded that Israel's policies toward Palestinians meet the legal definition of apartheid;

Whereas Canada, while officially recognizing the State of Palestine in September 2025 and expressing support for a two- state solution, has continued military trade and arms exports to Israel, including via backdoor channels and existing permits following a purported 2024 suspension, which some observers argue may be inconsistent with international law and Canada's stated human rights commitments;

Whereas third- party states and municipalities, including Brampton, bear a legal and moral duty under international law to prevent complicity in genocide and Apartheid, a duty to uphold justice;

Whereas Brampton affirms its responsibility to refuse complicity and to act decisively in defence of Palestinian rights and human dignity for all people under oppression;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

1. The City of Brampton support the Apartheid-Free Communities Pledge in principle to:

- a. Affirm our commitment to freedom, justice, and equality for the Palestinian People and all people;
- b. Oppose all forms of racism, bigotry, discrimination, and oppression;
- c. Declare ourselves an apartheid-free community and to that end;
- d. Pledge to join others in working to end support to all Apartheid Regimes, settler colonialism and military occupation;

2. That staff report back to Council on the financial and legal implications of formalizing the commitment to the pledge;

3. The Mayor of Brampton send a formal letter to the Government of Canada, urging the immediate establishment of a full two-way arms embargo between Canada and Israel;
4. Brampton city councillors urge all Brampton Federal Members of Parliament to support Bill C233 – the No More Loopholes Act, which will regulate arms being exported from Canada to align with the Arms Trade Treaty and international law;
5. The Mayor of Brampton send a formal letter to the Government of Canada urging the transformation of the Gaza Temporary Resident Visa (TRV) program so as to prioritize safe reunification of Gazan- Canadian families, including expedited processing, humanitarian pathways, and removal of barriers for eligible applicants; and
6. That the correspondence from the Apartheid Free Communities Canada Team, dated March 11, 2026, to the Council Meeting of March 11, 2026, re: Apartheid Free Communities Pledge, be received.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion 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 Toor, City Councillor Power, and Deputy Mayor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

17. Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office or in person regarding any decisions made during the meeting.

Mayor Brown confirmed that there were no questions from members of the public.

18. By-laws

The following motion was considered.

C069-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Keenan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

That By-laws 43-2026 to 45-2026 inclusive, before Council at its Regular Meeting of March 11, 2026 be given the required number of readings, taken as read, and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.

Carried

The by-laws were passed as follows:

By-law 43-2026 - To accept and assume works in Registered Plan 43M-1981 - Green Valley Development Inc.- Ward 10 (Planning References: C09E16.005 and 21T- 12010B)

By-law 44-2026 - To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Classic Drive) - Ward 4

By-law 45-2026 - To amend By-law 308-2012, being the “Building Division Appointment By-law”

19. Closed Session

19.1 ^Closed Session Minutes – City Council – February 25, 2026

19.2 ^Closed Session Minutes – Committee of Council – March 4, 2026

19.3 City Land Negotiations Update – Ward 3

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

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

19.4 Shared E-scooter Pilot Program – 2026 Season Update

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

Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

19.5 Verbal Update – Residential Development Charge Reductions

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

Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

19.6 Verbal Update – PAMA Complex Transfer: Strategic Implications & Municipal Readiness

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

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Items 19.1 and 19.2 were approved under Consent Resolution C062-2026.

The following motion was considered.

C070-2026

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Regional Councillor Toor

That Council proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

19.3

City Land Negotiations Update – Ward 3

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A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

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Shared E-scooter Pilot Program – 2026 Season Update

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Verbal Update – Residential Development Charge Reductions

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Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

19.6

Verbal Update – PAMA Complex Transfer: Strategic Implications & Municipal Readiness

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

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

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

19.1 – This item was approved on consent and not considered in closed session

19.2 – This item was approved on consent and not considered in closed session

19.3 – This item was considered in closed session and direction was given

19.4 – This item was considered in closed session and direction was given

19.5 – This item was not considered in closed session

19.6 – This item was considered in closed session and no direction was given

20. Confirming By-law

20.1 By-law 46-2026 - To confirm the proceedings of Council at its regular meeting held on March 11, 2026

The following motion was considered.

C071-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Keenan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

That the following by-law before Council at its Regular Meeting of March 11, 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 46-2026 -To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2026.

Carried

21. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

C072-2026

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos

Seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros

That Council do now adjourn to meet again for a Regular Meeting of Council on April 8, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

P. Brown, Mayor

G. Scharback, City Clerk