

Fair Deal for Brampton Drivers

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Seconded By:

Whereas the City of Brampton and its residents have not received a fair deal, and have been underserved and discriminated against in regards to auto insurance rates for decades.

Whereas currently there are no standardized rates for auto insurance in Ontario as the rates are dependent on a number of factors, many of which are not in the drivers' control.¹

Whereas Ontario residents were promised a 15% reduction in 2015 but rather saw a 2% increase.²

Whereas a report commissioned by the Provincial government in 2016 found that Ontario had the most expensive auto insurance rates in Canada despite also having one of the lowest levels of accidents and fatalities.³

Whereas Ontario's average auto insurance rates cost \$1,505 per year.⁴

Whereas the cost of insuring a vehicle in the City of Brampton is approximately 123% higher than Ontario's average.⁵

Whereas Brampton currently holds the title of the most expensive insurance in Ontario with an approximate average of \$2,698.⁶

Whereas the following postal codes currently pay the highest average rates in Brampton: L6R at \$3301, L6T at \$3068, L7A at \$2980, L6P at \$2792, L6Z at \$2581, L6Y at \$2573, and at L6S \$2540.⁷

Whereas the lowest average rate in Brampton belongs to L6X at \$2066, which is still well above the provincial average.

¹ Brampton. (2021, January 26). Retrieved from <https://www.lowestrates.ca/insurance/auto/brampton>

² Post, S. T. (2018, June 06). Kathleen Wynne once promised to lower car insurance rates. Guess what happened next. Retrieved from <https://financialpost.com/opinion/kathleen-wynne-once-promised-to-lower-car-insurance-rates-guess-what-happened-next>

³ Price Regulation and Possible Premium Overpayments: Automobile Insurance Companies in Ontario (Rep.). (2019, December). Retrieved [https://exchangemagazine.com/2020/week7/Thursday/Lazar Report Dec 2019.pdf](https://exchangemagazine.com/2020/week7/Thursday/Lazar%20Report%20Dec%202019.pdf)

⁴ Snowden, F. (2021, January 13). Durham Region cities among highest for car insurance in Ontario. Retrieved from <https://globalnews.ca/news/7569144/durham-cities-car-insurance-ontario/>

⁵ Passifiume, B. (2020, October 07). Brampton drivers pay Ontario's highest auto insurance premiums. Retrieved from <https://torontosun.com/news/local-news/brampton-drivers-pay-ontarios-highest-auto-insurance-premiums>

⁶ The list of most expensive places in Ontario for car insurance has been revealed. (2021, January 06). Retrieved from <https://toronto.ctvnews.ca/the-list-of-most-expensive-places-in-ontario-for-car-insurance-has-been-revealed-1.5256422>

⁷ Cheapest Areas For Canadian Car Insurance. (n.d.). Retrieved from <https://rates.ca/insuramap>

Whereas other municipalities in Ontario pay significantly lower rates, for example Kingston, Belleville and Napanee average approximately \$1,000 per year.⁸

Whereas rates in Brampton are expected to rise in 2021.

Whereas Bill 42 was introduced in Provincial Parliament in 2019 to prohibit insurance companies from using postal codes or area codes as primary factors in setting insurance rates, and is currently in the process of being reviewed by the Ontario Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.

Whereas due to Covid-19 there is no identified timeline for when the committee will announce recommendations or what the outcome of the recommendations will be.

Whereas Brampton residents have been suffering and continue to suffer from decades of neglect from the Province, including healthcare in our city that is underfunded and overburdened.

Whereas Brampton has been continuously overlooked by the Provincial government, despite being one of the fastest growing cities in the country.

Whereas this Council has been a staunch supporter for fairness for healthcare through its *Fair Deal for Brampton* campaign, which has been successful in raising awareness and creating change.

Whereas Brampton residents MUST have their voices heard in regards to their demand for decisive and prompt action relating to auto insurance rates.

Whereas Brampton residents refuse to wait any longer.

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The Fair Deal for Brampton campaign be expanded to include a section on the reduction of auto insurance rates in Brampton.
2. An online petition be created demanding that the Province must give Brampton residents a Fair Deal by delivering urgently needed reductions in auto insurance rates.
3. All data collected from the petition be sent to the Premier of Ontario along with a letter from Brampton City Council.
4. A copy of the correspondence also be sent to all Brampton MPs, MPPs, and AMO.

⁸ Delaire, M. (2021, January 08). These Ontario cities have the highest car insurance rates. Retrieved from <https://www.toronto.com/news-story/10304484-these-ontario-cities-have-the-highest-car-insurance-rates/>