

**Report # I 51 / 2020 Appendix 2: April 8, 2021 Downtown Tele Town Hall – Q&A**

*Questions Addressed & Questions Asked – April 8, 2021 Downtown Tele Town Hall*

*Please note that questions below are as transcribed, for accuracy, by the vendor screeners' notes verbatim so there may be spelling errors*

**By-law**

1. 311 #. Lots of gatherings were bylaw can't names. Can't bylaw make up a report about event without names? Also concerned about AirB&B rentals.
2. I'm concerned with multiple families living in single family home. I feel it is a safety issue. And how does this impact the planning of services?
3. Notice he got on his water bill about rodent control. Is there a concern about rodents in Brampton.
4. Peel Health not accepting 5000 doses of vaccine for Amazon warehouse staff & how to combat the spread of COVID at clinics.

**COVID-19**

1. About international medical students coming to help to administer the vaccine. Can they do this?
2. COVID -- no one has mentioned it -- Many people do not want to take vaccine -- (afraid religious beliefs) - needs to prevent large gatherings at the Steeles Plaza
3. COVID question -- concerned about Brampton Transit is very packed/busy -- not safe/crowded
4. COVID-19. Last year when cases were rising malls closed etc. Then cases came back up. It seems like when there is a holiday or break cases always rise. Can't we further restrict holiday movements?
5. Doing a marvelous job - no lineup for shots
6. He is a truck driver and Brampton is a hub for truck drivers. Throughout the pandemic no one is talking about them being essential. When will they be considered essential and treated accordingly?

7. Health and safety at Brampton Civic. When you go in take off your mask yet all the discarded masks in the waste bin are right next to you when you put on a new mask. Unsafe.
8. Is there a COVID lock down in Brampton? Last March/April you can tell there was a lockdown. No cars on the road yet today there are tons of cars.
9. Is there any chance of getting her second dosage of the COVID-19 vaccine prior to the month of June?
10. Live in one of the postal code hot spots. Looking at Peel website that anyone in her postal code from 18+ can get vaccinated yet it doesn't say where to go?
11. Went to the Brampton soccer stadium and it was chaos. Will there be a system put in place for people that are unable to stand long in lines especially for seniors and people that require accommodations.
12. What kind of services are available to those with special needs during the lock down access to shopping fitness etc. Feeling isolated.
13. When are elderly house bound seniors able to get a COVID vaccine and how can they get a shot?
14. Why isn't the vaccine available to all ages? When you go to the centers there are plenty of vacancies.
15. Why the residents in Brampton are being victimized by Postal Code when it comes to Auto Insurance
16. Would like to suggest for mentally and physically challenged -- COVID adds additional challenges-- citizens are isolated and programs shut down... Proposing that city introduces new programs with TransitHelp -- go to lake to improve mental health

## **Events and Tourism**

1. Alderlea. What can we do to open it up for other uses other than an event space?
2. Any future development with the communication aspects in regards to ongoing events etc. We are always overshadowed by Toronto and we do not get information specific to our large city.

## **Planning**

1. Re: services and infrastructure for res downtowns. As more condos are approved and go up what are the plans to invest for these day to day infrastructure to be able to serve the growing population?
2. What are the plans for the boarded up heritage properties along Main St? Also are there plans for Heritage Brampton to promote and raise awareness of all the heritage buildings downtown
3. Regarding bike lanes on Vodden North Prk. Are they permanent or temporary? Traffic is slower.
4. Curious about construction of a mall at Bovaird and Mis. Road. What is going on with that development or was it a rumor.
5. Live at Union and Nelson. On Nelson a garage is empty and an old closed laundry store. Area is abandoned. What can be done to improve the area and revitalize it.
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### **Riverwalk**

1. How much of the projects that are planned for downtown will be delayed for the reconstructions of the drainage at the Riverwalk channel?
2. River Walk design. Wants to know about the differences from last year's design and the recent design.

### **Roads**

1. Re: Development Queen & Mill and the plan set up for the block. How is the city planning to funnel all the traffic that the proposed building will create.
2. About bike lanes and the spending around them. Concerns about cost and is it really that good of an idea. Given the winter months.

Is there a way that there can be better signage on Main St. from Manwood to Wellington? Warn to drivers a head of time that it is changing into one. Still happening that people are still crashing into one lane

### **Social services**

1. Homeless situation downtown is very concerning -- wants to push them away from Downtown-- Need the necessary supports in place first
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3. Peel subsidizes the property -- wants to know if Peel/Brampton will subsidize tenants to get additional funds due to COVID
4. Re: Belvedere and Union and the criminal activity specific drug trafficking. What measures are being taken to curb the drug trafficking activities in this area and the homelessness?
5. Need to see supports in housing for the lower income -- son cannot live in Brampton therefore moved to Sarnia

## **Transit**

1. What is the update regarding the downtown bus terminal?
2. Why can't Brampton use the rail lines that run through Brampton as LRTs? As this would facilitate transportation running south and north through Brampton.
3. Is there an update about the new electric buses? Would like an update.
4. [Participant] Has a suggestion he wishes to offer. Wants to tell you how to integrate the new hospital into the transit system.
5. I thought the LRT was to stop at shopper world has that changed will it now go all the way to downtown

## **University**

1. Any further progress on a University campus? There was supposed to be one and the premier proceeded to cancel it. Is there any progress?
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3. About university. Why aren't we asking for a university?
4. Where in Brampton will the University go and what University is coming? Will it be UofT Brampton Campus or another name?
5. What's going on with River Walk and the University campus? What Universities are interested in coming? What happen to Ryerson and what about any others?

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## **Economic Development**

1. Great efforts to revitalize downtown yet what are we doing to do to bring more business downtown like office space? Works in TO but would rather stay downtown Brampton instead of commuting.

2. In terms of foreign businesses and start-ups what countries can participate?

### **Miscellaneous**

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1. Can you please expand on the plans for Peel Memorial Hospital?
2. Very concerned that there will be a band stand put up at Rosalea park. She is also concerned about the loud noise as it affects her quality of life.
3. Re: Growing of marijuana in backyards. Will Mayor Brown be doing anything about stopping people from this? Concerned of smell and the proximity in between homes.
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5. Are there any plans in place to establish tutorial centers or after school programs for educational support for younger people
6. Cousin from the US is a social worker and would like to immigrate here to work as a nurse how can she come to Canada?
7. Have there been any continued effort to reduce home and auto insurance for Brampton residents? I've been calling for quotes but have been encountering difficulties
8. Is asking if there will be a townhall to discuss the future of Bramalea?
9. With all this exciting news about projects coming to the core when are we expected to begin this? Is there a timeline?