



May 12, 2021

Mayor Brown & Brampton Council
City of Brampton
2 Wellington St. W.
Brampton, ON, L6Y 4R2

Dear City of Brampton Council,

On behalf of 320 businesses and 120 property owners, the Downtown Brampton BIA is here today to speak for its downtown business community. We come united with our members and downtown residents to say to City of Brampton Council -- let's get on with a fulsome and multi-faceted downtown plan.

Let's build a downtown for TODAY.

We have an opportunity today to coordinate the work that the Region of Peel is planning to undertake for the water mains and sanitary sewers upgrades.

The Downtown Brampton BIA is here to advocate for the much needed infrastructure upgrades for Brampton's downtown main streets and public realm which include:

- Water main & sanitary sewer replacement
- Utility upgrades – Hydro, Electric & Fibre
- Safe, level and accessible public walkways, squares and sidewalks
- Soil cell system
- Enhanced streetscape and updated pavers
- Cycling Infrastructure

Downtown Brampton's public realm requires a network of pedestrian-friendly streets that are interconnected to civic spaces such as Daily Times Square, Garden Square and the downtown laneways.

The Downtown Brampton BIA approved the following motion on May 11, 2021:

MOTION

THAT the Downtown Brampton BIA endorse the BIA to delegate to City Council for a fulsome downtown streetscape and infrastructure upgrade aligned with the Region's water main and sewer work be approved.

Moved by: Rick Evans

Seconded by: Peeyush Gupta

All in favour

CARRIED

The Downtown Brampton BIA fully understands the need for water main and sanitary sewer upgrades.

This work has been delayed for decades, and our businesses and properties have suffered breakages and damage due to the aging works infrastructure. We also appreciate that results of the LRT studies may influence what work can be done in future.

What we would like Council to understand is that many of our businesses are at the breaking point. It has been over 13 months of pandemic closures, lockdowns, stay-at-home orders; our businesses have been asked to pay a great price for the safety of our community.

They have forgone income, took on debt, and adapted their business delivery at their own expense, all so that they could once again contribute to a thriving downtown community. And now, with "Opening Day" almost within our sights, we are asking them to once again pay the price for at least 18 months more. 18-24 months of road closures, limited accessibility, dust and dirt and interruption.

The very least Council can do is approve a streetscape improvement and utilities upgrade so there is hope for better business. Our businesses cannot wait 10 years, or 8 years, or 5 years. We do not want new construction to start in 10 years, or 8 years or 5 years. We need something now. Today. Coordinate all now added on to this already-planned construction work so that the disruption is all at once.

Downtown Brampton is for ALL residents of Brampton.

It should be cared for, and not treated as the butt of some joke whose punchline won't be heard for another decade.

We trust that both Brampton Council and Region of Peel Council will consider this request and will take a co-ordinated and timely approach to providing the infrastructure and service upgrades that are urgently required in Downtown Brampton.

Thank you,

Downtown Brampton BIA