

Brampton: UN-Habitat and UEF Collaboration on World Urban Pavilion and Urban Economy Forum 2021

Presentation to City Council

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- established in 1978
- **United Nations program** for human settlements and sustainable urban development
- **established ‘SDG Cities Initiative’** in 2020
- working with over 90 countries globally



- established in 2018
- **non-profit organization** that provide a forum for cross-sector collaboration to advance SDGs
- **established ‘World Urban Pavilion’** in 2020
- Host annual global leadership events since 2019

Purpose of this Report

1. introduce Brampton co-host of **UEF 2021 Urban Economy Forum event** in October 2021;
2. summarize the consideration of MOU for a **5-year collaboration** with **UN-Habitat and Urban Economy Forum** through the **World Urban Pavilion**; and
3. recommend actions to initiate ***Brampton Frontrunner City of Urban SDGs*** and ***Brampton Virtual Street*** as part of a global pilot project.

In 2020, City of Brampton was approached by United Nation's UN-Habitat and Urban Economy Forum (UEF) as a potential partner on Urban SDG Cities Initiative



2015 United Nations adopted *Transforming Our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development* comprises the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

2020 Canada: Frontrunner of Urban SDGs initiative as part of 'World Urban Pavilion' was created through United Nations' UN-Habitat, Urban Economy Forum, Government of Canada and CMHC

2021 Brampton: Frontrunner City of Urban SDGs as part of 'World Urban Pavilion' was initiated by UN-Habitat and Urban Economy Forum to create a global collaboration platform to inspire **shifting 2/3 of the developed world from auto-oriented post-war suburbs towards a holistic sustainable future.**

The initial international event will be hosted in Brampton virtually in October: Urban Economy Forum 2021

A global leadership event to celebrate World Habitat Day & the International Year of Creative Economy

Program includes international Mayoral Roundtable, Ministers Roundtable, academia & industry expert panels

Key topics and focuses include:

- **Creating cities that are inclusive, resilient, safe and sustainable**
- **Low-carbon inclusion and future of urbanization**
- **Leveraging urban capacities through national and local collaboration**
- **Community empowerment for equitable economic growth**



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In the Post COVID-19 World

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Speakers include

Elected officials from Canada, Australia, Spain, United Kingdom, Republic of Rwanda, Republic of Ireland, Iraq, Armenia, Costa Rica, Greece, Malaysia, and Fiji.

Leadership from UN-Habitat, David Suzuki Foundation, International Institute for Sustainable Development, IRIS Knowledge Foundation in India, Resilient Cities Network in Singapore, Ross Centre for Sustainable Cities in Italy, Cities Alliance in Belgium, World Bank, GLS Bank, and Arbejdernes Landsbank in Denmark.

Professors from Harvard University, University of Cambridge, University of Melbourne, Lancaster University, University of Tehran, Polytechnique Montreal, University of Toronto, Ryerson University, and York University.



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City of Brampton is recognized as a global leader in committing to make shift to meet Sustainable Development Goals

2018 City Council endorsement of *Brampton 2040 Vision* making the shift from car-oriented past to a transit-oriented future

2019 City Council declared a “**Climate Emergency**” setting ambitious targets to slow environmental degradation, reduce greenhouse gas emissions

2020 Collaboration with Urban Economy Forum & UN-Habitat on World Urban Pavilion and Urban SDG Cities.



Brampton Virtual Street is a proposed pilot in UN-Habitat's World Urban Pavilion

A global platform to inspire action

Showcase innovative urban solutions to inspire world-wide actions

Stakeholders include international organizations, universities, cities, communities, NGOs, individuals and the general public

Advance Brampton 2040 Vision and Sustainability Initiatives

“Well designed, compact, walkable cities with good public transport greatly reduced our per capita carbon footprint and are key to achieving many of the Sustainable Development Goals.” United Nations



With less than nine years to achieve the *2015 United Nations adopted SDGs*, there is an opportunity for Brampton to be a 'heart' of this global action

Refer to unhabitat.org for additional information



Key Recommendations

- 5-year collaboration with Urban Economy Forum and UN-Habitat (to be endorsed by Council)
- 'Brampton Frontrunner City of Urban SDGs' and 'Brampton Virtual Street' be initiated at World Urban Pavilion
- Complete the development of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Urban Economy Forum, to facilitate collaboration on the initiatives outlined in this report and report back to Council in 2022

An aerial architectural rendering of a city development. The image shows a mix of residential and commercial buildings, green spaces, and water features. The text 'Thank you' is overlaid in the center in a large, blue, sans-serif font. The rendering is detailed, showing individual buildings, streets, and landscaping.

Thank you