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Hi Clerks Team,

On behalf of my Dad, Jack Drew, a Brampton resident, could the following be a written deputation for item 10.2.4?

Thank you,
Chris Drew

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My name is Jack Drew and I am a volunteer with the Brampton Historical Society. I have lived in Brampton with my family since May 1980. Together with other volunteers with the Historic Bovaird House and the Heritage Board, we give insights into Brampton's historic past and the heritage it represents. I have attended many events by all three groups over the years with fellow Brampton residents and have reflected on Brampton's history.

The Indigenous peoples were the first residents of what is now Brampton and built thriving communities along the Etobicoke Creek and the other watercourses. There is a significant amount of Brampton Indigenous history, and opportunities for all of us to learn and understand more.

Settlers arrived to create Brampton while facing hardships and challenges. They worked side by side to create a prosperous village which then became a town. More hard work and determination followed, and now we have our beautiful, vibrant, and diverse City of Brampton. The members of the three historical groups take great pride in explaining how we reached this point.

One of the main ways everyone in the City of Brampton can experience this heritage happens very soon. On Saturday, February 11, 2023, there will be an event called "Highlights on Heritage" which has been held several times in the past. This event takes place inside the Bramalea City Centre, right in front of the Bay. Everyone is welcome and I encourage the Council to visit. The event will feature a number of insightful displays and handouts regarding our history, and will be staffed by volunteers in period costumes from the 1880s and early 1900s. If anyone has wondered about this era of Brampton, this will be a great event.

There is a saying that means a great deal to all historians: to help us go forward in the future, it is important to know where we came from in the past. Understanding our history and hearing about it on a regular basis will help us move towards a bright future in the city we all care so deeply about.

My family has enjoyed volunteering and attending events for Brampton's history, and we look forward to continuing to do so. As a senior citizen, these events and engagement opportunities provide excellent opportunities for socializing and staying active in Brampton. Brampton is a wonderful place to call home, and I am optimistic and excited for its future. Volunteering, collaborating, and giving back to the community bring our family a lot of enjoyment.