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Your Worship
Mayor Patrick Brown
City of Brampton
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Dear Mayor Brown:

Patrick

Thank you for your correspondence sharing the concerns of Brampton City Council regarding third-party advertising. I appreciate the time you have taken to write.

As you are aware, third-party advertising refers to advertisements or other materials that support, promote or oppose a candidate, or support, promote or oppose a "yes" or "no" answer to a question on the ballot. Activities that do not involve spending money, such as discussions or expressing an opinion about a candidate (or an answer to a question on the ballot) are not considered to be third-party advertising.

Municipal elections are an important part of our local democracy. The Ministry reviews the municipal election process following each municipal election to ensure it continues to meet the needs of Ontario communities. I value hearing the views of candidates, voters, and municipal staff as they reflect on their election experience.

Once again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Clark'.

Steve Clark
Minister