



Attention City of Brampton Rental Department & Members of Council,
Re: Official Request for Rent Relief of BGC Peel space
– 247 McMurchy Ave South, Brampton, ON L6Y 1Z4

Thursday, August 17, 2023

The purpose of this letter is to formally request rent and property tax relief at our Brampton Headquarters, located at 247 McMurchy Ave South, Brampton, ON L6Y 1Z4.

BGC Peel (formerly Boys & Girls Club of Peel – legal name) has become like our members, vulnerable as we emerge from the pandemic, which has caused the organization to see a decrease in secured funding (estimated 20% decrease in grants/foundation funds and close to 50% in Corporate & individual donor contributions) because of the changing economic landscape across Ontario, mostly in the Region of Peel.

BGC Peel is a unique long-standing partner with the City of Brampton as BGC Peel, changing lives of children, youth, & families across Brampton & the Region of Peel has been doing so since 1983. As a not-for-profit, charitable organization, our purpose & impact over the past 40 years, has been and continues to be a positive service provider & partner for the 40,000 members, (24K children 6-13yrs old, 16K youth 14-24yrs old, & 10K+ families) we have served during this time. Our valued & loyal members across Brampton come from all walks of life, many from our vulnerable & marginalized communities across the Region, with some families seen as at-risk.

BGC Peel continues to be an affirming community where EVERYONE can benefit from the services and programs we offer. **We provide a unique opportunity for youth employment in the communities we serve as on average 80% of our youth leaders began as members with us as young as 6 years old and this results in what we feel is a lifetime of developed skill sets for youth to achieve and thrive while in program, school, and throughout life.**

BGC Peel provides a safe place for these individuals to participate in impactful, fun activities that support the development of confidence, learning and positive relationships. BGC Peel - Opportunity Changes Everything and where No More Barriers begins.

BGC Peel's partnership with the City of Brampton began with our original space located at 145 Main Street South in Brampton. The house was used by multiple agencies including AYSP and Peel Children's Aid. The site was also the main office of BGC Peel rent free. The agreement was in place until the space was forced to close.

We would like to request rent and property tax relief from August 1st, 2023, through the end of our Fiscal year, ending March 31st, 2024. This saving would amount to approximately \$24,189 and allow the organization to redirect those funds to staff & direct programming in Brampton.



Please don not hesitate to contact me directly by email mgyovai@bgcpeel.org or by phone at 416.274.6277.

Best regards.

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