

# Downtown Brampton Set For Exciting Makeover

## Beautiful Streetscaping At Four Corners, New Watermains, Sewer Systems Planned

BRAMPTON: Exciting transformation is coming to downtown Brampton!

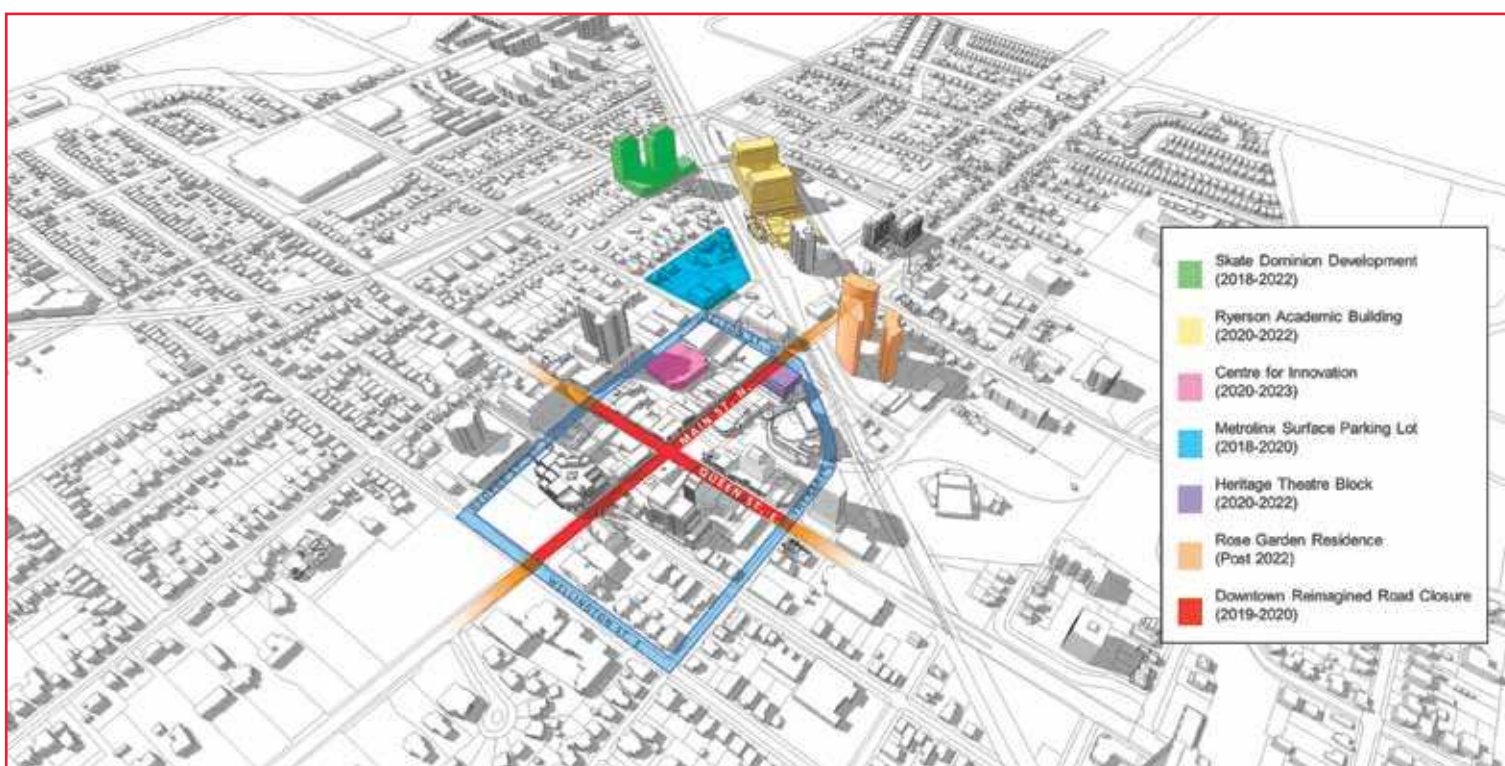
Brampton City Council on Wednesday unanimously approved moving forward with the recommended project plans for the Downtown Reimagined initiative. This project, which includes critical infrastructure and significant streetscaping in the city's core, is being implemented by the Region of Peel in partnership with the City of Brampton.

The project includes:

- Replacement and relining the existing aging sanitary sewers;
- Installation of new watermains and sanitary and storm sewers and other utilities to accommodate future growth; and,
- Construction of new streetscaping.

Councillor Doug Whillans, Chair, Public Works and Engineering Committee, said: "The people of Brampton have spoken. They want a more vibrant city that is an exciting place to live, work and play. Our downtown is on the cusp of transformation – we have a university coming in, a new Centre for Innovation in the works and this project is a kick-start to all that is exciting."

To ensure timely and effective completion, vehicular traffic will be restricted in the area during construction that is expected to take 2.5 to 3 years. The Region of Peel will commence work on critical infrastructure in fall 2018. The target date for completion of the entire project is 2021.



Harry Schlange, Chief Administrative Officer, said: "Downtown Reimagined is one of the first steps in delivering Brampton 2040 Vision."

"In the next five years, downtown Brampton will be a hive of activity as a number of exciting initiatives bring in new development and growth. We acknowledge construction will have a big impact and we are committed to working with our partners at the Region of Peel, the downtown BIA and all our stakeholders to minimize disruption and ensure a safe transition of traffic and pedestrian movement during the construction."

When completed, Downtown Reimagined will create a vibrant public realm with an aesthetically beautiful streetscape around the historic Four Corners. The new streetscape - from Mill Street South to Chapel Street on Queen Street and Nelson Street West to Wellington Street on Main Street - will bring together pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in a safe and sustainable manner.

With a range of high design amenities, such as addition of cycle lanes to landscaping between street and sidewalk in order to capitalize on pedestrian walkability and enhance amenities, the public realm in downtown

Brampton is set to undergo an exciting transformation.

For more information, including videos, images and updates, residents and businesses are encouraged to sign up at [www.brampton.ca/downtownreimagined](http://www.brampton.ca/downtownreimagined)

### What to expect

- Pedestrian and business access will remain open at all times throughout the downtown core
- The road closure for vehicular traffic is expected for 2 years on Queen Street between George St and Chapel Street (intersections remain open) and Main Street between Wellington Street and Nelson Street West (intersections

remain open)

- To the greatest extent possible, the City is working to maintain the festivals and events that take place in Garden Square or Ken Whillans Square

- Enhanced road signage and wayfinding will be in place prior to any traffic changes to give the public enough notice to plan their route. "Open for Business" signs will be included during construction.

- Parking garage incentives will be in place for the duration of construction

- Visitors will be directed to the existing five parking garages through improved wayfinding.

# Peel Drivers Asked To Obey 'Rules Of The Road'

REGION OF PEEL – The reduction of fatal collisions and serious injury collisions continues to be a high priority for Peel Regional Police. As the milder weather continues throughout the Spring season there will be an increase in the number of outdoor activities for cyclists and pedestrians.

Members of the public, drivers and pedestrians alike, are being reminded by the Peel Police that road safety is a shared responsibility. Drivers are being asked to give their full attention to driving safely and to obeying the rules of the road.

Pedestrians are among the most vulnerable of road users. Pedestrians are reminded that they play the biggest role in ensuring their own safety; they need to be fully aware, at all times, of their own actions and the movement of vehicles in their vicinity. It is imperative that cyclists, pedestrians and motorists alike be extra vigilant around school zones, intersections, crosswalks and public transit stops.

To assist drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, Peel Regional Police is offering some safety tips:

### Drivers

- Obey the rules of the road including all traffic signs and signals.
- Avoid any handheld electronic devices while driving.
- Give driving your full attention.
- Double check blind spots before changing lanes.
- Drive within the posted speed limits and adjust accordingly to the weather and



traffic conditions.

- Apply extra care when entering and changing directions at an intersection.
- Pay extra attention to pedestrians.
- Keep your vehicle in good condition, with proper tires inflated.
- Make sure your brakes are in good working order and ensure your windshield is clean and free from obstructions.

### Pedestrians

- Pedestrian safety is in your hands. Be alert at all times to your surroundings.
- Don't rely on traffic signals or stop signs. Ensure that it is safe to cross the road before crossing.
- Walk on sidewalks whenever possible.
- Whenever possible use a crosswalk to cross the street. Avoid "jaywalking" or crossing the street between vehicles.
- Parents – ensure that you are aware of your children's location and activity at all times. Do not allow young children to



play near roadways, unsupervised.

- After dark, drivers cannot see people in dark clothing until it's too late. Wear bright clothing, something reflective or carry a lit flash light.

### Cyclists

- Obey the rules of the road including all traffic signs and signals.
- Make your presence known. Wear

bright or reflective colour clothing. At night or in inclement weather, it is important to use reflective lights in the front, side and rear that make you visible from all directions.

- Do not run stop signs or red lights or use the wrong side of the street. It is best and safest to ride single file.

- Make eye contact with drivers whenever possible. This ensures that the motorists see you and helps you assert your rightful place on the road.

- Make sure you are always aware of your surroundings. Know what is behind you and watch what is in front of you.

- Clearly communicate your intentions by using hand signals.

- Make sure your brakes are always in top-notch condition. Be aware of how weather and road conditions can affect your ability to brake. Peel Regional Police are urging all road users to be extra vigilant. All road users need to have a safe enjoyable year.

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