



LOCAL PULSE

with

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Regional Councillor
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Help Tackle Petty Crime in our Neighbourhood

Are you concerned about petty crime in our neighbourhood? Scan the QR code to stay informed and share concerns and incidents you have experienced.

I will review what you submit, keep you updated on trends to be aware of, and work toward practical solutions so together we can help keep our community safe.



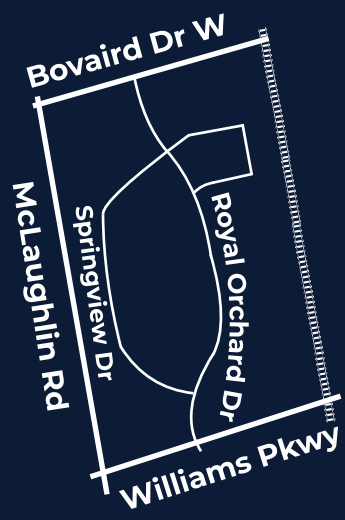
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Royal Orchard Neighbourhood

Local Heroes

A focus on residents in the neighbourhood who are making a difference



"Our neighbourhood should be a place where everyone can enjoy their streets and parks. When we uphold community standards, support road-safety efforts, and care for our shared spaces, we protect the heart of our neighbourhood. It's about taking pride in where we live and looking out for one another."

Julie Roth



"Our customers are our neighbours, and their feedback is what helps us grow. Whether it's supporting local events or providing fresh produce for a healthy lifestyle, we believe in the power of giving back to the place we call home."

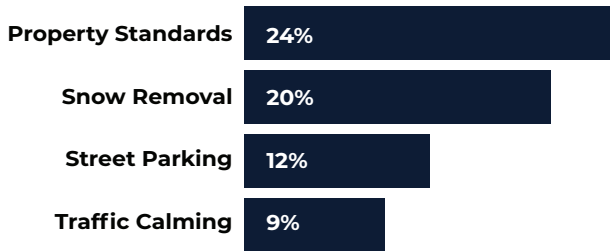
Amir, Bestway Food Market

Cleaning Up Our Neighbourhoods

Properties with overflowing and improperly stored garbage will now face escalated fines starting at \$250 for a first offence, \$500 for a second offence, and \$750 for any subsequent offences.

Top Resident Concerns

These are the most frequent issues raised in the Royal Orchard Neighbourhood by residents:



These concerns help guide my advocacy to ensure we're addressing what matters most.

Road & Safety Update

Royal Orchard Drive has received several key upgrades to improve safety. A new bike lane supports connectivity and traffic calming for improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists. Speed cushions have been installed between Bovaird Drive West and Williams Parkway to help calm traffic and reduce speeding. In addition, the road has been designated as a Community Safety Zone, reinforcing protections for pedestrians.

Public Safety in the Budget

The City's 2026 Budget strengthens community safety with new enforcement and education measures, including 8 part-time and 4 full-time staff for parking and road safety, 10 seasonal staff, 48 full-time and 10 part-time staff for rental housing compliance, and 24 new firefighters.

The City will also have 7 Licence Plate Recognition vehicles to improve parking enforcement efficiency and increasing fines for by-law and fire code violations to strengthen accountability.

In the Regional Budget, 40 new paramedics and 175 new police officers are being added in 2026. This is in addition to 300 police officers added in 2025.

Parks & Recreation Update

Chris Gibson Recreation Centre

Work is underway to add a new NHL-size ice rink, a full gymnasium/FIBA court, and child care space. These upgrades will expand recreational opportunities for all.

Previously completed improvements include a new Tape Ball Cricket Pitch, installed in 2023.

Fred Kee Park

The park was revitalized in 2024 with the installation of a brand-new playground, providing an updated and engaging space for local families to enjoy.

Residential Rental Licensing



The Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) Program is expanding across the city. The program prioritizes safe housing and quality of life with escalating fines for repeat offenders for illegal parking, garbage, overgrown grass, and snow removal. By-law Enforcement is now proactively enforcing through unannounced blitzes.



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Customer Service Feedback

In late Fall, my office conducted a survey to gauge satisfaction with the service levels provided by the City in response to neighbourhood issues. While many residents shared positive experiences, the results show we have work to do to improve how quickly and effectively service requests are resolved.

Based on your feedback, we are focusing on three key areas: faster resolution times, clearer communication throughout the process, and stronger accountability to ensure your issues are fully addressed the first time. In the coming weeks, my team will be implementing enhanced features on **CouncillorSantos.ca** to improve the communication. Help us test! Please send an email to rowena.santos@brampton.ca letting me know that you are open to providing us your feedback.

About Councillor Rowena Santos

Councillor Santos is a strong voice for Brampton at the city, regional and national levels and shapes decisions that positively impact residents every day.

She chairs key committees at the City of Brampton, serves on the Board of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and represents Brampton nationally as a Director with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, championing housing, infrastructure and fair funding at every level.

