



# LOCAL PULSE

with

**Rowena Santos**  
Regional Councillor  
Brampton Wards 1 & 5

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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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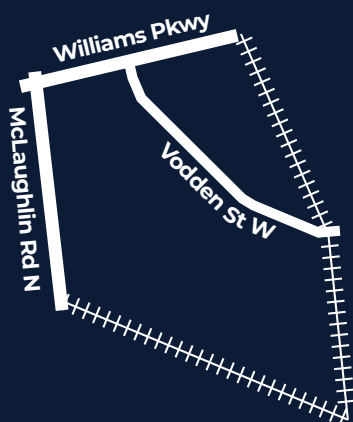
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## Vodden Neighbourhood

## Local Heroes

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



"Community means looking out for one another, and that starts with the safety of our streets. I'm proud to see advocacy and implementation of traffic calming measures in our area to ensure our roads are safer for children and families. It's been great to work with Councillor Santos to see these safety improvements become a reality for our residents."

**Cathy Tacoma** Community Advocate



"An active and engaged community is a safe and thriving one. Whether it's keeping our local environment clean or looking out for our elderly neighbours, I believe in the power of working together. I'm pleased to see the ongoing focus on our neighborhood's well-being and the positive momentum we are building here on our streets."

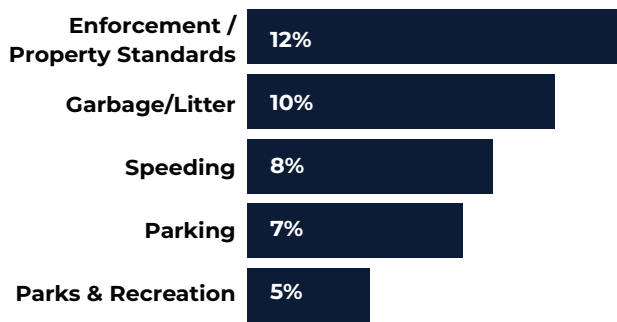
**Ben Reis** Community Advocate

## 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 neighbourhood concerns help guide my advocacy to ensure we are addressing what matters most.



## 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.



[bcity.ca/RRL](https://bcity.ca/RRL)

## 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](https://councillorsantos.ca) to improve the communication. Help us test! Please send an email to [rowena.santos@brampton.ca](mailto: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.



Our Local Pulse newsletters are folded by senior volunteers and home delivered by members of the Santos Youth Council (SYC).

## Road & Safety Update

Speed cushions have been installed on **Brookview Road, English Street, Rosedale Avenue, and Vodden Street West**, while Community Safety Zones are now in place along **Sunset Boulevard and Elmgrove Avenue**. These targeted traffic-calming measures reduce vehicle speeds and improve pedestrian safety.

## 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

Improvements to local parks and recreation spaces continue to support active, connected communities. At Chris Gibson Recreation Centre, work is underway on a new NHL-sized ice rink, a gymnasium with a FIBA-size court, and additional child care space. A tape ball cricket pitch was also completed in 2023.

Neighbourhood park upgrades are also progressing. Fred Kline Park saw the successful launch of a Community Garden in 2023, followed by a full playground replacement in 2025. At Vodden Park, accessibility was improved in 2022 with a newly repaved pathway.

