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UNLOCKING BRAMPTON'S ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

In this new decade, cities will be defined by how we can sustainably manage growth, create jobs and move people and goods efficiently. Technology and climate change are no longer the backdrop, but are key drivers for economic growth, providing new opportunities for success.

Here in Brampton, we are eager to develop talent, create jobs and build a community that is connected, sustainable and innovative. Brampton has one of the youngest and most diverse populations in the country. Centrally located along the Innovation Corridor with ready access to the GTHA talent pool and markets, coupled with the availability of developable lands, makes us attractive to businesses and investors. Our Term of Council priorities are our roadmap to becoming a city of opportunities that is well-run, healthy, green and a vibrant cultural mosaic.

Brampton has many exciting initiatives underway. We are improving regional connections through the Hurontario-Main Street LRT and Queen Street Rapid Transit. The construction of our downtown flood mitigation project, Riverwalk, would result in a value added (GDP) impact of \$256 million to the Canadian economy and create 2,200 full time jobs.

By partnering with Brampton on these opportunities, you will help unlock economic potential, address community safety, support effective healthcare, and improve affordability. For some projects, a fair allocation of funding is required to support our residents. Making the right investments at the right time is crucial for future health and prosperity in Brampton and around the region.

The City of Brampton is looking forward to working with the Federal and Provincial governments to redefine this new decade for our city, for Ontario, and for Canada.

Join us as we unlock our economic potential together.

Mayor Patrick Brown



GETTING PEOPLE MOVING

Connecting people to places

TRANSIT

Brampton Transit

Brampton Transit is one of the fastest growing transit systems in Ontario with ridership significantly outpacing the population growth. Brampton's ridership growth of 18% and 14%, year-over-year, in 2017 and 2018, respectively, is unprecedented compared to the average increase in Ontario of less than 1% and the national average increase of 1.5% (as per the Canadian Urban Transit Association 2017 Data).

In 2018, Brampton Transit ridership was higher than in York Region, London and Hamilton, but is receiving 6% less funding through the Public Transit Stream of Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). Brampton Transit ridership in 2018 was 31.2M, a 48% increase over 2015.

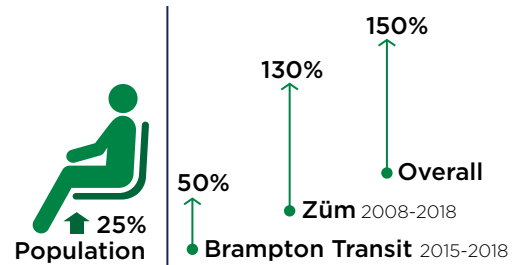
The Federal - Provincial Integrated Bilateral Agreement provides Brampton's public transit system with a total proposed allocation of \$350M over 10 years through the Public Transit Stream. Brampton Transit allocation (\$190M Federal, \$160M Province) is based on 2015 ridership data of 21.2M.

A funding model that accounted for ridership growth could result in an additional \$160M allocated to Brampton Transit that would help to fund a required Maintenance and Storage Facility.

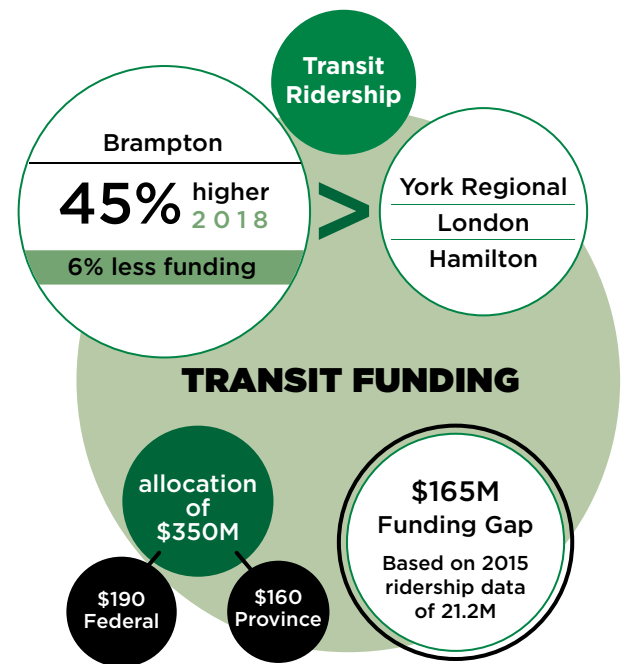
The Ontario Gas Tax is an important program for the City. Brampton Transit would not have achieved 87% growth in service and 154% growth in ridership over the last 10 years, had it not been able to use the funds from Ontario's Dedicated Gas Tax for Public Transportation Program.

Key proposed Brampton Transit projects for funding to be received through the Public Transit Stream:

- Building a new Maintenance and Storage Facility to meet demands of City growth and maintaining current and future fleet requirements;
- Purchasing additional buses to accommodate existing demand;
- Investing in rapid transit service to meet rider demands. (Chinguacousy Road and Bramalea Road);
- Investing in new technology to ensure continued safety and efficiency; and
- Building a Mobility Hub in downtown Brampton.



RIDERSHIP GROWTH



Our Ask

Continuation of equitable Provincial Gas Tax (PGT) Funding to Transit Systems.

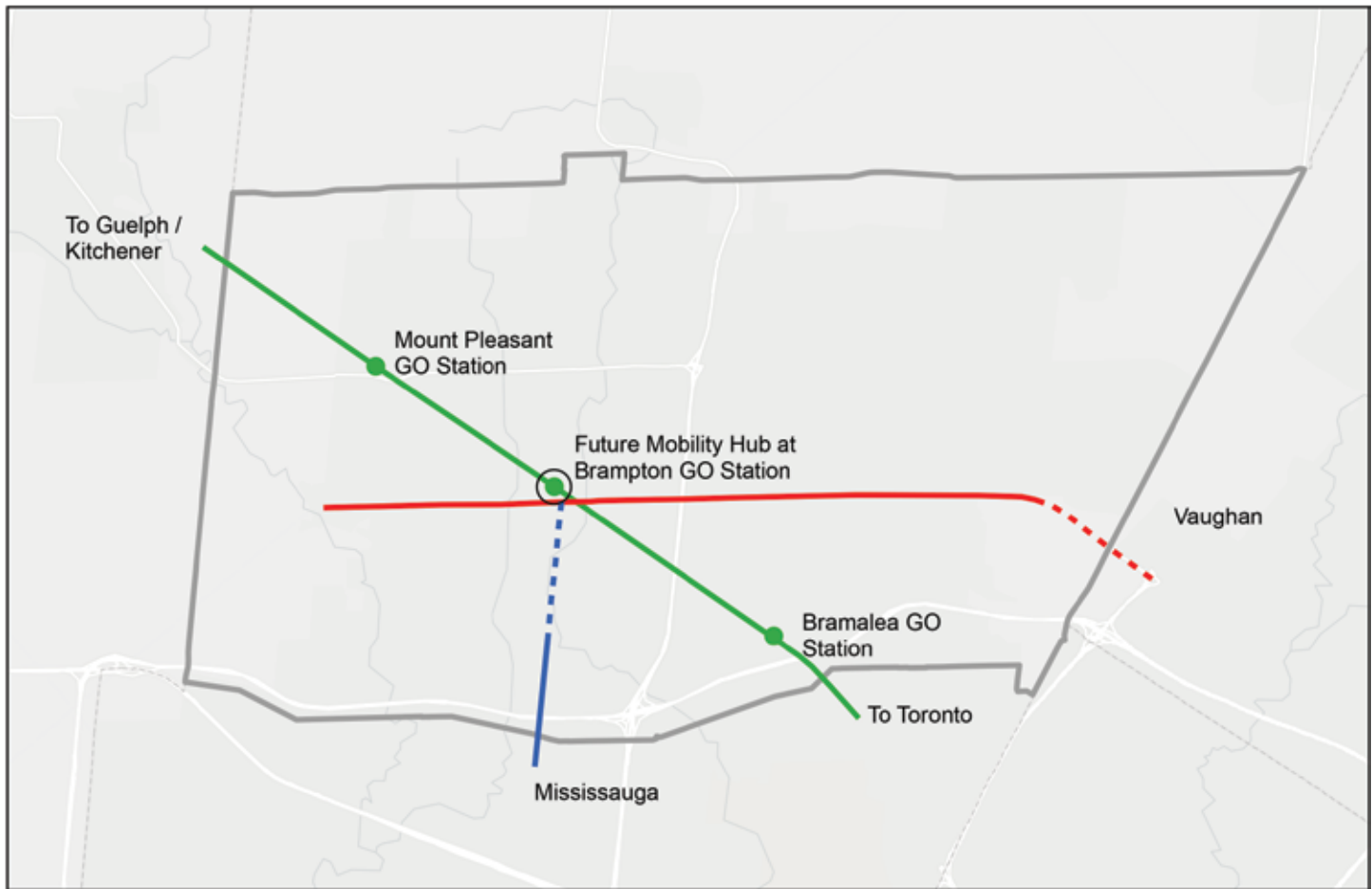
The City of Brampton would not have achieved 87% growth in service and 154% growth in ridership over the last 10 years had it not been able to use the funds from Ontario's Dedicated Gas Tax for Public Transportation Program.

The inclusion of a bonus funding provision for high growth municipalities would also be an effective tool in providing municipalities funds to meet an increasing transit demand.

HIGHER ORDER TRANSIT

The City of Brampton looks to partner with the Province to build transportation infrastructure that best serves the needs of residents across the Region, the GTA and communities across Canada's Innovation Corridor. Brampton is one of many communities of Ontario, and the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), where provincial investments in transit infrastructure have not kept up with the rapid population growth and demand.

The City is excited to partner with all levels of government to implement major Higher Order Transit initiatives to unlock Brampton's full potential, improve movement of people across the region and address safety and congestion on our roads.



- GO Transit Stations
- Highway 7 West BRT Extension
- <all other values>
- GO Transit Kitchener Line
- Hurontario LRT
- City of Brampton Boundary
- Queen Street BRT
- Proposed Main Street LRT



Hurontario-Main Street LRT

The Hurontario-Main Street Light Rail Transit (LRT) will be an integral part of the overall GTHA transportation network.

The Hurontario LRT North Extension will provide higher order transit in Brampton along Hurontario Street/Main Street from Steeles Avenue to the Brampton GO Station.

The Hurontario North Extension will fill a notable gap in the regional rapid transit network by connecting the Hurontario LRT line directly to the Kitchener GO Rail line, existing Züm service, and future high order transit service on Queen Street. It will improve the functionality, resiliency, efficiency, and convenience of the higher order transit network in Brampton and beyond. The LRT connects to GO Transit's Milton and Lakeshore West rail lines, Mississauga MiWay, and the Mississauga Transitway along Highway 403, supporting Canada's Innovation Corridor.

This project will connect the Downtown Brampton Anchor Mobility Hub and Urban Growth Centre to the Hurontario-Steeles Gateway Mobility Hub. Uptown Brampton, centered on the Hurontario Street-Steeles Avenue intersection, is envisioned as a major new transit-oriented live-work civic core for business, commerce, leisure, and tourism. 25-30 year growth estimates for these areas call for an additional 135,000 people and 79,000 jobs.

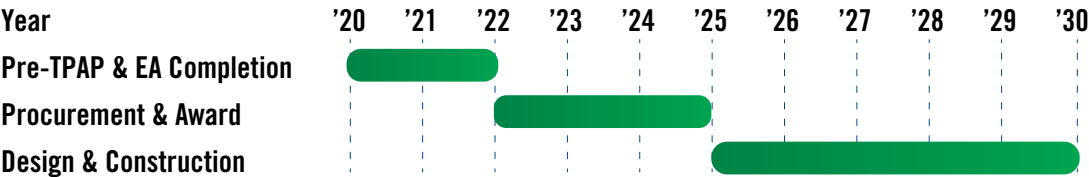
The City is assessing various options, including a tunnelled option as agreed by Council, to extend the LRT on Main Street, north of Steeles Avenue to the Brampton GO station in Downtown Brampton.

The City of Brampton is seeking approximately \$1.7B, through funding partners in the Federal and Provincial government, in order to proceed with a fully funded Light Rail Transit on Main Street. The Federal platform committed to creating a National Infrastructure Fund for which the Hurontario-Main Street Light Rail Transit (LRT) would be a compelling candidate project for consideration.

Our Ask

The City of Brampton requests Metrolinx work collaboratively with the City to advance the LRT extension on Main Street to Downtown Brampton. It is essential that the City receive a fair share of funding for the LRT on Main Street to keep up with the population growth and high demand for transit service.

TIMELINE FOR LRT EXTENSION ALONG MAIN STREET



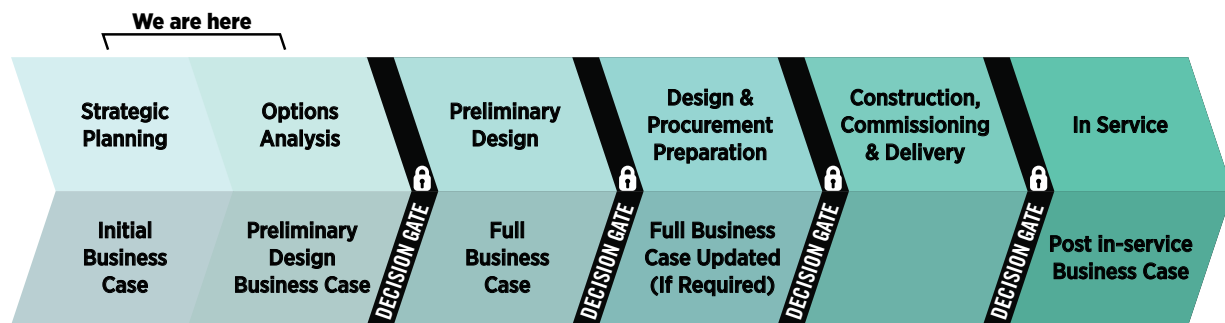
Note: Assumes funding is in place at end of EA phase. Timeline is based on tunnel option.

Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT

Queen Street is currently the busiest transit corridor in Brampton, **serving over 30,000 transit customers per day on a Züm and local routes and providing connections to York Region as well as major north-south transit routes.** The entire BRT corridor, including the segment in York Region, extends from Mississauga Road in the west to Vaughan Metropolitan Centre in the east via the Viva BRT Rapidway on Highway 7.

The Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT project will **improve connections between the Downtown Brampton Urban Growth Centre, the Bramalea City Centre area, the Urban Growth Centre in Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, as well as the large concentrations of employment in East Brampton and Vaughan.** This project will support the achievement of the urban realm envisaged in the Brampton 2040 Vision long range plan – a vibrant, high-density corridor from the east side of Downtown Brampton to Highway 410 with mixed uses in street-side buildings. This project will enable actions in the City’s 2018 Economic Development Master Plan, such as the creation of innovation and medical hubs in Downtown Brampton. It will also serve several Region of Peel social housing buildings, supporting greater transportation equity. This project has the potential to unlock growth along the Corridor.

This project will be a key part of the full and integrated transit network included in the Brampton 2040 Vision. Queen Street is designated as both a Primary Intensification Corridor and a BRT Corridor in Brampton’s 2015 Official Plan. Finally, this project helps to support the Region of Peel and City goals of achieving a 50% sustainable mode share by 2041 and a Regional objective of creating built environments that facilitate physical activity.



Project Milestones

It is currently expected that in 2020, Metrolinx staff will take the IBC to the Investment Panel for approval to proceed to the next stage for the Queen-Hwy 7 BRT – which includes a preliminary design, environmental assessment (EA), and Preliminary Design Business Case.

Our Ask

The City of Brampton requests Metrolinx to continue to advance the planning for Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT following the Initial Business Case (IBC) to the Design & Procurement Preparation stage – including preliminary design, environmental assessment, and Preliminary Design Business Case – and beyond while continuing to work closely with the City.

Provincial support and a fair share of funding will be essential to advance a higher order transit network in Brampton consisting of the Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT and Hurontario-Main Street LRT as part of the broader regional transportation system.

Kitchener GO Line

The Hurontario-Main Street LRT and Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT will connect to the Kitchener GO line, forming an anchor Mobility Hub in Downtown Brampton as an integral part of the transit network in Brampton and across the region.

Demand for GO Transit in Brampton is rapidly growing. More than 300,000 people commute daily between Waterloo Region-Kitchener-Guelph-Halton Hills Brampton-Toronto. According to Metrolinx there are 13,300 boardings per day on the Kitchener GO Rail line (5.2% year-over-year increase), 9,100 of which are at the three stations in Brampton.

Our Ask

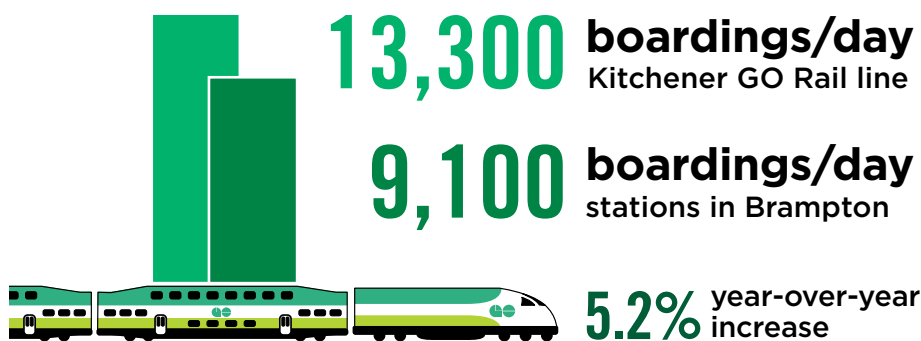
The City requests that Metrolinx:

1. Work with the City to find a temporary solution for parking overflow issues at GO Transit stations in Brampton;
2. Expedite GO Rail Expansion-Regional Express Rail service (Frequent Two-Way All-Day) west of Bramalea GO to Mount Pleasant GO and beyond to Kitchener-Waterloo by finding solutions to address capacity constraints on the corridor, particularly for the section currently in CN ownership.



+300,000 people commute daily

Waterloo Region > Kitchener > Guelph > Halton Hills > Brampton > Toronto



The City of Brampton welcomes the updated Initial Business Case for the Kitchener GO Rail Service Expansion Program and the anticipated advancement of the Preliminary Design Business Case, which will further refine the project's scope, benefits, and costs. The City also welcomes the rail service improvements introduced on the Kitchener corridor over the past year and ongoing discussions about future improvements.

Investing in a well-connected regional transit network including frequent two-way all-day GO train service will greatly improve access to jobs as well as mobility between the City of Brampton and the other municipalities along Canada's Innovation Corridor supporting economic growth, job creation and development.



HEALTHY BRAMPTON

Building a healthier community

HEALTH CARE

The City of Brampton has declared a Health Care Emergency.

Brampton has been significantly impacted by the 'hallway medicine' crisis facing our health care system. Brampton is underfunded and its residents are underserved across a variety of health care services. Our residents are impacted daily by wait times for a variety of services, from urgent care to community care and mental health and addiction supports.

Actual patient visits to acute care facilities continue to exceed funding levels.



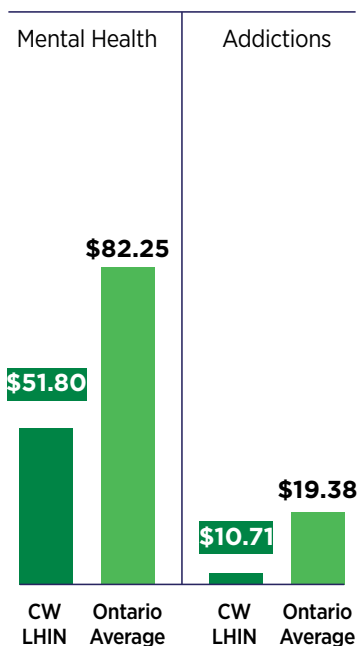
The Funding Gap

Quality care is threatened by the funding gap our health care providers and facilities face compared to the volume of use, and compared to the rest of Ontario.

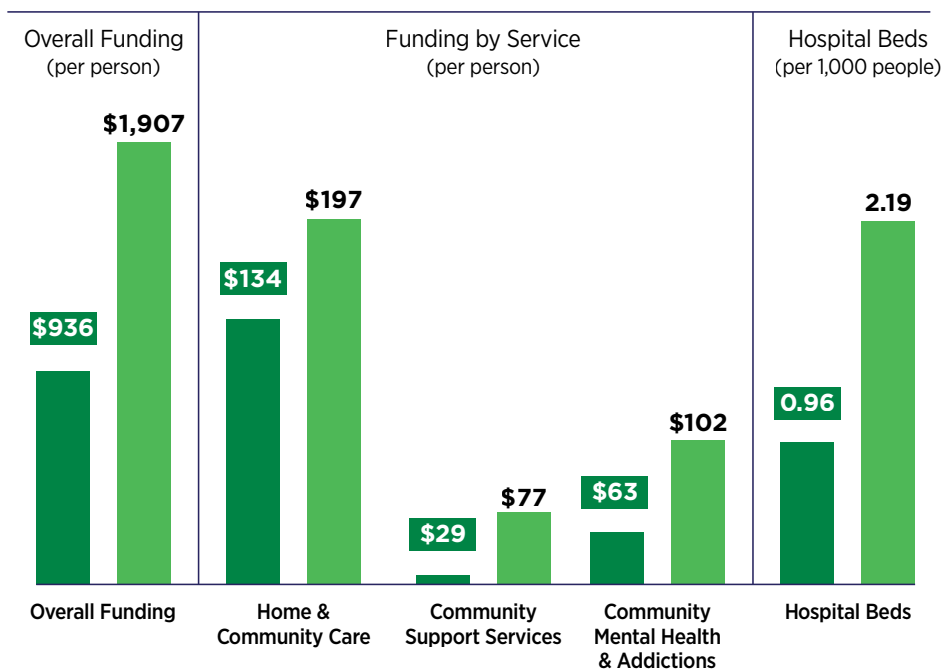
Peel Memorial is funded for **10,000** visits
Actual visits (2018/19) - more than **75,000**



Adult Mental Health & Addiction Funding (per person 2017/18)



Funding Gap for the Central West Local Health Integration Network (CW LHIN) (2017/18)



CW LHIN Provincial Average



Growing Issues

The City has unique health and demographic challenges that threaten to exacerbate the situation if investments are not made soon.

Outside of health challenges, Brampton is the fastest growing of Canada's large cities, projected to grow from its current population of nearly 650,000 to over 900,000 by 2041.



From 2012 to 2017 there has been a
40% INCREASE of seniors applying for home care in the Region



Brampton has the highest prevalence of diabetes in Ontario at
16%



Mental health and substance abuse emergency department visits increased
73% since 2011



The Opioid Crisis: from 2016 to 2018 in Peel
236 people died
366 people were hospitalized
1,295 visited emergency department

Making equitable investments now will support accessible, quality health care for Brampton residents, bridging the current service gap and preparing for the new approaches to health care services delivery, and ongoing rapid population growth.

To compete for jobs, investment and economic growth, Brampton needs a health care system that is funded equitably to other Ontario communities. In the context of growth and pressure, new and innovative care pathways have helped to improve access to care, including:

- A leading-edge, cancer-related immunotherapy program, provides test results in days instead of weeks
- Healthy communities initiative leveraging community partnerships to address population health outcomes and help children and families make healthier choices
- Same-day discharge program for knee replacement surgery patients
- Endovascular aortic aneurysm repairs reducing patient recovery time from one week to a single overnight stay.

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Our Ask

Provide immediate funding to bridge the gap in Brampton, as compared to the rest of Ontario, for a range of health services, including community health services, home care, the Ontario Health Team and acute care pressures at Brampton's Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness;

Fund the construction of an expanded Phase II of Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness to include post-acute beds that support comprehensive rehabilitation, seniors care, complex continuing care, and mental health and addictions services; and

The 2019 Fall Economic Statement recommitted \$17B in capital grants over 10 years for hospital capital project (FES). The City is seeking the Provincial commitment to funding for a third health care facility in Brampton, to meet the current and growing needs of the community and support new approaches to health care service delivery.



SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Building resilient communities

CLIMATE CHANGE & FLOOD MITIGATION

Riverwalk

Riverwalk is a catalytic project that will recapture the beauty and ecological function of the Etobicoke Creek, while creating a vibrant public space that provides a distinct identity for the City. The project will also eliminate the flood risk, remove the Special Policy Area (SPA) designation and remove development restrictions in downtown Brampton, and ultimately lead to the creation of the Riverwalk. This priority project will significantly improve the resiliency and sustainability of Downtown Brampton.

Current estimates indicate a transformative impact of the project including potential for new housing units, net new jobs, and \$119M annual revenues.

By removing the SPA designation through the construction of flood mitigation works, Downtown Brampton has the potential to accommodate approximately 17,700 additional persons

Our Ask

The City of Brampton is looking for all levels of government to help advance this transformational project for a vision of a sustainable, prosperous and future-oriented Brampton.

The City of Brampton is looking for the Provincial government to help advance this transformational project by providing funding, streamlining the approval processes and partnering with the City towards a vision of a sustainable, prosperous and future-oriented community.

Unlocking Potential and Growth

FLOOD MITIGATION DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON



 **17,700 + PERSONS**
76% INCREASE



 **23,800 + JOBS**
62% INCREASE

and 23,800 additional jobs at full build-out. This represents a 76% increase in the population and 62% increase in employment compared to the status quo.

In summer 2018, the City of Brampton submitted an expression of interest (EOI) application for \$105M in funding through the Disaster Mitigation & Adaptation Fund. Riverwalk was deemed eligible, however due to high demand only projects starting in 2019 and 2020 were selected.

The City looks forward to partnering with the Province towards unlocking the potential of Downtown Brampton through this transformational project.

RIVERWALK CONSTRUCTION



adds \$256 MILLION
to CANADIAN ECONOMY



creates 2,200
FULL-TIME JOBS

RIVERWALK DEVELOPMENT

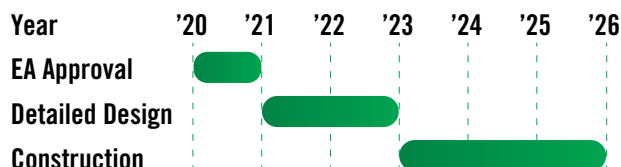


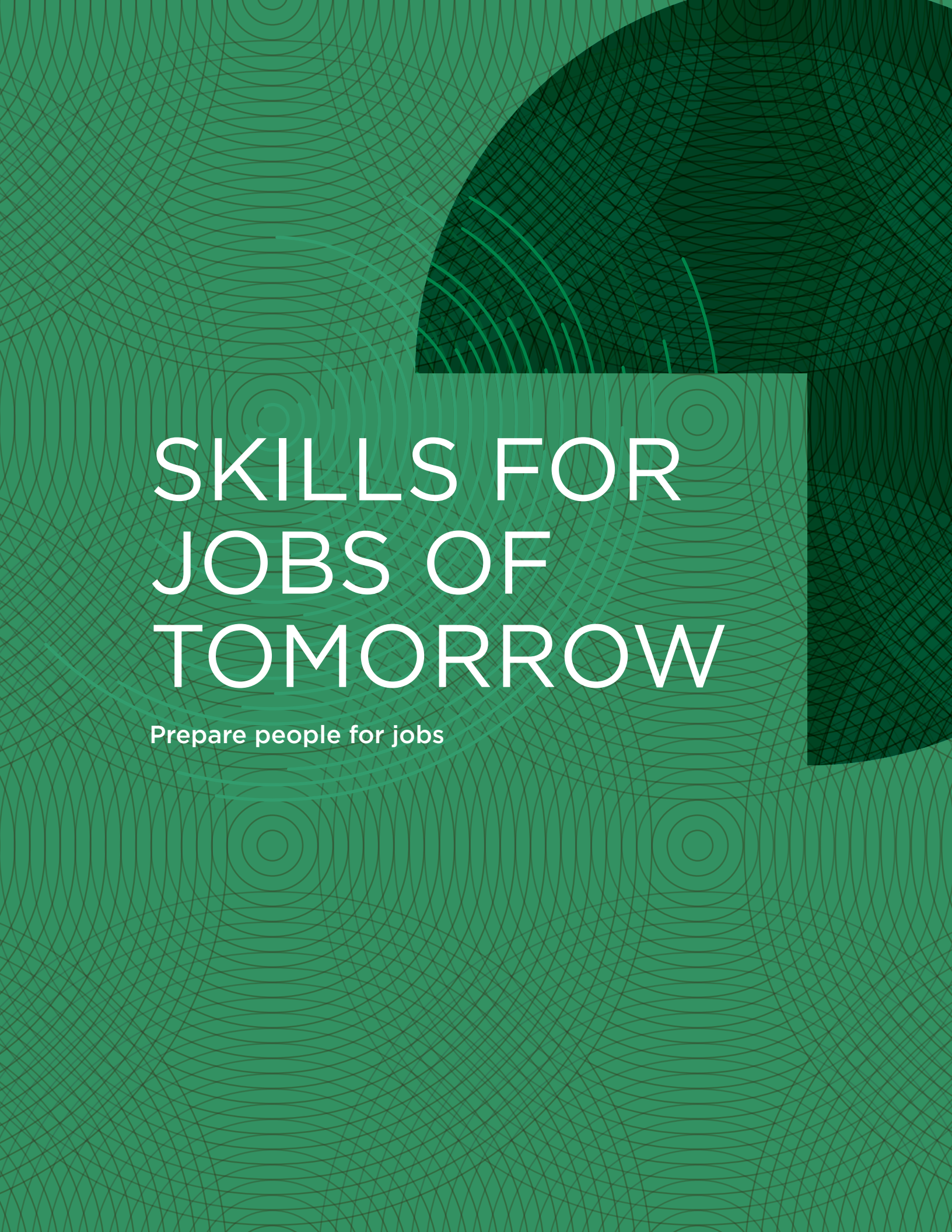
UNLOCKS **3.6 MILLION sq.ft**
RESIDENTIAL/RETAIL/COMMERCIAL SPACE

\$1.4 BILLION
GDP
IMPACT

12,000
PERSON
YEARS OF
EMPLOYMENT

RIVERWALK PROJECT TIMELINE





SKILLS FOR JOBS OF TOMORROW

Prepare people for jobs



BRAMPTON U

University of the Future

Brampton is one of Canada's fastest-growing and youngest cities. We are home to world-renowned businesses, looking for skilled workers to fill jobs today, and anticipating needs for the jobs of tomorrow. We need to ensure we develop and retain our home grown talent. More postsecondary education opportunities is key to building an economically, socially and environmentally vibrant city.

BramptonU is a process to bring a full university to Brampton. It is building on the excellence of our existing partners and other universities in Ontario and around the world to meet the needs of Brampton residents and businesses. It's providing a new avenue for local and regional economic and employment growth.

The new provincial direction for postsecondary education is perfectly aligned with current plans and context at the City of Brampton and the aspirations of Brampton residents.

A 2016 survey showed that 'Developing a Career' is the #1 aspiration of Brampton residents. The goal for BramptonU is to transform it from a process into a living, breathing university, offering leading undergraduate and graduate degrees in skills to prepare for in-demand jobs of the future.

Our Ask

The City of Brampton requests the Province to legislate BramptonU into existence by passing the Brampton University Act.

Take positive action on the City of Brampton's BramptonU Business Case (to be submitted Q1 2020) in the 2020 and 2021 Budget planning process.

A NEW UNIVERSITY IN BRAMPTON

What we heard from Brampton residents...



78%

OF PEEL REGION RESIDENTS SAY A UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE CLOSE TO HOME



83%

OF BRAMPTON RESIDENTS WANT A BRAMPTON UNIVERSITY



80%

OF BRAMPTON RESIDENTS WANT MORE ONLINE LEARNING OPTIONS



82%

OF BRAMPTON RESIDENTS WANT MORE FLEXIBLE UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS

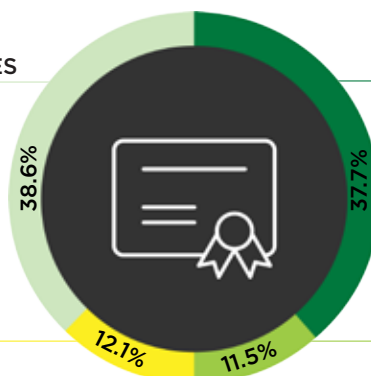
TYPES OF DEGREES RANKED MOST IMPORTANT IN BRAMPTON

PROFESSIONAL DEGREES

engineering
business
nursing
pharmacology

SCIENCE DEGREES

biology
chemistry
physics
math



TECHNOLOGY BASED DEGREES

IT
software
engineering
digital tech
environmental
tech

GENERAL ARTS DEGREES



SAFE COMMUNITIES

Building safer communities

SAFE COMMUNITIES

City Support

Crime does not recognize boundaries or postal codes, and it is important that the Federal and Provincial funding follow a fair allocation model to meet local needs and challenges.

The City of Brampton continues to support Peel Public Health and Peel Regional Police in leading the first integrated Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for the Region of Peel. Brampton is committed to working with all levels of government and service providers to address specific community safety needs.

The City has a number of partnerships in place to help facilitate and bolster community safety efforts. These include:

- Representing the City of Brampton in the development of the legislated Region of Peel Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.
- Exploring the opportunity to build a virtual community hub in collaboration with local service providers to share information on community/social services and programs.
- Implementing the Lighthouse Program, which will help members of the community seek refuge within the premises of participating faith-based organizations during times of community-wide emergencies in Brampton.

Brampton looks to the Province for support as the fighting Against Guns and Gangs continues to be a priority, with Provincial recommitment in various initiatives in the recent Fall Economic Statement. These included a new Intensive Firearm Bail Team in Peel to support bail hearings and proceedings for gun-related offences in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), and a Gun and Gang Fund to support projects and partnerships in the GTA and Greater Golden Horseshoe area to target organized crime and gang operations.

Our Ask

The City of Brampton is committed to enhancing community resilience through cross-sector engagement, advocacy and collaboration. This work requires:

- Increased **sharing of Brampton-specific data** between the federal government departments and agencies, and local levels of government and stakeholders.
- **Collaboration, engagement and fair allocation of funding** from all levels of government to enable a holistic approach to community safety and well-being.



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