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Patrick Brown *loves* This Town

By Tristan Bronca

**A Q&A WITH THE MAYOR
OF ONE OF CANADA'S
MOST DIVERSE BIG CITIES**

Patrick Brown has been the mayor of Brampton for the last three years. In that time, the city has experienced a lot: a pandemic, the world's largest cricket tournament, and the country's first NBA title, among others.

He spoke with us about his accomplishments as mayor, his works in progress, and how he and his family spend their time in the city.

Q&A

Q What are your favourite things about Brampton?

A I love the heritage aspect of our downtown, there's some unique architecture there. The Rose Theatre also attracts some great talent. Then, we have Garden Square where we've had some great events. There were about 10,000 people there to watch the Raptors win the championship. We called it "Jurassic Park North."

Q Are there any other moments that stand out from your time in the city?

A That was a special one, but there are a lot of neat annual events. There's Bike the Creek on the Tubercle Creek Trail. Our candidate events at Chinguacousy Park are great celebrations of Canada. And because Brampton is a mosaic of faiths and cultures, there are lots of fascinating cultural celebrations as well.

Q How do you see the city looking different in coming years?

A I want to create more employment opportunities locally. We're building a tech accelerator in our downtown called BHive. It's on the top floor of a building in our innovation district. That's going to be a soft-landing spot for tech companies around the world coming into Brampton.

We've also been able to expand our recreation. We got this beautiful new outdoor hockey facility at Gore Meadows where there's artificial ice from October to April. Last year before COVID, Brampton hosted the GT20 which is the largest summer cricket tournament in the world. It had a viewing audience worldwide of 110 million. We like to say Brampton's become the cricket capital of North America.

Brampton

Q Tell us about some of your proudest accomplishments as mayor.

A We're the only big city in Canada that has frozen municipal property taxes. That was after 19 years of increases.

I'm also proud of our advocacy on major projects. We're getting a new hospital and a new medical school in the downtown. We fought hard for that.

On an environmental level, we're the first city that is running electrified transit buses that charge when they pick up passengers, and we're continuing to build green transit in partnership with the government of Canada.

We also set up a backyard garden program. Ten thousand residents built their own gardens and donated to the food bank. That's been a big success.

Source: BHive.ca





Did You Know?
Brampton has hosted its own farmer's market for the last 35 years.

Source: Brampton.ca

Q Let's do a rapid fire round. You're free, it's a sunny Saturday morning in the summer, what are you and your family doing?

A Every Saturday morning we go, religiously, to Brampton Farmers' Market ^[1].

Q Do you have a favourite vendor?

A There's a great popcorn stand that Belinda runs, it's called the RJ's Popcorns.

Source: Gage Park Wikipedia Page



Did You Know?
In the winter, Gage Park's skating trail winds 4km through the park's urban trees and light displays. And it's free!



Source: Brampton Farmers' Market - Google Business Profile

Q Your favourite season to visit Gage Park? ^[2]

A I'm torn because I love the nice weather, but I am a hockey fanatic, and they have a beautiful skating trail. I'll go with the summer just because our winters are very long. We also have music in the park in the summer like the Brampton Symphony Orchestra or local gospel singing.

Q Favourite local restaurant?

A I love Antica Osteria ^[3], which is in the northwest of the city. It's a great Italian restaurant, but I also love Mt. Vesuvio's ^[4] in the downtown. I'll also give the Queen Gypsy a notable mention, they've got great Serbian food.

Antica Osteria
3088 Mayfield Rd.

Mt. Vesuvio's
91 George St. S.



Sources: AnticaOsteria.ca + Mt. Vesuvio Google Business Profile



Q Go-to takeout place?

A There's a Portuguese restaurant, close to city hall, Nova Grill. So quite often I'll get sandwiches there.

Q Any other local businesses to shout out?

A My wife would tell me to shout out ReStyle, a clothing boutique downtown. They've had a tough year with COVID, but they do a great job bringing lots of options for purchases.



Eldorado Park
8520 Creditview Rd.

Chinguacousy Park
9050 Bramalea Rd.



Sources: Brampton.ca

Q Anything else you want to highlight for someone thinking of moving to Brampton?

A There are some great parks—from Eldorado ^[5] to Chinguacousy ^[6]. A lot of big cities tend just to be concrete jungles but that's not the case in Brampton. We've got great trails, parks, conservation areas. We have boat races in the summer at Professor's Lake and it's stunning.

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Smarter Homes Now Come Standard

BY TRISTAN BRONCA



“Smart home” is a phrase that gets thrown around a lot in marketing materials for new homes. But what most builders really mean when they talk about “smart homes” are regular homes for which the buyer has the option to purchase several smart upgrades.

That’s not the case at Poetry Living. We’ve partnered with Homewave Smart Connect to build our new homes smart right from the start.

Homewave Smart Connect’s system gives you convenient control over your home security, thermostat, lighting and water flow. Through an app on your smartphone, tablet or computer, you can remotely access, monitor or adjust your home’s smart features. That includes:

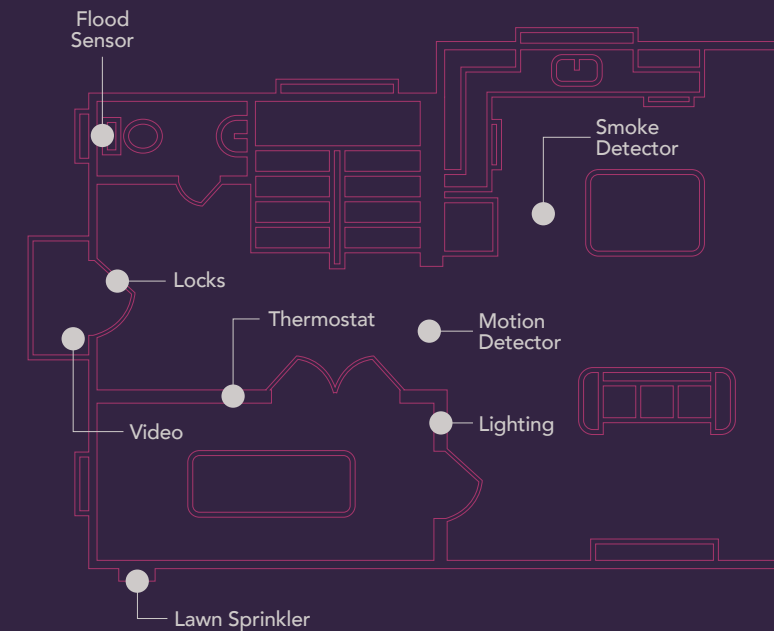
- Locks
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- Cameras
- Heating or Cooling
- Lawn Sprinklers
- Flood Monitor



The security system comes equipped with remote arming and disarming capabilities. While keys and garage door openers are still compatible with the smart locks, you can also use your smartphone, which means losing your keys will no longer be the source of stress it once was.

Forget to close your garage door? The app will notify you after you’ve left the prescribed geo-fencing radius so you can close it remotely.

Between the two standard smart lighting controls and the app, you’ll be able to standardize a schedule. Have the lights on when you arrive home from work and shut off when you go to bed without a second thought. Want to optimize energy usage? You can monitor that through the smart energy metre on the app. That system can also interpret short- and long-term patterns to alert you if your HVAC or other systems require maintenance.



Room temperature monitoring allows you to customize the climate by room, which means fewer fights over control of the thermostat.

Finally, manage your outdoor sprinkler systems from anywhere in the world. Inside, the smart flood water sensor will immediately alert you if water is detected in the basement and shuts off the water flow, so you avoid costly flood damage.

All of this now comes standard in Poetry Living Homes. Also standard: a pre-construction design consultation which enables you to customize the placement of monitors and switches; an onsite system configuration test to ensure everything is functioning as expected; and full system support to troubleshoot any difficulties that may arise.

Poetry Living will cover the first-year costs of the remote access and notification monitoring system, which makes for one less thing you need to worry about with Poetry Living smart systems.

Do Family

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BY KATHLEEN FRANCISCO

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It's been more than a year since we began staying home and practicing social distancing. A lot of us spent too much time hoping for a diversion to help pass the time.

Game night is a great way to keep the family entertained. Not only is it the perfect opportunity to spend quality time together, but it also ensures everyone stays safe. Here are a few options for games you can enjoy with your loved ones.

1

Trivial Pursuit

If you're trivia buff, you can't go wrong with this classic. It features over 2,400 questions with categories such as geography, entertainment, history and much more. The main objective is to collect all six wedges by providing the correct answer on each category space.



2

Kids Against Maturity

This award-winning card game bridges the gap between kids and adults, the perfect fit for family game night. With over 500 Q&A cards and 40,000 hilarious combinations, this is guaranteed to keep everyone entertained. Laughter is the best medicine after all.

3

Azul

Designed by award-winning board game designer Michael Kiesling, Azul is a contemporary board game based on azulejos, which are unique blue Portuguese tiles. The main objective is to decorate the King of Portugal's palace with decorative tiles. Points are earned by laying various tile designs and completing the patterns specified on the board.

4

Cranium

Cranium is a 3-in-1 board game that gives everyone the opportunity to show off their talents. There are 4 different categories: Creative Cat (sculpting or drawing), Data Head (trivia), Word Worm (spelling, identifying, defining words) and Star Performer (singing, impersonation, acting). The team who successfully reaches the Cranium Central space wins.





Gage Park
45 Main Street South

Brampton's favourite Local Attractions

By Kathleen Francisco

Brampton is the ninth largest city in Canada and one of the top ranked cities for livability in the province. As Brampton continues to become more cosmopolitan and diverse, the list of things to do is continuing to grow. Have a look at some places to check out in Brampton with your family!

Gage Park

1

Gage Park is located at 45 Main Street South and, having opened 118 years ago, is Brampton's oldest municipal park. It is open all year round and offers recreational trails, outdoor skating trail, floral gardens, a wading pool, a gazebo and much more. Grab a blanket, some snacks and enjoy a lovely springtime picnic!



Bramalea City Centre

2

Bramalea City Centre has over 1.5 million square feet of retail space. This premier shopping centre has over 300+ stores and services as well as a wide range of dining options.

3

Chinguacousy Park

Chinguacousy Park is a 40-hectare park in the Bramalea area that features playgrounds, a skateboard park, picnic areas, tennis courts, outdoor fitness equipment, and trails for cross country skiing and snowshoeing. Perfect for spending an afternoon outdoors with the family.



4

Peel Art Gallery, Museum + Archives

Immerse yourself in the history of Peel Region at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum + Archives, also known as PAMA. This museum was previously the Peel Country Courthouse, Brampton Jail, land registry office and a county building. PAMA has over 12,000 accessions, 5,000 works of art, 1,400 boxes of archival documents, 400,000 photographs and millions of pages of text.

5

Heart Lake Conservation Park

Did you know how Heart Lake got its name? The conservation area has two kettle lakes that resemble a heart. It also features stunning natural spaces, hiking trails, picnic areas, a splash pad and a pool.

Brampton *fast* Facts

Also known as Canada's Flower City

The city's population is expected to grow to 725,000 by 2031

Brampton residents represent over 170 different cultures and speak more than 70 languages

Has a median age of 35.8, the youngest in Peel Region

How To Get The *most* Out Of Your Patio In The Fall

By Kyla McGregor

This year, there is a renewed focus on extending the patio season into the fall and embracing your patio experience at home. Here are a few tips to help you get the most of your outdoor space.



Upgrade your sitting space

Awnings, pergolas, gazebos as well as overhanging greenery can upgrade the look and feel of your sitting and entertaining areas, and provide additional shelter from the sun or rain. If budget or space is a concern, the most important expenditure would be to add an element that fits your family needs and lifestyle to help extend your patio season.



Pick a portable fire pit

A fire pit is a low cost way to extend your patio season, providing warmth, light and a great excuse to go outside. While large-scale fire pits and outdoor fireplaces can be pricey, smaller, portable gas-burning models come at a more wallet-friendly price. Plus, they can be moved from one area of the yard to another or brought in the garage for the winter. Just keep your local bylaws in mind when considering wood burning or gas options.



Add fall bloomers

For a bright garden update, swap out summer flowers with cheerful fall-blooming perennials. By late summer, nurseries are stocked with flowers that are already in bloom, such as chrysanthemums, coneflowers, and yarrows. Select plants that look vigorous and are covered in buds (rather than in full bloom) for the longest display.

Style your courtyard

Early in the season, take advantage of the lingering warmth of summer by setting up an autumn dining space and styling it with bright, colourful potted bedding mums.

For trees, think beyond foliage

Fall fruits can be as visually appealing as colourful leaves, and they stick around even after fall. Decorative, pumpkin-coloured fruits continue to cling to the branches for weeks.



Contrast textures

Placing plants and garden elements with bold, structural forms (such as clipped shrubs, dense perennials, and garden boulders) next to lighter, airy forms (ornamental grasses and wilder flowers) adds texture to your garden. Also, planting small coniferous shrubs and trees, including pine trees, maintain their colour and texture through the fall and winter.

Get in the spirit of the season

Add a few autumn attributes such as bundles of hay or stacks of pumpkins and gourds. If you aren't feeling too traditional, add smaller elements that don't detract from your space's aesthetic.

Accent lighting

Since the days are shorter, consider installing accent or silhouette lighting so you can enjoy your patio and backyard into the evening. Most lighting solutions can also be incorporated into your Smart Living home so you can be efficient and tech savvy at the same time.



Upgrade Your Grilled Chicken

Rotisseries are great, don't get us wrong, but if you want a better way to BBQ chicken this year, grab your favourite beer and get that grill fired up.

Ingredients

- One whole chicken
- 1 can of beer (your choice)
- 2 limes
- 2 tablespoons of softened butter

Spice Rub

- 2 tablespoons of brown sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt
- 1 1/2 teaspoons of pepper
- 1 teaspoon of paprika
- 1 teaspoon of garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon of onion powder
- 1/8 teaspoon of chili powder

Instructions

Preheat grill and combine your spices in a bowl.

Pat your chicken completely dry and rub the softened butter under the skin, over the chicken, and inside the cavity. Slice the limes thinly and place under the skin and inside the cavity. Coat the chicken evenly and generously with the rub.

Open the beer and place upright in a baking sheet or cast iron pan. Pour 1/4 of the beer into the pan. Stand the chicken upright on the sheet, with the open beer inside the cavity.

Roast the chicken on a 425-degree Fahrenheit grill for one hour and 15 minutes. Afterwards remove from heat and let the chicken rest for 20 minutes. Remove from the can, remove the limes, cut, and serve.

Recipe courtesy of How Sweet



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