

**MAYOR PATRICK BROWN**

May 4, 2023

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**Re: Proportional Funding for Emancipation Park Servicing Enhancements**

Dear Minister Lumsden and Associate Minister Williams,

I am following up on our previous letter dated March 9, 2023 requesting the Government of Ontario to provide the proportional funding for a feasibility study and servicing on provincially owned land leased by the City of Brampton at Emancipation Park.

While the City hasn't received a response to our request outlined in the March 9, 2023 letter, Brampton City Council at the May 3, 2023 council meeting passed a motion to update you on the temporary measures the City of Brampton is undertaking to ensure Brampton residents have accessible park amenities in Summer 2023.

Below you will find a list for 2023 Interim Plans at Emancipation Park, along with timelines.

| Item                     |  |
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| <b>Rental Washroom</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Washroom will be generator operated and equipped with separate entrances for male and female units</li><li>Amenity has been installed and will be available for usage the week of May 1<sup>st</sup></li></ul> |
| <b>Grass Maintenance</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>For the spring staff will be aerating, fertilizing and seeding</li><li>For the summer staff will continue with aeration and fertilization</li></ul>  |

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RECOMMENDED \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTION REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
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|                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For the fall staff will conduct top dressing, aeration and fertilization</li></ul>  |
| <b>Trees</b>            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Approximately 25 - 50 trees will be planted on site at strategic locations by the end of May</li></ul>  |
| <b>Entrance Signage</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff have looked into having a new entry way signage that will be elevated 6ft. than the current sign for better visibility</li><li>• Sign is expected to be installed end of June</li></ul> |
| <b>Flower Bed</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff will have flower bed installed by the entrance of the park by May</li></ul>   |
| <b>Shade Shelter</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tender will be released for shade shelter the week of May 8<sup>th</sup></li><li>• Installation is expected to be completed July or sooner if possible</li></ul>                              |
| <b>Solar Lighting</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Park staff are collaborating with internal partners in regards to the feasibility and timelines for solar light installation</li></ul>  |
| <b>Art Installation</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Park staff are collaborating with Cultural Services for the art installation</li></ul>  |

These temporary measures are necessary to ensure we meet the needs of our community who at the August 1, 2022 City of Brampton celebrations at Emancipation Park, requested the City provide additional servicing, such as water and hydro access, a flush toilet facility and other amenities, similar to those in large parks across the city.

Minister Lumsden and Associate Minister Williams, these temporary solutions are important accommodations for our community in the short term. While we await your response to our previous correspondence asking support to proportionately fund the servicing requirements for the provincially owned portion of the land at Emancipation Park, city staff have engaged with the Region of Peel who have agreed to work to service Emancipation Park once we've received a commitment from your government.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this important matter with you further, and thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Patrick Brown  
Mayor, City of Brampton



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cc: Mr. Nando Iannicca, Chair, Region of Peel  
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