

## CIVIC MEETINGS

## NOTICE



**PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE**  
**Draft Technical Amendments To Zoning Bylaw 160-90 – (File No. PZ-18-18)**  
**Brantford City Hall – Council Chambers**  
**100 Wellington Square, Brantford**  
**Monday, March 11, 2019**  
**6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**There will be a brief presentation at 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Brantford will be hosting a Public Information Centre on a City Initiated Zoning By-law Amendment. Please see details on the proposed draft amendment below:

Application PZ-18-18 involves City Initiated Amendments to Zoning By-law No. 160-90 to update various zoning regulations. These modifications are housekeeping in nature and are collected by City Staff from the ongoing administration of By-law No. 160-90 and related planning applications. The matters to be considered as part of this amendment are technical in nature and will ensure that the current Zoning provisions are consistent with Provincial policy and to address the changing nature of the community and development within the City. The following matters have been identified and are proposed to be addressed:

- Housekeeping Items – to correct typographical and mapping errors, update terms to reflect current Provincial policy and reorganize definitions for ease of reference.
- Spatial Separation between townhouse blocks – to create a provision requiring a minimum spatial separation distance of 3 m between street townhouse units and block townhouse units for Fire Department access purposes.
- Model Homes – to create a general provision that regulates the use of model homes for future plans of subdivision.
- Parking Spaces – to review and modify parking standards as they relate to the required amount, size and location of off-street parking spaces (Section 6.18). The current standard parking space size in Brantford is 2.75 m x 6 m, and the average standard parking space size of comparable municipalities is below this.
- Accessory Retail Sales – to review the physical separation requirement for internal accessory retail sales. Currently, Section 6.3.6.3 of the Zoning By-law requires that the gross floor area used for accessory retail sales shall be separated from the main manufacturing or warehousing use by a permanent, solid, floor-to-ceiling and wall-to-wall partition and closed doors.
- Interpretation – to clarify that the plural provision in the interpretation section does not apply to placing multiple buildings on a lot where only one building is permitted (Section 3.2.2.2).

For more information please contact:

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## NOTICE

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019


- Estimates Committee commencing at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 Wellington Square, Brantford, ON

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

- City Council commencing at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 100 Wellington Square, Brantford, ON

#### Staying in touch with Council's activities:

The agendas for Regular Council, Committee of the Whole and Standing Committee meetings are available on the City's Website at [www.brantford.ca](http://www.brantford.ca) and at the Brantford Public Library Main Branch Reference Desk. Should a Special Meeting be called for any reason, meeting agendas will be made available on the City's Website only.

 Assisted listening device available in the Council Chambers

## NOTICE

### CITY OF BRANTFORD: NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS 2019 INTERIM TAX BILLS

**Instalment 1: Wednesday, February 27**  
**Instalment 2: Friday, April 26**

**IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR BILL, PLEASE CALL THE TAX OFFICE AT: 519-759-4150.**

(Property owners on Monthly Pre-Authorized Payments do not receive an Interim Bill)

Cheques, post-dated to the due-date, may be sent early to ensure you do not miss the Due-Date above. Late payments received after the Due-Date are subject to a penalty of 1.25 % of the unpaid tax, on the first day of default. Additional penalty and interest of 1.25% is added on the first day of each month thereafter. Penalty and interest charges cannot be waived.

#### PAYMENTS:

**IN-PERSON:** At City Hall, 100 Wellington Square during normal business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday). **Please note – payments can no longer be accepted at 220 Colborne St.** A drop box for after-hours payments is located to the left of the front door. Do not put cash in the drop box.

**BY MAIL:** To The City of Brantford, P.O. Box 515, Brantford, ON N3T 6L6.

**AT YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION:** Ask your banker for the payment options they may provide.

**ON-LINE BANKING:** Payment can be made through on-line banking using your account number. Please pay at least two days before due date to ensure we have your payment in time.

**PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENT (PAP):** Taxes may be paid conveniently by PAP from your bank account. Monthly PAP is now offered for the 1st or 15th of the month. Please call our Tax Office for details. Online forms are also available from our website – [www.brantford.ca](http://www.brantford.ca).

#### PROPERTIES WITH TAX ARREARS

**Tax Sale legislation has changed:** If your property taxes are in arrears for all or part of **TWO** (formerly three) years as at January 1, it is subject to the Municipal Act, 2001, Part XI - Sale of Land for Tax Arrears, and subject to our fees and costs for all notices sent to inform you of this matter.

#### NEW CONSTRUCTION PROPERTIES

For newly constructed / renovated homes or buildings, it can take up to three years for the assessment to be given to the City, but taxes are payable from the date of fit-for-occupancy or possession. Please plan ahead by setting aside funds for these retroactive tax billings. You can also pre-pay by joining the PAP plans. Call 519-759-4150 for details.

## City of Brantford

# 2019 March Gardening Seminar Series

## FREE to Brantford residents

### Accessible Gardening Tips for Big Veggie Yields in Small Spaces

*Presented by Gloria Ord, Equal Ground Community Gardens*  
**Tuesday March 5th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
*TB Costain School, 16 Morrell Street*

Great news for those wishing to successfully grow vegetables and other plants in tight spaces or accessible places! Excellent alternatives to conventional gardening layouts and techniques now exist. Come learn more about "Square Foot" and other container gardening methods that offer accessibility, increased productivity per square foot, less watering, improved soil drainage and better pest control to name a few.

### Nifty Natives

*Presented by Sean James, Sean James Consulting & Design*  
**Thursday March 7th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
*TB Costain School, 16 Morrell Street*

Various desirable, ornamental natives, including some you may not even know are native, will be covered. Location suitability will be dealt with, including addressing difficult soils and situations. Benefits to birds and pollinators will also be discussed.

### Waterwise Container Gardening

*Presented by Diane Hutchinson, Walters Greenhouse*  
**Monday March 18th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
*Civic Center Auditorium, 67-79 Market St. S.*

This seminar will discuss gardening with containers that don't require a lot of water or a lot of work.

### Dwarf Conifers - Made Easy

*Presented by Darren Heimbecker, Whistling Gardens*  
**Wednesday March 20th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
*TB Costain School, 16 Morrell Street*

A look into some of the most maintenance free plants in the landscape. Origins, their uses and ability to grow in just about any condition will be discussed.

### Fusion Gardening®: Doing 'Good'... Beautifully

*Presented by Sean James, Sean James Consulting & Design*  
**Tuesday March 26th, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
*TB Costain School, 16 Morrell Street*

Encouraged by many municipalities and regions, Fusion Gardening® blends LID (rainwater handling) with xeriscaping (drought-tolerant gardening) and folds in plantings to enhance biodiversity. One of the main foci of this style is to engage the public with beauty. Since it's so important that property owners take up this gauntlet, we'll address the backbone of each of these disciplines, and discuss how to do each artfully.

### Resourceful Responsible Container Gardening

*Presented by Paul Zammit, Toronto Botanical Garden*  
**Wednesday March 27nd, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**  
*Civic Center Auditorium, 67-79 Market St. S.*

Join a passionate plants-man and avid container gardener for an enthusiastic presentation. He will share his experience and passion for making every drop of water, growing location, plant choice, and maintenance activity count in our gardens to greatly reduce impacts on the environment and stress on ourselves. Learn about growing winter hardy and tropical succulent plants both in the garden and in eye-catching container combinations.

### Preparing for the Next Big Rain with Attractive, Dramatic Landscape Transformations

*Presented by Becca Robinson, REEP Green Solutions*  
**Saturday March 30th, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**  
*TB Costain School, 16 Morrell Street*

As part of the Kitchener's RAIN Smart Neighbourhoods Project, homeowners have received landscape design support to achieve goals for their outdoor space while managing stormwater to benefit the natural surroundings. Be inspired by some of the dramatic before, during and after photos from gardeners who have endeavored to install rain gardens and other rain smart landscape features that create beautiful and natural spaces for people and wildlife.

**To register, email your name, address and phone number to:**  
**[waterconservation@brantford.ca](mailto:waterconservation@brantford.ca) or call 519-759-4150**

*Space is limited. Walk-ins on day of may be possible. Check website for space availability: [brantford.ca/gardeningseminars](http://brantford.ca/gardeningseminars). Garden Club members will also be on hand to answer questions before and after presentations.*

