



CITY OF BRANTFORD

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

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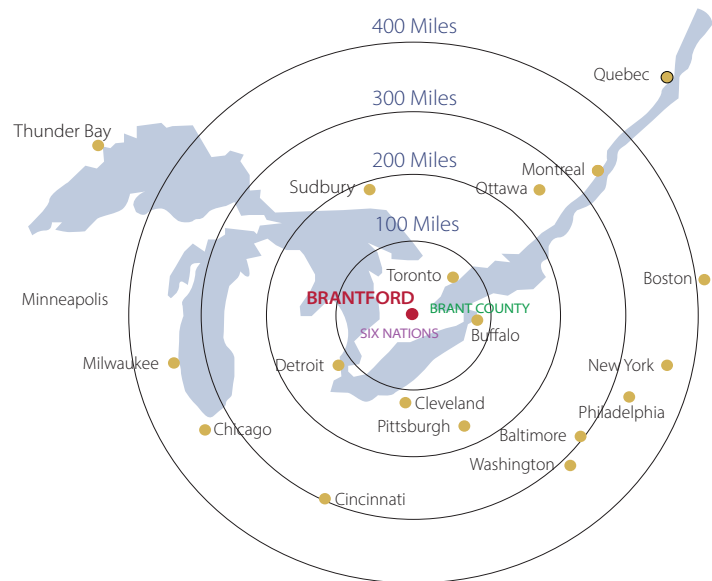
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BRANTFORD AT A GLANCE

The City of Brantford is situated upon the lands traditionally stewarded and cared for by the Neutral, Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Peoples. We extend our respect to all First Nations, Métis and Inuit peoples for their past and present contributions to this land and community.

Brantford, Ontario is a progressive community located in Canada's economic heartland. Ours is a community of unique balance offering amazing urban and rural amenities, modern conveniences and natural features, and incredible indulgences and healthy alternatives.

Our community has long been one of Ontario's best kept secrets. A short drive to many major cities in Ontario, Brantford offers a hard-to-find blend of large city resources and small-town charm.



Population

104,688 population (11.8% growth between 2011-2021) within an estimated 41,675 households.

Workforce

Brantford continues to build a skilled and diverse workforce of 77,000 people and 188 local employers.

International Access

Within 90 minutes to Hamilton, Toronto, Waterloo, and London international Airports, Toronto, Hamilton, and Oshawa Shipping Ports.

Industrial Base

2,500 acres for zoned industrial land, including 518 in manufacturing, from textile to science and technology firms.

Logistics

Convenient access to Highway 403 and major cities throughout Canada and the U.S.



MAYOR AND COUNCIL 2022-2026

The City of Brantford is governed by an elected Council of eleven members including the Mayor and ten Councillors who serve a four-year term. The current Brantford City Council was elected on October 24, 2022.

The Mayor and Council are responsible for developing a long-range vision for the future of the community. Council establishes policies to improve residents' quality of life.



MAYOR / COUNCIL

Back row, standing from left to right: Ward 2 Councillor Gino Caputo, Deputy Mayor of External Relations and Ward 1 Councillor Rose Sicoli, Ward 3 Councillor Greg Martin, Ward 5 Councillor Brian Van Tilborg, Ward 5 Councillor Mandy Samwell, Ward 4 Councillor Richard Carpenter

Front row, sitting from left to right: Ward 4 Councillor Linda Hunt, Ward 3 Councillor Dan McCreary, Mayor Kevin Davis, Ward 1 Councillor Michael Sullivan, Ward 2 Councillor John Sless

CITY ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE

The Executive Leadership Team is led by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and includes four Commissioners who lead the City's four Commissions: Public Works, Community Services and Social Development, Community Development and Corporate Services.

The Executive Leadership Team is responsible for implementing the direction set out by City Council, including the provision of high quality, community-focused services, and overseeing the responsible and sustainable management of resources and monitoring progress.



CAO AND COMMISSIONERS

Back row, standing from left to right: Mary Musson, Commissioner of Community Services and Social Development, Michael Bradley, CAO, Nicole Wilmot, Commissioner of Community Development

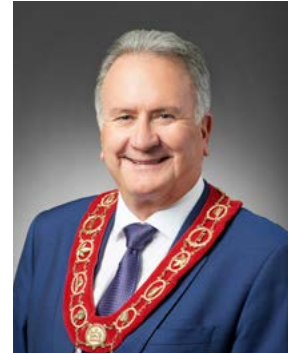
Front row, sitting from left to right: Selvi Kongara, Commissioner of Public Works, Joelle Daniels, Commissioner of Corporate Services

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

This year's Annual Report reflects the continued progress Brantford is making as a growing, ambitious, and caring city. Across areas, we have advanced projects and initiatives that support a stronger quality of life for residents today while preparing our city for the future.

In 2025, Brantford made important progress on major priorities including downtown revitalization, transit improvements, housing supports, economic development, climate action, recreation, culture, and community inclusion. From construction beginning on key infrastructure projects, to new investments in housing, to continued recognition as one of Canada's best locations for investment, this report demonstrates the momentum our city is building.

On behalf of City Council, I want to thank City staff for their professionalism and dedication, our community partners for their collaboration, our volunteers for their generosity, and residents for their input, participation, and continued contributions to Brantford. As Mayor, I am proud of the work outlined in this report and encouraged by the direction our city is taking. Brantford's future will be defined by how we balance growth with livability, opportunity with compassion, and progress with respect for the people and places that make our community unique.



Mayor Kevin Davis

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

The 2025 Annual Report highlights the work undertaken across the organization to deliver on Council's direction and provide high-quality, community-focused services to the residents of Brantford. It reflects a year of implementation, coordination, and measurable progress across the City's strategic focus areas.

City staff advanced a wide range of priorities in 2025, including infrastructure renewal, transit route improvements, economic development initiatives, climate and sustainability actions, housing and homelessness supports, recreation and cultural programming, accessibility, youth engagement, and the launch of new approaches to community involvement and inclusion.

I want to sincerely thank City staff for their hard work, adaptability, and professionalism throughout the year. I also want to recognize the many partners, agencies, volunteers, advisory committees, businesses, and community members whose input and contributions strengthened this work. The progress summarized in this report provides a strong foundation for the work ahead as we continue to support Brantford's quality of life, long-term sustainability, and shared vision for the future.



Michael Bradley

Brantford 2050 City Vision

The Brantford 2050 City Vision includes a long-term 'Vision Statement', six Focus Areas and 25 Goal Statements that were developed in alignment with feedback from the community and from Members of City Council.

VISION STATEMENT

Brantford will be a vibrant community that values our heritage, sense of belonging, and civic pride; a community that balances growth and prosperity with investment in the public infrastructure and services necessary to ensure a healthy, safe, and sustainable environment for generations to come.

CORPORATE VALUES

The City of Brantford is committed to its five corporate values of Integrity, Collaboration, Continuous Improvement, Respect and Inclusion. These values play an important role in the decisions and actions of the City. They serve as a foundation for the City's corporate culture and future success of the Brantford 2050 vision.

INTEGRITY

We are transparent, accountable and honest, upholding our commitments and building trust through consistency and responsibility.

COLLABORATION

We foster teamwork, cross departmental partnerships and open communication to create a more connected workplace that supports collective success.

CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

We embrace lifelong learning, creativity and innovation, strengthening how we work together to build a culture that adapts and grows.

RESPECT

We treat one another with dignity, fairness and professionalism, supporting positive relationships where people feel valued.

INCLUSION

We promote equity, diversity, accessibility and belonging, fostering well-being so everyone feels seen, heard and able to fully participate in all aspects of our work.

2025 KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

1,281 Housing Permits Issued



2,000+ jobs added to the local economy

\$772 million in committed industrial investment



1,100,000 Visitors and Tourists (estimated)

6,700+ Emergency Response Calls – Brantford Fire Department



6,248+ trees planted

1195 km maintained



2,179,603 conventional transit riders and 46,051 specialized bookings

13,789.06 tonnes of waste diversion



231 km trails and **110** km bike trails/lanes maintained

12,464,750 cubic meters/year Drinking Water Supplied



Focus Area 1: Transit and Infrastructure

Brant's Crossing Bridge Replacement

Construction has begun on a new, modern pedestrian bridge that will improve safety, flood resiliency and accessibility, reconnecting trail users along the S.C. Johnson Trail.

Downtown Revitalization Phase 1

Construction of the Downtown Revitalization Project is underway with work on Brant Avenue and Icomm Drive, including of replacing the underground infrastructure (sanitary sewer, storm sewer and watermain) that are at the end of their service life. This project will increase capacity for future development of the downtown. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/NewDowntown](https://brantford.ca/NewDowntown).



Create and Maintain Roadways

Important investments in local road infrastructure will enhance safety, support growth, and strengthen connection for residents, commuters, and businesses. Full corridor reconstructions were initiated for Balfour St. (Mount Pleasant St. to Gilkison St.) and Norwich St. (Sherwood Dr. to Colborne St. W.), while additions to on-street parking and a new accessible sidewalk were initiated on Freeborn Ave (Brock St. to Dead End).

Outdoor Amenities

In addition to regular maintenance and ongoing accessibility upgrades to City parks, trails, and other outdoor spaces, construction commenced on the Blanche E. Williams Community Centre and Park in West Brant. The City also maintains over 127 km trails and 102 km bike trails/lanes, making it easier and safer to choose active modes of transportation.

Brantford Transit Route Updates

Under the “Moving Forward” Plan, significant changes have been implemented to improve how buses move throughout the city. Several route updates came into effect in 2025, including the introduction of 2 new routes (Route A: between West Brant and Lynden Park Mall and Route 20: between West Brant and the Northwest Industrial Area). Learn more at [Brantford.ca/Transit](https://brantford.ca/Transit).



Focus Area 2: Business and Industry

Investment and Development

Brantford continues to attract new companies and support ongoing development, such as the \$445 million Ferrero expansion and the \$192 million Hilton Foods first North American Facility.

Municipal Working Group on Trade

In response to U.S. tariffs, amendments to the City's procurement by-law were made to adopt a "Canada First" approach. The Working Group continues to work diligently to strengthen Brantford's economic resilience in collaboration with local businesses and industries through local workforce protection, diversification into non-U.S. markets, and ongoing monitoring.

Staff worked with ResearchFDI to develop a Foreign Direct Investment strategy that targeted markets and partnerships outside of North America.

In 2025, this led to a trade mission to Anuga Food and Beverage in Cologne, Germany where Mayor Davis and staff met with over 40 leads in the food and beverage industry, as well as trade commissioners and foreign counterparts.

Future implementation of the 3-year Foreign Direct Investment Strategy will continue diversification into the Advanced Manufacturing, Plastics and Rubber sectors, among others.

Supporting New Businesses

The City's Business Resource Centre continues to support the development of small businesses. Programs like the Summer Company provide aspiring entrepreneurs aged 15-29 with mentorship and up to \$1,500 to start their business at the completion of the program. Additional programs such as Starter Company Plus, Digital Main Street, and Student Biz further facilitate entrepreneurship in our community.

Film and New Media

Several large budget films, television, and commercial projects feature Brantford as its backdrop, including favourites like Reacher, Mayday, and Murdoc Mysteries. These projects make significant economic contributions, including stimulation of local hospitality businesses (hotels, restaurants, etc.) to host and serve cast and crews.

Learn more at [advantagebrantford.ca](https://www.advantagebrantford.ca).

Brantford Municipal Airport

The Brantford Municipal Airport is located in the heart of south-western Ontario. It is your cost-effective aviation gateway to the City of Brantford, Brant County, Haldimand Norfolk, and surrounding areas. The Brantford Municipal Airport features a variety of competitive, low cost opportunities for your aviation needs. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/airport](https://www.Brantford.ca/airport).

Focus Area 3: Climate and Sustainability



Climate Change Action Plan

The City has made progress on 14 key action items, such as converting 1,134 streetlights to LED, replacement of 3 gas powered vehicles with electrics, and energy conservation at water and wastewater treatment plants. Over 63.5T of CO₂e annually has been reduced through these projects.

Capital Projects

A number of capital projects were initiated to further reduce the GHG emissions of City facilities, including the design and construction of the Animal Control Building and Blanche E. Williams Community Centre to be net-zero ready, WGSC Battery Ice Resurfaces, and Ecological Study Report for Rotary Centennial Waterworks Park.

Tree Planting

To increase Brantford's tree canopy cover, 556 trees were planted at City parks and right-of-way. An additional 4,920 trees were planted through community tree planting events in partnership with Brant Tree Coalition and 770 trees were planted by residents on private property as part of the annual Free Tree Giveaway events.

Community Litter Cleanups

To celebrate Earth Day, over 1,300 community members worked together to collect 320kg of litter from our local streets, parks, school yards, and riverbanks.

Water Conservation

To encourage water conservation and help residents lower utility bills, protect the environment, and support long term sustainability, rain barrels are offered year round to Brantford residents. On average 160 rain barrels are sold annually.

Basement Flooding Prevention

To help reduce the risk of basement flooding, the Basement Flooding Prevention Program supports homeowners by covering 80% of approved remedial costs, up to \$5,000. In 2025, 86 residents participated in the program.

Gardens and Pollinator Patches

In addition to the City of Brantford Horticulture and Parks teams' beautiful plant displays throughout the city, they also maintain 14 community gardens and several pollinator patch plantings. Each community garden site has a dedicated garden champion who works together with volunteers to grow and care for produce, with any surplus produce donated to a local shelter. Pollinator patches are undertaken by City staff and volunteer members ("rangers") through the David Suzuki Foundation Butterfly Way Project including the planting of a canoe at Scarfe Avenue Trail access and several other pollinator patches throughout the City. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/ClimateAction](https://brantford.ca/ClimateAction).

Focus Area 4: Support for Vulnerable Persons



Housing Supports

City Council approved a three-phased development approach for transforming the former long-term care facility at 389 West St. into a fully integrated housing hub that will provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, supportive services, and permanent affordable housing options. In addition, 49 affordable housing units at 174 Trillium Way, Paris, reached occupancy in 2025. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/Housing](https://brantford.ca/Housing).

Encampment Response

Brantford's Encampment Outreach Team Members visited 278 encampments to provide housing stability connections and support, where 75 individuals moved into emergency shelter and 25 obtained housing.

Access to Primary Care

City Council approved a two-year pilot program to bring more healthcare professionals to the city through the Primary Care Access Program, to support the more than 10,500 individuals in Brantford who do not have access to primary care.

Support for a New Hospital

In 2025, the City of Brantford made an additional \$1.96 M contribution to the Hospital Reserve Fund, bringing the total amount in the reserve to just over \$18 M to support the construction of a new hospital in Brantford, pending the Province's approval and additional funding commitments.

Food Security

In March 2025, the City of Brantford declared a Food Insecurity Emergency. Staff worked in partnership with the Brant Food System Coalition and 40 local leaders to develop a Food Security Community Action Plan. The plan outlines the actions needed to address the root causes of food insecurity and support individuals and families to be able to meet their basic needs. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/FoodSecurityPlan](https://brantford.ca/FoodSecurityPlan).

Family and Income Stability

Brantford's Ontario Works office supports an average monthly caseload of 2,925 households, where individuals and families receiving Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) supports participated in the creation of an Action Plan to support employment, education, training, and personal goals. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/OntarioWorksPlan](https://brantford.ca/OntarioWorksPlan).

Intimate Partner and Gender-Based Violence

The City partners with Brant Response Against Violence BRAVE Committee to advance the goals of the Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)/Gender Based Violence (GBV) Community Action Plan, inclusive of recognizing a variety of advocacy initiatives such as 16 Days of Activism Against GBV, supporting increased Violence/Threat Risk Assessment (VTRA) Training, and launching new advocacy and awareness initiatives including the Youth Healthy Relationships campaign. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/IPV](https://brantford.ca/IPV).

Brantford Fire Department

The Brantford Fire Department operates as a full-time, professional fire department that delivers a broad and increasingly complex range of emergency services. Core responsibilities include fire suppression, emergency medical response, hazardous materials incidents, technical rescue, and water and ice rescue, reflecting the department's essential role within the community's overall emergency response system.



Focus Area 5: Tourism, Sport, and Culture

Sport Tourism and Events

As part of Brantford's long tradition of sporting excellence and in addition to its 8 annual hockey, basketball, softball, soccer, rugby, and dance tournaments and competitions, Brantford was proud to be selected to host a series of special events including the 2025 Special Olympics Provincial Summer Games, Ontario Open Chess Tournament, Mixed Doubles Curling Super Series, and Connor McDavid OHL Top Prospects Game. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/SportTourism](https://brantford.ca/SportTourism).

Public Art Installations

In 2025, the City selected an artist for a new public art piece at Alexandra Park to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the telephone, with the installation set for 2027. An Artist Call was also issued for a new public art piece in Jubilee Terrace Park, which will honour the courage and sacrifice of those who have served, and continue to serve, Canada during times of war, military conflict, and peace. As part of the ongoing public art heritage campaign, the City continues its three-year plan to paint one utility house and wrap five new traffic cabinets annually from 2025 to 2028.



Arts and Culture

Residents were drawn to a variety of vibrant arts and culture events throughout the city, including the inaugural Beats and Eats Festival at Harmony Square, Culture Days on the Trails, and Doors Open Along the Grand.

Bell Homestead National Historic Site

In 2025, 31,896 people visited the Bell Homestead National Historic Site, to see the place where Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone on July 26, 1874. The Homestead hosted a variety of activities and special events including tours, a cafe and museum store, educational trips, day camps, birthday parties, drop-in activities, rentals and more. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/BellHomestead](https://brantford.ca/BellHomestead).



Sanderson Centre for the Performing Arts

The historic 1,125 seat theatre hosted a record number of shows and events in 2025. Regional and local attendees increased 33% at events hosted by the theatre with 3% total increase over 2024. Learn more at sandersoncentre.ca.

Brantford Farmers' Market

Over 78,000 people visited the market to purchase local produce and goods, listen to live music at Trail Mix Live every Saturday throughout the summer, and enjoy the annual Holiday Market. Learn more at Brantford.ca/FarmersMarket.

Events and Activities

100+ events were held at City facilities and parks, such as the annual Canada Day celebration at Lion's Park Steve Brown Sports Complex, National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Powwow event at Mohawk Park, International Villages Festival, Brantford Beats & Eats, Mayor's Family Fun Zone, and Brantford's Winter Fun Fest.

Community Recreation

The City's four Community Centres (Branlyn, Doug Snooks Eagle Place, T.B. Costain/ SC Johnson, and Woodman Park) continue to be prime destinations for recreation programming for all ages. Specific examples includes swim lessons (4,346 participants), day camps (729 participants), advanced aquatics (400 participants), and drop-in admissions (45,000+ participants).

Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre

The Wayne Gretzky Sports Centre includes a four-pad arena, 65m and 25m pools, hydrotherapy pool, warm water pool, sauna, 150 ft waterslide, dryland training room, gymnasium, fitness centre offering a wide variety of land and pool fitness classes, fully equipped weight room, a wide variety of tournaments and special events throughout the year. Learn more at waynegretzkysportscentre.ca.

Focus Area 6: Welcoming and Inclusive Community

Inclusive City Strategy

In 2025, the City of Brantford launched the Inclusive City Strategy, which outlines 35 specific actions organized under three main pillars: 1) Inclusive Programs, Services, and Facilities 2) Welcoming and Inclusive Workplace and 3) Building an Inclusive Community. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/InclusiveCity](https://brantford.ca/InclusiveCity).

Truth and Reconciliation

In partnership with Gihekdagye and other Indigenous partners, National Indigenous Peoples Day was celebrated at Earl Haig Family Fun Park. Additionally, over 1,000 residents have accessed a free online course covering “Introduction to Indigenous Matters” to learn about local Indigenous history and culture.

In 2025, the City launched a community engagement campaign as a first step in developing a City of Brantford specific Truth and Reconciliation Framework.

City Council approved a \$1,000,000 contribution to the Woodland Cultural Centre’s “We Celebrate Our Stories” capital campaign. The campaign aims to raise \$65 million to build a new cultural centre.

In October 2025, the City of Brantford took possession of the Fox Ridge Community Care Centre, dedicating a portion of the building to support Six Nations of the Grand River Iroquois long-term care residents displaced by severe flooding.

Building Our Community From the Kids Up

The City continues to implement the Canada-wide Early Learning \$10/day Childcare Program, creating 241 new spaces for children aged 0-5, as well as coordinate EarlyON Centres to support early learning and development. The City also administers funding for Indigenous-led childcare and EarlyON programs operated by Six Nations of the Grand River. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/ChildCareandEarlyYearsPlan](https://brantford.ca/ChildCareandEarlyYearsPlan).

Empowering Youth

In support of Brantford’s ongoing commitment to support youth, the Brantford Youth Council and local youth-serving organizations were engaged in implementing several initiatives, including the launch of an Indigenous Youth Hub, youth mental health resource fair, healthy relationships campaign, and so much more! 34 community projects in total were co-created with local youth. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/Youth](https://brantford.ca/Youth).

Age-Friendly Community

Over 800 older adults participated in the annual Healthy Aging Passport program during Seniors’ month in June, while community services such as tax clinics, paramedicine program, and pet support program continue to be provided at local seniors’ housing sites. A Seniors Ride Free pilot program was also approved to allow free travel for Brantford Transit and Lift riders aged 50+. Learn more at [Brantford.ca/HealthyLiving](https://brantford.ca/HealthyLiving).



Accessible Community

The City's Accessibility Advisory Committee continues to work diligently towards eliminating barriers to full participation in our community. The 2025 Accessibility Awards recognized 3 City staff and 2 local businesses for their significant contributions towards improving accessibility and accommodating persons with disabilities. Learn more at Brantford.ca/Accessibility.

Community Involvement Framework

In 2025, the City of Brantford developed a new Community Involvement Framework to ensure a modern, consistent, tiered model for engagement based on the scale and impact of initiatives. The new process strengthens processes around reporting back results to the community and ensures more accessible and meaningful opportunities for public participation in City decision-making. Learn more at Brantford.ca/CommunityEngagement.

Brantford Immigration Partnership

The Brantford Immigration Partnership (BIP) is a dedicated group of community partners who are working to ensure that the City of Brantford continues to be a welcoming and inclusive community for all. The BIP's overall goal is to see that all immigrants to our community feel a sense of belonging and are able to succeed and participate in the economic, social, civic, and cultural growth of our city. Learn more at Brantford.ca/BIP.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Best Location for Investment

For the sixth year in a row, Brantford has been named by Site Selection Magazine as one of Canada's "Best Locations for Investment", based on end-user facility projects, project-affiliated job creation, and capital investment data.

Ontario Age-Friendly Community

The City has been officially recognized by the Government of Ontario as an Age-Friendly Community, celebrating its commitment to providing accessible and inclusive supports and services that enhance quality of life for older adults.



Communities in Bloom

The City was awarded 5 Blooms and a special mention for the Steadman Hospice from Communities in Bloom Ontario, in recognition of the beautifully maintained gardens, engaging museums and galleries, and over 70km of scenic trails along the Grand River.

Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness

The City of Brantford and County of Brant have been recognized for achieving Foundations Quality By-Name Data 4.0 status through the Built for Zero Canada initiative, 1 of only 9 communities to reach this milestone progressing towards ending homelessness through reliable, real-time data.

Residential Construction Council of Ontario: The City received an A grade, representing a stellar year for local new rental apartment construction. Brantford is one of only a few communities that surpassed its housing starts target, including 288 condo apartment and 537 rental apartment starts in 2025.

MERCY Award for Community Leadership:

The Muslim Education & Resources for Community Youth (MERCY) recognized the Brantford Immigration Partnership, and City staff member David Vujasinovich, for leadership in developing a inclusive and welcoming community.

Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians

Reza Barzanjah was honoured as a Lifetime Member with CACPT, reflecting years of dedication, professionalism, and contributions to the field of Planning and Development.

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY CHAMPIONS



The City of Brantford also administers many annual award programs to celebrate individuals, groups, non-profit organizations, and local businesses who've made exemplary contributions to our community.

Environmental Recognition Awards celebrate adults, youth, and businesses who have demonstrated environmental leadership. 2025 recipients include: Daniel Astey, Green Volunteer, Bryanna Leeder, Young Environmental Champion, and the Ramaiah family, Greenest Family.

Accessibility Improvement Awards recognize outstanding contributions made to improving accessibility and accommodating persons with disabilities. 2025 recipients include William Street Eyecare and Harmony Church who were recognized for Built Environment, and Andrew Neilsen who was recognized for Information and Communication. City of Brantford staff Spencer Moore, Christian Bean and the Traffic Services Department were also recognized for their contributions.

Youth Excellence Awards celebrate high-school aged youth who are leaders in planning community impact projects and advocating for the needs and perspectives of young residents.

2025 awardees: Acquiane Blake, Alae Mebrouk, Avery Stamer, Brayden Barnett, Frankie Costa, Jaxon Kazakevicius, Kaitlynn Sales, Kassandra Lalonde, Liam McDermott, Madison Nantais, Riley Corbett, Riya Lalji, Ruth Loker, Selene Crick, Serenity Anwhatin, Spencer Ward, Tommy Symons.

SPOTLIGHT ON...

Sports and Entertainment Centre

With construction set to begin in early 2026, this 5,300-seat facility will be home to the Brantford Bulldogs and will have the capacity to host concerts, family shows, trade shows and community events, and will anchor the City's plans for downtown revitalization. Developments in housing, entertainment and culture are central to a thriving and vibrant downtown.

Integrated Housing Hub

City Council approved a three-phased development approach for transforming the former Foxridge long-term care facility at 389 West St. into a fully integrated housing hub that will provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, supportive services, and permanent affordable housing options.



Brantford Beats and Eats and Mayor's Family Fun Zone

Over 2,500 people attended Brantford Beats & Eats, a new signature summer festival created in 2025 in Downtown Brantford. The event featured food trucks, live music on two stages from 11am to 7pm, live performances such as a freestyle soccer competition, line dancing, Bollywood dancing, aerial hoop performances, a magic show, a dog show, and much more. The Mayor's Family Fun Zone at Mohawk Park ran in conjunction with the City's Beats & Eats festival featuring free activities including bouncy castles, games, live music, food trucks and interactive displays from local emergency services.

Child Care and Early Learning

The City supported the creation of 168 new child care spaces in 2026, reducing the waitlist by 23% compared to 2024. In addition, over 3200 children visited EarlyON Centres in 2025, representing an increase of 38% compared to 2024.



Conceptual rendering of the Brantford Sports and Entertainment Centre

Looking Ahead

Together, these highlights reflect a year of meaningful progress and continued momentum for Brantford. From major investments in housing, infrastructure, recreation, entertainment, business attraction, and early learning, the City is advancing projects that support residents today while preparing for long-term growth and opportunity.

Looking ahead, the City will continue to focus on delivering reliable services, managing growth responsibly, and working with community partners to advance key priorities. This includes continuing to align resources with community needs, while maintaining a clear focus on accountability, service delivery, and long-term sustainability. The progress made in 2025 provides a strong foundation for the next stages of this work.



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