



Councillor Brad Clark Winter Report



Councillor Brad Clark wishes you and your family a wonderful holiday season. Merry Christmas!

GFL Landfill Odours

Councillor Clark Secures Unanimous City Council Support for Court Action

The GFL landfill odour continues to disrupt residents enjoyment of their personal property. The persistent odour nuisance has become a legal question. The Canadian Constitution affirms, **“Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of the person...”** The approved GFL Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) states, **“5.17 The Site shall be operated and maintained such that vermin, vectors, dust, litter, odour, noise and traffic do not create a nuisance.”** Given that the strongly offensive odours have continued for almost three years without any abatement, it is easily argued that the odours have become a persistent nuisance and GFL is not in compliance with their ECA.

Accordingly, I received unanimous support from Council for my motion directing legal staff to begin to file an application under the municipal act, section 447.1, that enables municipalities to seek a court order to close a facility whose business has caused a persistent nuisance without any successful abatement.

The legal and any court costs would be paid for by landfill royalties used to better the Stoney Creek Community.

Traffic Calming in Ward 9

Speeding and aggressive driving continue to be an issue in Ward 9 as well as all Hamilton wards. To be clear, our traffic speed studies usually show that 85% of drivers are driving the posted speed limits. It is the other 15% that is the problem.

When we receive complaints about speeds on a road we ask staff to conduct a study. If the 85 percentile is driving posted speed limits, then according to the city policy, there is no technical warrant for traffic calming or speed cushions. I have raised concerns that sometimes the remaining 15% are speeding excessively. I do have stats to back up my supposition. Several Councillors have raised similar concerns. As a result, staff will review the policy and present revisions in January 2026. In the meantime, we continue to provide petitions for residents to get 50% plus 1 support to secure new speed cushions on their street.

Valley Park playground gets a makeover

I am pleased to report that the old Valley Park playground (on the left) has been replaced with an exciting new look and feel. We allocate landfill royalties to fund the Ward 9 playground replacement program which plans one new playground annually in Ward 9.





Please join us on Christmas Eve for a **FREE** skate at **Valley Park Arena**

 **TUESDAY
DECEMBER 24TH
11:00AM - NOON**

RECEIVE
OUR WARD 9
E-NEWSLETTER 

FAMILY DAY FREE ICE SKATE TIME TO BE ANNOUNCED

Ward 9 Sidewalk Repair Program

I want to thank all the residents that took the time to report to the Ward 9 office in 2025 to have sidewalk bays inspected, repaired and/or replaced. Each report is first inspected by our roads department. If there is a tripping hazard, staff will mark the sidewalk. Subsequently, it will be ground down level or have a temporary asphalt repair. Sidewalk bays that need replacing are included in a city-wide procurement process to find a contractor that can replace the bays. If you wish to report a damaged sidewalk or curbing that is a trip hazard, please email details to ward9@hamilton.ca.

I am pleased to report that over the last three years our Ward 9 sidewalk program has successfully replaced over 16 km of sidewalk bays, preventing trips and falls. Scan the QR code to review the 2025 list.



COUNCILLOR BRAD CLARK 2026 TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Councillor Clark regularly host town hall meetings addressing a variety of issues of concern to residents living in Ward 9. In 2026, he will continue to schedule town halls to address issues and concerns regarding policing and road safety.



-  **Crime and Policing in Ward 9**
March 11, 2026, 6PM - 8PM
-  **Traffic Management and Parking**
June 10, 2026, 6PM - 8PM
-  **Salvation Army Winterberry Heights**
300 Winterberry Drive

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Call Toll Free 24/7 1-888-390-0393

Fraud & Waste Annual Report July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

- 148 Fraud and Waste Reports received;
- The overall substantiation rate was 32%;
- \$124,796 in loss or waste was substantiated since the issuance of the last Fraud and Waste Report;
- \$501,579 in recoveries or restitution received since the issuance of the last Fraud and Waste Report . **Scan QR code to see the full report.**



Stay Alert for Coyotes

Residents living in Upper Stoney Creek are blessed with easy access to many naturalised areas, parks, the Niagara Escarpment and several conservation areas. Escarpment and Conversation Authority bio-diverse lands are preserved for all future generations. These lands are also home to a wide array of fauna with several natural predators including large raptors, coyotes and foxes.

This year there have been several reports of human/coyote incidents. The Ward 9 Office, City and HCA met with residents, placed warning signs for public awareness, distributed **Fox 40 Whistles** to scare coyotes off and trimmed bushes in Valley Park that provided predator cover. City staff also distributed flyers to residents to educate them about coyotes and how to protect your family.



Coyotes Awareness

1. Keep pet food indoors. Pet food will attract coyotes to your yard
2. Keep organics collection cans covered and use wildlife-proof lids
3. Control bird seed feeders as fallen feed attracts vermin (prey)
4. Keep dogs on a leash at all times
5. Watch young children when playing in yards or parks
6. Do not approach coyote pups as adult coyotes will defend their young
7. Report any aggressive coyotes to ward9@hamilton.ca or 905 546-2703



Photo The Hamilton Spectator

Elfrida Landowners File Ontario Lands Tribunal Appeal to Enable Urban Boundary Expansion

I have long opposed this dramatic urban boundary expansion in Elfrida as it would eliminate prime agricultural lands and the city does not have the roads, water, sewers and park infrastructure to service homes for 115,000 new residents. This development would also see existing residents having to pay as much as 30% of the total costs of any new infrastructure to service these homes, due to province’s changes to the Development Charges Act.

The provincial government recently decided to permit landowners to propose urban boundary expansions (UBE), of any size on their property regardless of municipal policies. Subsequently, a consortia of 25 landowner companies filed separate appeals of the City’s denial of their applications to the Ontario Lands Tribunal (OLT). Recently, the OLT decided to merge three UBE applications into one hearing scheduled for April which will save the city money and the risk of getting competing OLT decisions.

Candidly, I worry that the independent OLT hearing officers are well aware of the governments intentions and may lean that way. Stay tuned. You can review the entire application here: <https://www.hamilton.ca/sites/default/files/2024-12/ube-application-elfrida.pdf>

Clark Recommended a 2026 Tax Cap at 2.5%

I moved a motion that was unanimously supported by City Council to cap any 2026 property tax increases at a 2.5% increase, roughly the cost of inflation. I argued that Council must consider residents’ ability to pay their rent, mortgage, energy, and food costs while wages remain stagnant. The increases in mortgage and loan defaults is further proof that 54% of Canadians struggle to pay their bills. Hamilton Food Share reports demands up 50%.

The Mayor’s directive for the 2026 operating and capital budget has an increase of 4.28%. Under the Province’s Strong Mayor Powers Legislation, the Mayor sets the budget. Councillors may propose amendments. However, the Mayor has authority to veto any amendments. More to come...

Councillor Brad Clark Ward Days 2026

January 13, 1:00-3:00pm
February 24, 1:00-3:00pm
April 14, 1:00-3:00pm
May 26, 1:00-3:00pm



Valley Park Public Library Room 3
Call in advance to book appointment
or just drop by to speak to
Councillor Clark

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Leckie Neighbourhood Construction

Residents living within the Leckie neighbourhood have long been promised that their will streets be fully urbanized with storm-water sewers, sanitary sewers, roads with curbing and sidewalks. These changes have been delayed for various reasons over the years to complete complex drainage studies such as:

- 1) Drainage and Flooding Studies (UEM) completed in 2018
- 2) Hydraulic Assessment of Local Storm Sewers (CIVICA) - Highland Rd from First Rd to Centennial Pkwy completed in 2020
- 3) Leckie Neighbourhood Stormwater Servicing (AECOM) completed 2024 (including preliminary design).

Assessments of existing and future drainage needs addressing intensification and road urbanization in the neighbourhood have presented unique and complex drainage issues due to constrained availability of downstream storm drainage capacity.

Staff are currently reviewing the various drainage solutions proposed by consultants to ensure they meet appropriate service levels, minimize costs, and maintain the functionality of existing downstream stormwater infrastructure.

What is the anticipated construction year?

The anticipated construction schedule is as follows:
Highland Rd West (from First Road W to Upper Centennial Pkwy) Road Resurfacing (With Storm Sewer Installation) – 2028
Byron Ave and Aubrey Ave – Road Urbanization - 2028
Leckie Ave (from Byron to Highland) – Road Urbanization – 2028

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Non-Emergency: (905) 546-3333

Paramedic Services

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Valley Park Public Library

970 Paramount Dr., Stoney Creek
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**Valley Park Community Centre
Recreation / Pool / Arena**

970 Paramount Dr., Stoney Creek

Councillor Brad Clark's Christmas Message

"How's Linda doing?"

I want to thank all of you who asked me, "How's Linda doing?" It is so heartwarming to receive such heartfelt concerns from residents for my wife's health. We want you to know how much we appreciate your compassion.

To recap, on June 19, 2024, Linda had two urgent open heart surgeries one to replace the aortic valve and the subsequent surgery was to remove a large blood-clot pressing against the heart and stopping blood flow. She experienced 3 strokes and 2 seizures. She laid in a coma for 12 days. The doctors kept cautioning me about her current condition. My family and I rejected their prognoses and continued to pray daily while holding Linda's hand. On Canada Day, all of our prayers were answered when Linda awoke. She talked. She walked. She did stairs. She came home. Today she is better than ever with no health deficits. My family and I thank you for all of your kind thoughts and prays. God Bless you all.

Yes, Virginia There is a Santa Claus

In 1897, Francis Pharcellus Church (a New York Sun Editor) responded to a young lady named Virginia, who wrote "Dear Editor: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, "If you see it in The Sun, it's so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?" His response has stood the test of time. Here is his published response:

"VIRGINIA, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, VIRGINIA, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no VIRGINIAS. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, VIRGINIA, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

From my staff and family, we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas. We pray that you'll have a happy, healthy, prosperous and loved-filled 2026.