

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
December 6, 2023



### **Regional Council: Budget Deliberations – Day Four**

Thursday, December 7, 2023 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

### **Regional Council**

Thursday, December 7, 2023 @ 10:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

### **13.1 Prioritization of Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations and Bill 134, Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023 (Recommendation)**

#### Summary:

- The report outlines the top five recommendations by the Housing Affordability Task Force (HATF) as identified by Regional staff, including overall comments on other HATF recommendations.

#### Staff Comments (Planning):

- The Region's report identifies Peel Region staff's top five HATF recommendations, which are generally aligned with Brampton's response to the province. Regional staff have prioritized recommendations that would provide more financial certainty, tools, and sustainable investments from the provincial and federal governments to municipalities.
- Peel staff are supportive of the Task Force's recommendation to amend provincial legislation and plans to set "growth in the full spectrum of housing supply" and "intensification within existing built-up areas" as the most important residential housing priorities for Ontario.
- The City supports the general concept of intensification within existing built-up areas in principle, however, the prioritization of housing cannot be at the expense of creating complete communities.

### **13.1 Prioritization of Housing Affordability Task Force Recommendations and Bill 134, Affordable Homes and Good Jobs Act, 2023 (Recommendation)**

#### Staff Comments (Planning) Continued:

- The Region's report also outlines comments and recommendations related to Bill 134. Peel staff are supportive, in principle, of the direction in Bill 134, and have provided several recommendations to be addressed, including but not limited to:
  - Create a municipal compensation fund for municipalities to recover revenue shortfalls resulting from Bill 23 and ensure revenue neutrality.
  - Revise the definition of income-based affordability to be set at the 40th income percentile to capture the entirety of middle-income households.

#### Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.



### **20.1 Motion to Provide Observing Authorities to Lower-Tier Municipalities (Motion)**

- That the lower-tier municipalities be granted observing authority and be consulted on future contracts.
- Moved by Councillor Palleschi.

### **20.2 Advocating to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for Federal Emergency Funding for Foodbanks (Motion)**

- That Regional Council request that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities advocate to the federal government to address the food security crisis by providing emergency funding to food banks.
- Moved by Councillor Santos.

November 24, 2023

### Reversal of Official Plans

#### *Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*



- The *Planning Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023* was introduced on November 16, 2023, and if passed, would enact the *Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023* which would reverse decisions on official plans affecting 12 Ontario municipalities, including the Region of Peel.
- City of Brampton staff have consulted with the Region of Peel on the proposed legislation and have found no impacts to *Brampton Plan*, the City's new Official Plan.
  - Staff have no concerns with the Region's recommendation to retain 22 of the Province's original 44 modifications to the Region of Peel Official Plan.
- A letter from the Mayor was sent to Minister Calandra on November 30, 2023, identifying that there are no changes or impacts anticipated to *Brampton Plan*, and that the City has no concerns with the Region of Peel's recommendations.

November 28, 2023

## Modernization of Rules Governing Province's Real Estate Services Sector



- The province is updating the rules for real estate brokerages, brokers, and salespersons, effective December 1, 2023.
  - This includes allowing brokerages to disclose details of competing offers if directed by the seller, enhancing the *Code of Ethics* to focus on integrity and conflict of interest, and improving consumer protection and education.
- As part of Phase 2 of the *Trust in Real Estate Services Act 2020*, these changes aim to provide better protection and knowledge to Ontarians engaging in real estate transactions.
- The new rules also grant the Real Estate Council of Ontario increased powers to ensure compliance and hold registrants accountable.
  - These updates represent the most significant advancement in consumer protection in Ontario's real estate sector since the 1990s.

November 30, 2023

## New Legislation to Support Victims of Crime and Enhance Community Safety



- The province is proposing the *Enhancing Access to Justice Act, 2023*, which aims to simplify the process for crime victims, such as those affected by terrorism and human trafficking, to sue offenders for emotional distress.
- To protect children and youth, the legislation includes a ban on growing recreational cannabis in homes that provide childcare services.
- The proposal also includes amendments to the *Coroners Act* and the *Courts of Justice Act* to expedite construction-related death investigations and improve the efficiency of court operations.

December 1, 2023

## Investment in Infrastructure and Technology to Help Support New Emergency 9-1-1 Communications System



- The province is investing **\$78M** in telecommunications infrastructure to upgrade to the *Next Generation 9-1-1* system, enhancing emergency communications with features like voice, text, and data integration, and GPS-based caller location identification.
  - The transition requires significant technology and infrastructure improvements, including new telephone systems, call handling systems, internal network infrastructure, and cyber security measures.
- Peel Regional Police is receiving **\$3M** and Brampton Fire & Emergency Services is receiving **\$1.8M** as part of this funding, focusing on transitioning their networks to digital in compliance with the federal mandate for all emergency communication centers to upgrade by March 4, 2025.





December 2, 2023

## **Bonnie Crombie becomes the Ontario Liberal Leader**

- Bonnie Crombie won the Liberal leadership with 53.4% of points on the third ballot.

November 30, 2023

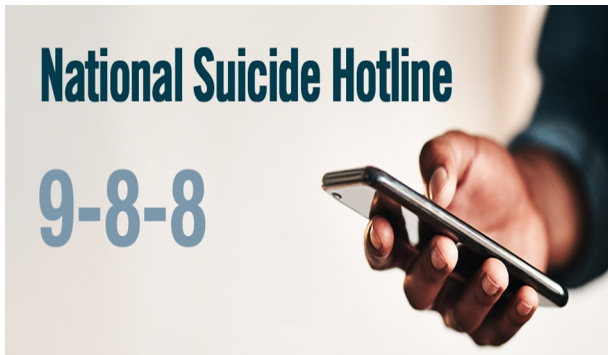
## **Kitchener Centre By-Election**

- Aislinn Clancy won with 11,334 (47.99%) joining MPP Mike Schreiner as the second Green Party of Ontario MPP in the Ontario Legislature.

November 30, 2023

### Federal Government Announces New Suicide Crisis Helpline

- The 9-8-8: Suicide Crisis Helpline is Canada's new, national number for suicide prevention and emotional distress.
- This helpline will be funded by the Government of Canada and led by the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.
- 9-8-8 will be available by phone and text, provided in English and French; and accessible 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.





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