



# **Government Relations Matters**

**City Council  
November 25, 2020**

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## 11.1 2019 Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan Update – Year Two (For Information)

### Overview

- In September 2018, Regional Council approved the implementation of the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan to reduce and ultimately eliminate fatal and injury motor vehicle collisions in Peel.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Public Works and Engineering)

- City staff continue to participate in the Regional Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan with endorsement from City Council in June of 2019.
- *Term of Council Priorities 4.2 – Streets for People, Key Initiative 4.2.1.* incorporates the Vision Zero framework into transportation planning, design, and operations to prevent fatal and serious injury from motor vehicle collisions within the City.
- City staff have several ongoing initiatives that relate back to the six (6) key areas identified in the Regional Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan. A report to City Council in Q1 of 2021 will be provide an update the progress.

### City Staff Recommendation

#### **Receive Report**

## 15.1 Peel Poverty Reduction Committee 2020 update (For Information)

### Overview

- The Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy, a ten year initiative, was updated in 2018 and endorsed by Regional Council (Resolution 2018-458).
- The 2020 Peel Poverty Reduction Committee's priorities have been revised or adapted to respond to the key issues being amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Fire and Emergency Services)

- Staff from the Brampton Community Safety division sit on the committee to ensure coordination between the City's actions and the committee's goals.
- Staff agree with the general intent of the committee and would like to see more specific action items presented. Any programs implemented in the short and long term require measurable results regarding the impact on poverty reduction.

### City Staff Recommendation

**Receive Communication**

## 15.2 Additional Immediate Actions to Address Concerns about Homelessness (Recommendation)

### Overview

- People experiencing homelessness require assistance in response to COVID-19.
- On October 15, 2020 staff were directed by the Strategic Housing & Homelessness Committee to explore additional actions that could be implemented quickly to address homelessness and related concerns.
- This report recommends three (3) actions for immediate implementation:
  1. Drop in/out of the cold program
  2. Enhanced access to primary care services
  3. Improved coordination with the needle exchange program

### City of Brampton (Comments from Fire and Emergency Services)

#### *1. Drop in, out of the cold program*

- Staff support initiatives contained in the report and welcome the new focus on the downtown Brampton.
- Staff have concerns that St Leonard's Place is somewhat removed from the downtown and may not get the usage that is intended - investigating vacant downtown facilities that could be used as temporarily as drop-in locations.
- Aim to identify at location(s) and the feasibility that an agency would be able to staff the additional location(s).

## 15.2 Additional Immediate Actions to Address Concerns about Homelessness (Recommendation)

### City of Brampton (Comments from Fire and Emergency Services) (Continued)

#### *2. Enhanced access to primary care services*

- Staff are working with the Region to identify isolation sites in areas most affected.
- Staff have already identified a number of hotels in the that could be considered.

#### *3. Improved coordination with the needle exchange program*

- The City of Brampton introduced a number of initiatives in the downtown core to help with the aspect of discarded needles and other nuisances.
- The City introduced Sharps Boxes last summer. These have been used extensively and the number of sharps as well as the number of complaints from businesses has decreased significantly.

### City Staff Recommendation

**Support the Recommendation**

## Item 22.1 Motion Regarding Homelessness

### Overview

- Motion Regarding the feasibility of a grant program for the Business Improvement Areas (BIA) in downtown Brampton and Cooksville.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Fire and Emergency Services)

- Staff support the need for more action in downtown Brampton as most of the services mentioned in the report are from small non-profit organizations assist vulnerable members of our community.
- The Region must take the lead on this as these agencies are not funded or equipped to deal with the scope of issues that impact people experiencing homelessness.
- City of Brampton continues to proactively provide supporting the local community:
  - Offering a grant to small businesses to help with façade upgrading and landscaping. This is in direct response to reducing the graffiti and increasing the beautification of the downtown.
  - Introduced portable toilets in various locations in the downtown.
- The BIA also has a fund to support clean up for small business owners.

### City Staff Recommendation

#### **Support Motion**





EFFECTIVE MONDAY NOVEMBER 23, 2020 AT 12:01 A.M.

Toronto Public Health Unit

Peel Regional Health Unit

**MOVE TO GREY-LOCKDOWN LEVEL**

**November 20, 2020:** Toronto and Peel were moved to Lockdown level in the *Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework*, effective Monday, November 23, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.

- Public health units will stay in their level for a minimum of 28 days
- Province also extended all Emergency Orders currently in force, through to December 21, 2020.

**November 20, 2020:** Moving forward with 29 new long-term care projects, which will lead to an additional 3,000 new and upgraded long-term care spaces across the province.

- Tuoi Hac Village in Brampton has been allocated 160 beds

**November 17, 2020:** Providing over \$37 million to significantly expand mental health services across the justice system. The funding will be used to expand mobile crisis teams across the province and hire additional staff.

**November 16, 2020:** Announced the establishment of Supply Ontario, a new centralized procurement agency that will enable a whole-of-government approach to purchasing goods and services.

**\*Draft comments to the proposed Blue Box Transition regulation, due December 3, 2020**

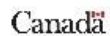


**November 19, 2020:** Introduced legislation charting Canada's goal of net zero by 2050, by tabling the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act (Bill C-12) in the House of Commons.



Achieving a net-zero economy by 2050 is required to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

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- The Act will establish a legally binding process to set five-year national emissions-reduction targets for 2030, 2035, 2040, and 2045.
- An independent Net-Zero Advisory Body will be established under the Act to provide the Government of Canada with expert advice to grow the economy and achieve net-zero emissions. The Body will pursue opportunities to discuss sectoral and regional dimensions of the pathways to net zero with provinces and territories, municipalities, and other stakeholders.

**On September 23, 2020, Members of Council unanimously endorsing the City's first Community Energy and Emission Reduction Plan (CEERP) with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Brampton by 80% by 2050. Staff will monitor the progress of Bill C-12 for opportunities to provide input and comments.**

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**November 9, 2020**

REGION OF PEEL  
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CLERK

November 9, 2020

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REFERRAL TO \_\_\_\_\_  
RECOMMENDED \_\_\_\_\_  
DIRECTION REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_  
RECEIPT RECOMMENDED ☒ \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Minister Hajdu:

**RE: IMMEDIATE FUNDING REQUIRED FOR SAFE, VOLUNTARY COVID-19 ISOLATION SITE**

Over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, Peel has been particularly challenged as a region, facing one of the highest numbers of cases in Ontario and an upward trend. Despite several measures put in place to protect public safety, Peel has continued to experience unique challenges with the transmission of COVID-19, especially within households. Household transmission comprises the most significant proportion of likely exposure settings observed in Peel since the beginning of the pandemic. Given these trends, resourcing and supports must be directed to our most vulnerable populations that aren't able to safely self-isolate and contain the spread of COVID-19.

We are pleased that the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) is considering Peel Public Health's application to create a voluntary and supportive self-isolation site through the *Communicable Disease and Infection Control: Regional and Community Supports for COVID-19 Self-Isolation in Peel* initiative. This program is critical to our Region's efforts to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission in households, specifically targeted at Peel residents who are unable to self-isolate at home. Timely funding to support the implementation and delivery of this critical intervention is imperative to reducing infection rates and associated disparities due to COVID-19. We ask that the review of the Region's funding request be expedited to support our efforts to slow the increasing number of COVID-19 cases in Peel.

Further, we recognize that other interventions may be necessary to support households who are most vulnerable and unable to self-isolate due to COVID-19. In some cases, self-isolation at home is the only acceptable option and would only be attainable with community supports to meet basic needs, as well as policy changes to address income and employment precarity. Federal and provincial funding for community-based targeted supports and supportive public policies will be important to mitigate barriers to home self-isolation, such as food insecurity and lack of employer paid sick leave.

Together, as the Mayors of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga and the Chair of Peel Regional Council we are committed to working with our Medical Officer

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of Health and dedicated public health staff to mitigate risks for COVID-19 transmission to keep our communities safe and businesses open. We can't do this alone; we need your government's assistance to implement a safe, voluntary isolation site in our region. We look forward to PHAC's timely decision regarding Peel Public Health's application and continuing to work with the federal government to curtail the current COVID-19 trajectory seen in Peel.

Kindest personal regards,



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Region of Peel



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