

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
May 22, 2024



Regional Council

Thursday, May 23, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

9.1 Homeless Encampment Policy and Joint Protocols (For Information)

Summary:

- In response to growing numbers of encampments in Peel, the Region, together with several stakeholders, is creating an encampment policy and joint protocols that will incorporate a human rights-based approach to change how services are delivered to the homeless in Peel, which including enhancing and expanding the shelter system, re-designing the outreach program, implementing an integrated model of health care services for the homeless.
- The encampment policy and protocols will be ready for Council approval in the fall of 2024.

City Staff Comments (Community Services):

- City staff across the Corporation, including Community Safety & Well-Being Office, Legal, By-Law, Fire, Security Services, are participating in both the Working Group and Steering Committee to represent the needs of the City of Brampton at the wider regional level.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

13.1 Enterprise Asset Management Program Update 2024 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The report provides an update on the Peel's *Enterprise Asset Management Program* and identifies any emerging issues or opportunities.

City Staff Comments (Corporate Support Services, Government Relations):

- Municipalities are required to prepare asset management plans for core service areas by July 1st 2023 and remaining service areas by July 1st, 2024. O. Rg. 588/17 provides more specific requirements for the levels of service, lifecycle management and financing strategies. The provided report will help the Region of Peel comply with the regulation.
- To meet the regulatory requirements, the City of Brampton has a comprehensive Asset Management Plan that will be presented to the Council on June 19th. This asset management report is the latest in a series of reports over the past number of years required by this regulation that have been prepared for Council.
- Bill 185 includes a recalibrated focus on options to support building more housing faster for the Transition Board, including recommendations regarding Land Use Planning, Water and Wastewater, Regional Roads and Waste Management. Depending on the Board recommendations and final direction from the Province, the overall value of Peel's assets is likely to change.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

20.1 Motion Regarding Nominations to the 2024 – 2026 Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board of Directors (Motion)

Summary:

- The motion calls of the Peel Regional Council to nominates Paul Vicente, Regional Councillor, for the position of Director, Regional and Single Tier Caucus, on the AMO Board of Directors for the 2024-2026 term.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- Brampton Regional Councillor Paul Vicente has been representing Peel at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors since the 2020-2022 board term.
- Councillor Vicente was re-elected in 2022, for a two-year term.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the motion.

May 16, 2024

Government of Ontario Announces New Measures to Build Safer Roads and Communities



- The Ontario government introduced legislation that, if passed, would improve community safety and protect people from road users who engage in dangerous and illegal activities such as impaired driving, stunt driving and auto theft.
- The *Safer Roads and Communities Act* would also strengthen the province's commercial vehicle enforcement program and improve e-bike safety.
- Also included in the Act are proposed changes that would introduce escalating licence suspensions for people convicted of auto theft and stunt driving and a lifetime licence suspension for anyone convicted of alcohol or drug-impaired driving causing death.

The City of Brampton has been a leader in road safety, becoming one of the first municipalities in Ontario to implement Automated Speeding Enforcement (ASE). In July 2020, City Council approved the implementation of ASE throughout 200 locations annually, to reduce speeding and traffic-related incidents and enhance road safety. Brampton also continues its engagement and advocacy with all levels of government on coordinated actions to combat auto theft.

May 20, 2024

Government of Canada Announces National Action Plan on Combatting Auto Theft

- The announcement in Brampton highlighted that the CBSA will deploy a scanner in the GTA, combined with increased container examinations at the CN intermodal hub in Brampton.
- The National Action Plan includes:
 - **Legislative and regulatory changes**, including proposed amendments to the Criminal Code, to institute tougher penalties for auto theft;
 - **Intelligence/information sharing enhancements** between municipal, provincial, federal and international police and customs officials;
 - **Intervention improvements** that will allow more shipping containers to be examined, through increased capacity at the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the integration of new targeting tools.



Agence des services frontaliers du Canada Canada Border Services Agency

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City of Brampton has been at the forefront with its advocacy for a coordinated action to combat auto theft, including collaboration with all levels of government and stakeholders. Most recently the City delegation was in Ottawa meeting with Cabinet Members and the PM to advocate for further action to address auto theft. This announcement is a direct result of a robust advocacy by the City. The City also implemented a pilot program to combat auto thefts through the free distribution of Signal Blocking Pouches.

May 15, 2024

Government of Canada Invests in FCM to Plant 1.2 million Trees in Communities Across Canada

- The federal government and president of FCM announced a new initiative to accelerate and expand the reach of tree planting in communities across Canada.
- The Growing Canada's Community Canopies (GCCC) will support the planting of at least 1.2 million new trees in approximately 300 communities by 2031, generating more than 2,000 jobs every year in municipalities across Canada.
- This funding will support community-wide planting activities, including planting trees and seedlings in parks, community access, and naturalized areas, as well as localized planting including street trees.
- The deadline to submit a full application for this round of funding is **July 12, 2024**.

FUNDING

GMF's new Growing Canada's Community Canopies to fund the planting of 1.2M trees by 2031



City staff will review this funding opportunity and suitability for an application. Brampton is already benefitting from a successful application, which has secured \$1.2M in funding through the federal Growing Canada's Forests program. The City continues to advocate for partnerships and collaboration among all levels of government to advance and enable climate adaptation initiatives.

THANK YOU!

