

Government Relations Matters

City Council
June 12, 2024



Regional Council

Thursday, June 13, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

7.5 Update on CCET Activities to Accelerate Climate Mitigation Action (For Information)

Summary:

- Centre for Community Energy Transformation (CCET) originated with the Brampton 2040 Vision and is now incorporated as a Non-Profit.
- Presentation summarizes progress to date, an overview of Business Plan/Services/Priority Areas.

City Staff Comments (Planning):

- CCET will present to Brampton Council in the Fall.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the presentation.

8.2 Supporting International Students in Peel Through Collaborative Community Partnerships (For Information)

Summary:

- On July 6, 2023, Peel Regional Council created and approved a resolution (2023-573) that directed Peel Region's Community Safety and Well-being team to work with Sheridan College and other partners to address the needs of international students in Peel now, and for years to come.
- On April 10, 2024, Peel Region and Sheridan College convened the inaugural meeting of the International Students Collaborative, a committee of key multi-sectoral partners tasked with developing an implementation plan for Peel aligned with the tenets of the Brampton Charter for Improving the International Student Experience.

City Staff Comments (Community Services, Government Relations):

- City staff support the report and will continue working with the Region of Peel to further define the challenges and issues faced by the international students, strengthen advocacy and work towards solutions.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

9.3 Community Safety and Well-being Plan Annual Report (For Information)

Summary:

- The report provides an update on the ongoing implementation of Peel's 2020 - 2024 Community Safety and Well-being Plan and the approach to review and refresh the Plan.
- The Plan now encompasses two additional focus areas: 1) the oversight and administration of the Building Safer Communities Fund, and 2) support and leadership for the establishment of an International Students Collaborative to develop an action plan and advocacy strategy aligned with the goals under the Brampton Charter for Improving the International Student Experience.

City Staff Comments (Community Services, Government Relations):

- City staff support the report and will continue working with the Region of Peel to improve the safety and well-being of residents.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

13.2 Bill 162, Get It Done Act, 2024 – Modifications to the Region of Peel Official Plan and Environmental Assessment Process (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Bill 162 amends the Official Plan Adjustments Act, 2023 to retroactively re-instate 18 modifications originally made in the November 2022 decision to the Region of Peel Official Plan. Nine modifications that were maintained as part of Bill 150 remain in Bill 162, resulting in a total of 27 modifications being maintained.
- Bill 162 amends the Environmental Assessment Act to clarify that expropriation is one of the ways properties can be acquired for a project before the Environmental Assessment process is completed, while streamlining and improving the EA process, including moving to a project list approach.

City Staff Comments (Planning):

- Staff observe that the changes to Peel Official Plan do not generally impact Brampton or its Official Plan. Most changes are minor and for housekeeping purposes.
- City staff also concur with the points raised by the Region regarding changes to the Environmental Assessment Act and welcome the changes to date that streamline the approval process for municipal projects.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

June 6, 2024

Ontario Cabinet Shuffle

- The Premier announced changes to the Ontario Cabinet, the most significant changes includes:
 - Swapping Education Minister Stephen Lecce and Energy Minister Todd Smith.
 - The former Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark returns in capacity of the Government House Leader.
 - Brampton South Member of Provincial Parliament Prabmeet Sarkaria retains his post as the Minister of Transportation.
 - The MPP for Brampton Centre Charmaine Williams, continues to represent Brampton at the Cabinet table as the Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity as part of the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.



The Ontario Cabinet shuffle does not represent a substantive change to Brampton's representation at the Cabinet table. The next opportunity to engage with the Ontario Cabinet Members will take place as part of the 2024 AMO Conference and AGM in Ottawa, August 18 – 21, 2024.

June 3, 2024

Request for Qualifications Issued for Peel Memorial Hospital Phase 2 Redevelopment

- Infrastructure Ontario (IO) and William Osler Health System (Osler) have issued a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) for the new Peel Memorial Hospital Phase 2 Redevelopment project.
- The RFQ is the first step in the process to select a team to help deliver the project. Submissions will be reviewed to shortlist teams with the required design and construction experience.
- Shortlisted teams will then be invited to respond to a Request For Proposals, which is expected to be released in fall 2024.



The Peel Memorial Hospital Phase 2 Redevelopment into the second full-service hospital in Brampton is a key part of the City's advocacy for adequate and fair health care funding for the City. Brampton has consistently advocated for expedited approvals and speedy start of the construction at the Peel Memorial Hospital.

June 7, 2024

Government of Canada Announces Investment to Improve Public Transit in Brampton and Peel Region



- The federal government, Government of Ontario, City of Brampton, and Peel Region have announced a joint federal-provincial-municipal investment of more than **\$17.4M** to improve public transit in the City of Brampton and Peel Region.
- This investment will enable the City of Brampton to:
 - Purchase 15 made-in-Canada buses to replace older vehicles which have reached their end of life.
 - Install modern fare payment systems and automatic vehicle location technology.
- Additionally, this investment will help Peel Region to:
 - Purchase 23 specialized transit accessible buses and two electric TransHelp buses.
 - Upgrade its bus garages to accommodate battery electric buses.

The City of Brampton recognizes and appreciates the Federal-Provincial funding that supports delivery of quality, reliable Transit services in Brampton. The City continues the ongoing engagement with both levels of government as part of the broader advocacy efforts for key infrastructure and transit priorities in the City.

Updates

June 6 – June 9, 2024

2024 FCM Conference & AGM



- Held under the theme of *Redefining our Future*, the conference provided an opportunity to share best practices, learn and identify opportunities for collaboration.
- Key areas of discussion included:
 - A new Municipal Growth Framework.
 - Housing and Homelessness.
 - Infrastructure Gaps.
- FCM members also debated and voted in favour of four key resolutions, including:
 1. Strengthening RCMP recruitment and retention.
 2. Federal support for food banks.
 3. Enhancing shelter supports for women and survivors of intimate partner violence.
 4. Harassment of elected local government officials.

June 10, 2024

FCM's Board Elections

- FCM members have re-elected Councillor Rowena Santos to its board for a fifth consecutive term.
- Councillor Santos secured one of the nine available spots on the board, chosen by municipal peers from a pool of 18 candidates.
- Councillor Santos has served on the board of FCM since 2020. In 2023, she was appointed as the Chair of FCM's inaugural Finance, Infrastructure and Transportation Committee, helping to lead important work such as FCM's recently [published paper](#) to advocate for a new Municipal Growth Framework.



The 2024 FCM Conference and the Big City Mayors Caucus meetings form an important and valuable opportunity for advocacy and exchange of best practices for the City of Brampton. The re-election of Councillor Santos to the FCM Board of Directors ensures Brampton retains a voice at the nation level advocacy table for the municipal sector.

2024 By-Election for Mayor and Ward 5 Councillor

June 10, 2024

2024 By-election Unofficial Results

- Former Ward 5 Councillor **Carolyn Parris** has won the Mayoral by-election securing 43,494 votes while:
 - Alvin Tedjo secured 35,005 votes.
 - Dipika Damerla secured 27,119 votes.
 - Stephen Dasko secured 22,408 votes.
- Natalie Hart won the Ward 5 Councillor by-election with 3,707 votes.

**Vote counts based on reports from 100% of all City polls.*



City of Mississauga
2024 By-election



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