

Government Relations Matters

City Council
June 26, 2024



Peel Living Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 27, 2024 @ 9:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

Regional Council

Thursday, June 27, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

13.2 Annual Homelessness Funding Report 2023-2024 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The report provides Council with an overview of how federal Reaching Home and provincial Homelessness Prevention Program funds were expended in Peel for the federal and provincial fiscal year 2023-2024.

City Staff Comments (Planning, Government Relations):

- The report outlines the total federal funding for projects and activities that contribute to preventing and reducing homelessness through the Reaching Home program in the amount of \$15,625,143 for the fiscal year 2023-24.
- The provincial Homelessness Prevention Program (HPP) that aims to prevent, address, and reduce homelessness, including chronic homelessness provided \$42,399,100 for Peel in the same fiscal year.
- City staff concur with regional staff's recommendation that further advocacy with the federal and provincial governments is required to secure additional funding and resources to help address homelessness in Peel.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

13.3 Housing Services 2023 Annual Report (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The report provides Regional Council with an overview of accomplishments from 2023 and serves as Peel's annual Housing and Homelessness Plan update to the province.
- The main goals of the Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan are to help clients get and keep housing they can afford.
- 1,994 asylum claimant households were served in Peel's emergency shelter system in 2023, and almost 400 have been supported in finding permanent housing in 2023.

City Staff Comments (Planning, Government Relations):

- Staff observe that in 2024, to help improve service and reduce costs, the Region is shifting to a more sustainable model for supporting asylum claimants in Peel and efforts to secure more sustainable funding from the federal and provincial governments continue. An update report is coming to Regional Council on July 11, 2024.
- In addition, in 2024 a new housing project opened in Brampton – Birch Place – adding 50 affordable rental units and 17 youth transitional units to the community and supportive housing system.
- The City has been supportive of Peel's advocacy with higher levels of government through its own advocacy for adequate funding and support in addressing our housing needs, including added pressures for asylum claimants.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

13.4 Armagh Transitional Housing – Update and Program Funding (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The report recommends that the Region enter into a new funding agreement with Armagh for \$250,000 per year to cover expenses relation to tagging and the delivery of services needed to support families.

City Staff Comments (Planning):

- On April 17, 2024, Brampton City Council approved a one-time grant for Armagh House for \$300,000 to support the operating costs of the 12 units located in Brampton.
- If Regional funding for Armagh House is approved, City staff will work with Regional staff for any necessary alignments in the funding agreements.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

15.1 Proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The report provides a summary of the draft memorandum of understanding (MOU). The draft MOU recognize that following the removal of the Region's land use planning responsibilities on July 1, 2024, the Region will continue to participate in land use planning processes, but only to the extent that it relates to the delivery of Regional infrastructure and services.
- Regional staff have reviewed the draft MOU and recommend the addition of specific language to ensure clarity for Peel Region's scope, role and duration.
- Regional staff recommend signing the MOU, subject to working with the Ministry to address certain refinements to clarify the specific nature of the Region's role in providing Regional infrastructure and services and supporting a transitional period for service delivery continuity.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The MOU is intended to support a collaborative approach to the transition of the Region's land use planning responsibilities to lower tier municipalities.

City Staff Recommendation:

- City staff recommend it is too premature to enter into an agreement and additional details are required.

June 20, 2024



Invasive Species Action Fund

- The province announced **\$16M** over three years to protect the economy and environment from the threat of invasive species.
- The grant funding is to help municipalities, conservation authorities and Indigenous communities help stop invasive species from establishing or spreading in the province.
- The funding will be administered by the *Invasive Species Centre and Nature Conservancy of Canada*.

Invasive species are widespread in the City and have become a major threat to the ecological integrity of our natural areas and urban canopy. The *Invasive Species Action Fund* can potentially support work Brampton is currently undertaking with development of the *Invasive Species Strategy*, and other efforts in the City regarding managing invasive species.

The Brampton Invasive Species Strategy will provide an organized and targeted approach for the City to manage invasive species that will address the multi-faceted challenges of invasive species management in the short and long term.

June 25, 2024

Celebrate Completion of Two Newly Enhanced Recreation Facilities



- The City and Brampton Members of Parliament celebrated the completion and official opening of two newly-revitalized recreation facilities, including:
 - Chinguacousy Park Sandra Hames Tennis Centre, and
 - Century Gardens Recreation Centre.
- The Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern (FedDev Ontario) supported these projects to help families enjoy their communities and live healthier lives.
- The funding also supports Brampton's first Certified Commercial Kitchen, which will serve as a culinary hub and food incubator in the heart of downtown Brampton's Innovation District and will create jobs and attract new businesses.
- The new Certified Commercial Kitchen is anticipated to open in early fall 2024.

In total, the FedDev Ontario grant funding supported six projects at Brampton community and recreation facilities. City staff regularly monitor for grant funding opportunities to help support and improve services offered across Brampton facilities.

June 14, 2024

Ontario's Big City Mayors Met to Discuss Key Priorities Including Mental Health, Addictions and Homelessness Crisis



- Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) are calling on all levels of government to take immediate action on homelessness, mental health and addictions.
 - The Mayors passed a resolution that focuses on the need for immediate action.
- Additionally, they also discussed the Building Faster Fund, and the lack of accuracy in the housing data being provided by CMHC for municipalities to become eligible for this funding.
 - As such, a motion was passed asking for more transparency on the data collection process, as well as to address the current discrepancies so municipalities can receive the funding they deserve.
- OBCM also passed a motion asking for the province to continue its funding of the Digital Main Street Program to assist small businesses across the province.

The City continues to advocate for the Digital Main Street Program be continued to support Brampton small businesses.



THANK YOU!

