

Government Relations Matters

City Council
July 10, 2024



Region of Peel

Council



Regional Council

Thursday, July 11, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

8.1 Regional Growth Forecasts Update 2024 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Regional staff are seeking council endorsement of new growth forecasts that reflect the new municipal housing targets/pledges and will be utilized for Regional infrastructure, financial and growth-related planning purposes.
- Significant challenges are expected in achieving and planning for Scenario 2 related to the timely provision of infrastructure the capacity of the development industry to construct the required units and market demand.

City Staff Comments (Planning):

- City staff have worked in collaboration with the Region to develop the new growth forecasts that reflect the City of Brampton's priorities, including allocating growth to strategic growth areas identified in Brampton Plan.
- Growth forecasts will need to be updated regularly to ensure infrastructure planning is aligned with development trends.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Defer the report.

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

Summary:

- On June 13, 2024, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing requested Peel Region to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support a collaborative approach for transitioning the Region's land use planning responsibilities. The MOU acknowledges that after the removal of Peel Region's land use planning responsibilities on July 1, 2024, the Region will still participate in land use planning, but only as it pertains to delivering Regional infrastructure and services.
- Regional staff have reviewed the Draft MOU and recommend adding specific language to ensure clarity regarding Peel Region's scope, role, and duration, and they support signing the MOU, subject to working with the Ministry to refine the document to clarify the Region's role in infrastructure and service delivery and support a transitional period for continuity.

Staff Comments (Planning):

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

Staff Recommendation:

- City staff have reviewed the proposed MOU and maintain the position that it is premature to enter into an agreement, as additional due diligence is required to ensure a smooth and efficient transition of land use planning responsibilities.

9.2 Growth Monitoring Program and Development Charge Performance – 2023 Overview and Progress Report (For Information)

Summary:

- The Growth Monitoring Program has an outcome focused on achieving a financially sustainable complete community, where the location and servicing of growth is optimized.
- The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the status of the Growth Monitoring Program and its four implementation strategies, growth trends relative to the Regional forecasts, Peel Regions Development Charge (DC) performance, and risk considerations and next steps.

City Staff Comments (Planning):

- City staff will continue to collaborate with stakeholders to monitor growth throughout the Region and coordinate the phasing of growth areas with the delivery of servicing and transportation infrastructure in Brampton.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

11.1 2024 Operating Financial Triannual Performance Report as of April 30, 2024 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The Budget Policy requires that staff report the status of operating and capital services at a minimum of twice annually to manage financial performance to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of Regional services.
- This report provides the first forecasted year end financial position of the Operating Budget based on the information and financial results as of April 30, 2024.

City Staff Comments (Finance):

- City staff support the report as it provides Regional Council with a clear status update with respect to the Operating Budget.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

11.2 2024 Capital Financial Triannual Performance Report as of April 30, 2024 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The Budget Policy requires that staff report the status of capital work at a minimum of twice a year to manage financial performance to ensure the long-term financial sustainability of Regional services.
- This report provides the first update for 2024 on the financial results of the Capital Program based on information as of April 30, 2024.

City Staff Comments (Finance):

- The Region's unspent capital increased from \$5.1B at the end of fiscal 2023 to \$7.5B as of April 30, 2024. Main contributor to the increase was the approval of 2024 Capital Budget totalling \$2.5B. With estimated annual spending of approximately \$700M this is equivalent to over 10 years of work assuming similar average annual spending pattern.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

11.3 Ten-Year Municipal Funding Agreement on the Canada Community-Building Fund with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the 2024 Transfer of Region of Peel Canada Community-Building Fund Allocation (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The Canada-Ontario-AMO Municipal Funding Agreement (MFA), effective April 1, 2024, provides ongoing infrastructure funding to municipalities, administered by AMO.
- The new agreement maintains continuity with previous terms while introducing changes such as prioritizing housing needs assessments, reporting on project outcomes, expanding resilience criteria, integrating equity considerations, and removing fixed payment schedules for flexibility in funding allocation.

City Staff Comments (Finance, Government Relations):

- Based on past practice, approximately 83 per cent (\$37.9M) of the *Canada Community-Building Fund* will be redistributed by the Region among the local municipalities.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

11.8 Provincial Funding Shortfall for Mandated Health and Human Services Programs (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The annual shortfall for mandated Health and Human services programs is estimated at \$36.9M for operating and \$86.3M for capital.
- Ongoing financial strains caused by provincial funding shortfalls for Health and Human Services have jeopardized the stability and the Region's reputation for delivering efficient services to its residents.

City Staff Comments (Community Safety and Well-Being):

- Staff support the report and are open to joint efforts to work towards finding solutions for Peel's chronic underfunding.
- The provincial underfunding of mandated programs has had financial, health and social implications for Brampton residents.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

15.1 Designation and Provincial Funding for Peel Manor’s Transitional Behavioural Support Unit (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The vision for the Transitional Behavioural Support Unit (TBSU) is to create a modernized long term care unit to provide specialized, advanced dementia care for seniors living in long term care and the community.
- On May 22, 2024, Peel Region received Ministry of Long-Term Care designation and Provincial funding (\$1,553,900) to continue to operationalize the TBSU at Peel Manor to March 31, 2025.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The 2024 Region of Peel Provincial Pre-Budget Submission indicated that to fully realize the benefits of the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor, the Province should provide **\$6M** in operational funding to expand community support services and wraparound care to help ensure a high quality of care for seniors across the care continuum.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

17.1 Update to the Asylum Claimant Response (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Staff began to design and implement a service system for asylum claimants separate from Peel's shelter system.
- Staff worked with other levels of government, municipalities, community agencies and those with lived experiences to design a more sustainable, cost-effective service model for asylum claimants.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- Regional advocacy efforts continue at both a political and staff level to negotiate and secure required funding.
- The City has been supportive of the Regional efforts to improve supports for the asylum seekers while advocating for additional funding and resources from higher levels of government.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

17.2 Update on the Encampment Policy Framework and Joint Protocols for Peel Region and its Local Municipalities (For Information)

Summary:

- This report provides Council with an update on efforts underway to address the concerns about encampments along the Etobicoke Creek Trail in Brampton, while also providing Council with a draft encampment policy framework developed by the Peel Encampments Working Group.

City Staff Comments (Community Safety and Well-Being):

- Staff from various divisions are contributing to the development of the Peel encampment policy framework and joint protocols. Staff support the report and will continue contributing to ensure Brampton representation and alignment.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

July 4, 2024

Next Generation 9-1-1 (NG9-1-1) Funding Applications Open

- Ontario is investing **\$78M** in telecommunications infrastructure to help municipalities and emergency response centres transition to a new emergency communications system known as Next Generation 9-1-1.
- The next wave of applications are open for the 2024-25 NG9-1-1 funding program until August 23, 2024.



City staff are working to take advantage of this funding opportunity.

June 27, 2024

June 2024 IO Market Update William Osler Health System – Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness Phase 2



- Project Phase: Active Procurement
- Model: Progressive DB (target price)
- PDC/TA/AOR: Awarded
- Issue RFQ: May 2024
- Issue RFP: Oct - Dec 2024
- Contract Execution: DPA (Jul - Sep 2025) CE (Oct - Dec 2026)
- Location: Brampton
- Estimated Design & Construction Cost: \$1B - \$2B

The City has been actively advocating for continued approvals by the Ontario Government for increased hospital capacity in Brampton. All stakeholders advocate for Peel Memorial transformation to happen as quickly as possible, calling for continued support from the province.

THANK YOU!

