

Government Relations Matters

City Council
September 11, 2024



Region of Peel

Regional Council



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Thursday, 12 September 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

11.1 Regional Growth Forecasts Update 2024 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The provincial housing targets for the local municipalities in Peel are nearly 2.5 times higher than the Region of Peel Official Plan (RPOP) forecast of housing units from 2021 to 2031. The Provincial tracking of the targets also differs significantly from how the Region has historically tracked growth. The report includes new Regional and local municipal growth forecasts that reflect the municipal housing targets/pledges.

City Staff Comments:

- The Planning Commissioners from the three local municipalities advise deferral of the report.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Defer the report.

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

Summary:

- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing requested Peel Region to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to support a collaborative approach to the transition of the Region's land use planning responsibilities.
- 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.

City Staff Comments:

- The Planning Commissioners from Brampton, Missisauga and Caledon propose changes to the MOU.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Don't support the recommendation.

12.3 Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (Correspondence)

Summary:

- The Minister has issued a new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS 2024) under the Planning Act, coming into effect on October 20, 2024. There is a related public consultation posted on the Environmental Registry of Ontario: ERO# 019-9065 with comments due by October 4, 2024.

City Staff Comments:

- City staff are currently drafting an information report to Council to summarize changes and implications from the new Provincial Policy Statement (PPS).
- Following internal consultation, staff will start drafting an ERO submission, if required, and a recommendation report for Council to endorse the City's formal submission.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive correspondence.

15.1 Peel Region Response to July 2024 Severe Weather Event (For Information)

Summary:

- This report provides the Regional Council with an update on severe weather event of July 16, 2024, Peel Region's response to the event, and the work that has been underway to improve the wastewater system resilience. This report also includes information on the August 17, 2024, storm event that was available at the time it was written.

City Staff Comments:

- The report provides a detailed picture of the extreme rainfall across all of Peel Region. Through the development of the City's Climate Change Adaptation Plan, the City of Brampton undertook a comprehensive Risk and Vulnerability Assessment (CVRA) to evaluate key climate hazards (e.g., flooding, extreme heat, extreme weather events, etc.) and their potential impacts to Brampton, both now and in the future.
- Increased flooding will result in significant impacts to Brampton including higher property and infrastructure damage, stormwater infrastructure may become overwhelmed leading to greater risk of basement flooding. More intense storms will also create more runoff and erosion, leading to contamination of waterways and reduced habitat quality.
- Based on the findings of the CVRA, the City is now in the process of developing adaptation actions that will reduce Brampton's vulnerability to flooding.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

September 5, 2024

Convenience Stores Across Ontario Can Now Sell Beer, Wine, Cider and Ready-to-Drink Beverages

- By the end of October 2024, as part of the government's plan to expand alcohol sales, every eligible convenience, grocery and big-box grocery store in Ontario will be able to sell beer, cider, wine and ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages if they choose to do so.
- The government is also permanently allowing the transfer of wine and spirits between locations with the same owner and/or affiliated licensees in order to help bars and restaurants effectively manage inventory and is allowing licensed grocery and convenience stores to display alcoholic beverages in multiple areas of a store.



As of September 5th, 4,187 convenience stores across Ontario are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages, in addition to nearly 3,000 other licensed retail outlets as well as takeaway options from licensed bars and restaurants.

September 9, 2024

Innovation in Ontario's Agri-Food Sector

- Canada and Ontario are investing an additional \$3.5 million in the Ontario Agri-Food Research Initiative (OAFRI).
- Agricultural Research and Innovation Ontario (ARIO) provides strategic advice on research and innovation activities that contribute to a prosperous, competitive and sustainable agricultural and food sector.
- This funding will support the development and adoption of new technologies for farmers, food processors and agri-businesses that will enhance their competitiveness and growth.



The City of Brampton is home to a large food processing industry that employs 8,500 people across approximately 300 companies with \$14B impact to the Canadian GDP.

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