

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
October 2, 2024



Emergency Management Program Committee

Thursday, October 3, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee

Thursday, October 3, 2024 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee

Thursday, October 3, 2024 @ 1:00 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

6.1 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Strategy and Implementation Plan (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The report provides an update on 2024 DEI activities, including the 2024 DEI Strategy and Implementation Plan, previously endorsed in October 2023, which aims to decolonize systems and mindsets while removing barriers that continue to impact Indigenous and racialized communities, equity-seeking groups, and marginalized populations.

City Staff Comments (Community Services):

- The city of Brampton is currently in the process of developing its EDI Strategy and Implementation Plan in line with the Region and some of the Regional initiatives i.e. updating the City Land Acknowledge, EDI training for leadership and staff, and celebrating dates of Significance such as Black History Month, Indigenous History Month, Pride, etc.
- City staff have engaged with the Region on some EDI areas and will continue to do so.
- City staff is also involved in Regional tables such as the Systemic Discrimination Action Table, and Regional Diversity Roundtable to keep abreast of Regional initiatives and issues of diverse voices.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

6.3 Peel's Asylum Claimant Response (For Information)

Summary:

- The report overview of Peel's response to homelessness amongst asylum claimants, including recent stakeholder engagement efforts with a focus on the Black community; and, to highlight the housing risks and challenges this population will encounter if the Region does not obtain additional funding for housing assistance and settlement supports to ensure exits from the emergency shelter system.

City Staff Comments (Community Services):

- City staff remain engaged with the Region of Peel to monitor progress and impacts on affected groups, including asylum claimants and the broader homeless community.
- The City is committed to continued advocacy work to enhance solutions for housing and supports for those who are unhoused in Brampton.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

Ontario Exploring Feasibility of New Highway 401 Tunnel Expressway

- The provincial government launched the technical evaluation for the construction of a new tunnel under Highway 401. This is expected to provide a faster route extending from beyond Brampton and Mississauga to Markham, Scarborough and beyond.
- The feasibility work will include the following:
 - Examining options to increase Highway 401 capacity, including potential routes within the existing right-of-way, number of lanes, length, and the number and design of interchanges connecting to other highways;
 - Refining the province's understanding of the proposed tunnel's economic contributions, both in the short- and long-term, as well as the impact on reducing gridlock;
 - Reviewing best practices from similar projects;
 - Conducting initial soil boring testing to improve the understanding of the route's geology and its impact on design and construction;
 - Preparing to start the environmental assessment processes; and
 - Conducting an initial market sounding, with feedback informing any potential procurement and commercial structuring strategies.



Staff will monitor further developments as it relates to this initiative and will report back any key findings.

September 16, 2024

Enabling the Use of Pay-on-Demand Surety Bonds to Secure Land-Use Planning Obligations under Section 70.3.1 of the Planning Act.

- Under Bill 109, the *More Homes for Everyone Act, 2022*, the Province amended the *Planning Act* to provide regulation-making authority to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to authorize landowners to stipulate the instruments to be used to secure municipal obligations that are conditions of land-use planning approvals.
- As part of Bill 185, the *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024*, the government announced that it would consult on a potential regulation to prescribe instruments, such as pay-on-demand surety bonds, to secure municipal obligations that are conditions of land-use planning approvals.
- The government is now proposing a regulation under section 70.3.1 of the *Planning Act*. The proposed regulation would authorize homebuilders to use a pay-on-demand surety bond with prescribed features to secure municipal obligations that are conditions of land-use planning approvals.
- A pay-on-demand surety bond is a three-party instrument that represents a promise by surety to pay the obligee an agreed amount, on demand, if the principal fails to meet the agreed upon development obligation.



City staff in Planning, Building and Growth Management (PBGM), Legal and Finance are reviewing the ERO posting (019-9198) with a view to submit comments on the proposed regulatory changes. Staff seek authorization for the Commissioner of PBGM to submit preliminary comments.

September 23, 2024

Proposed amendment to Ontario Regulation 299/19 Additional Residential Units, made under the Planning Act



- Based on feedback received through ERO posting #019-8369, the government is consulting on a proposal that would include the following performance standards in the future Minister's regulation that would apply to the same lands as the current ARU framework (i.e., urban residential land permitting up to 3 units per lot).
- The proposed performance standards would not apply to rural areas, or settlement areas without full municipal servicing:
 - Override all angular plane requirements in zoning by-laws for ARUs
 - Allow at least 45% lot coverage for all buildings and structures on parcels with ARUs
 - Override all Floor Space Index requirements in zoning by-laws for ARUs
 - Override all minimum lot size/lot area requirements that are specific to parcels with ARUS
 - Restrict building distance separation requirements associated with any building containing ARUs up to a maximum of 4 meters

City staff are working on a draft report for the ERO 019-9210 with comments and analysis which will be brought to Oct 16 Council before submission to the Province.

September 27, 2024

Investing to Attract and Retain International Agri-Food Workers

- The federal and provincial governments are investing up to **\$1.5M** over four years to create a more welcoming environment for international agri-food workers (IAWs) who work in Ontario's \$51 billion agri-food sector and provide them with stronger supports during their stay here.
 - These include translation supports, expanding or introducing transportation services, and supporting cultural and recreational activities.
- The [IAW Welcoming Communities Initiative](#) intake will be open from October 8, 2024 to November 19, 2024. Successful applicants can receive up to 75% in cost-share funding per application, up to a maximum of \$100,000.
- Eligible organizations and municipalities can apply to implement activities and project collaborations with other organizations (for example faith-based, for-profit, community health centres, etc.) that support the attraction and retention of IAWs, improve their access to community services, and promote their independence.



Staff will work with relevant departments to assess the City of Brampton's eligibility for this funding.

September 20, 2024

FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference

Location: Fredericton, New Brunswick

Date: February 10-13, 2025

- The Conference is designed to help and support municipalities in fast-tracking sustainable change in local communities.
- Green Municipal Fund experts will be on hand to help delegates convert ideas into high-impact, sustainable projects.
- Early Bird registration rates will be available until December 13, 2024.



The Sustainable Communities Conference provides municipalities with the opportunity to learn from each other and share actionable solutions towards a more resilient and sustainable future.

The background image is a dark teal-tinted photograph of a city street. On the right, a prominent brick building features a tall clock tower with a clock face. A Canadian flag flies in front of the building. To the left, a bus stop shelter is visible with the word "Wellington" on its top edge and a "zum" logo on its side. The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

THANK YOU!

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