



# **Government Relations Matters**

**Committee of Council  
December 2, 2020**

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## 11.1: Update on Brampton Food Banks Data Project (For Information)

### Overview

- Following the January 9, 2020 presentation of Who's Hungry report, Regional Council requested that work commence with City of Brampton staff and Brampton food banks, on a plan to obtain data.
- In September 2020, the United Way Greater Toronto announced funding to build the capacity of Brampton food organizations to collect and analyze data
- Brampton food providers represent a diverse mix of formal, informal, faith based, and grassroots organizations committed to feeding Brampton's most vulnerable.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Brampton Emergency Management Office)

- City staff sit on the Peel Hunger Relief Network and have been involved in the development of the Brampton food map and the food distribution system.
- Staff support the initiatives listed in the report and will continue to work with the Region and the foodbanks to ensure the programs continue to deliver the much needed supports.
- A primary goal of the City's COVID-19 Social Support Task Force is to support foodbanks and meal programs.

### City Staff Recommendation

**Receive Report**

### 13.2: 2020 Triannual Financial Performance Report – August 31, 2020 (Recommendation)

#### Overview

- Regional Council approved the 2020 Operating Budget of \$2.6B to provide funding for the Region to continue delivering services and meet the service needs of the residents.
- 96% of the 2020 Regionally Controlled capital work progressed on schedule
- To help fund COVID-related costs and pressures in the 2021 Budget, any unused funding from Phase 1 of the Safe Restart Agreement (SRA) will be placed in a new reserve.

#### City of Brampton (Comments from Finance)

- The Region is forecasting a 0.5% deficit, while the City is at 3.7% (after Phase 1 funding through the SRA).
- Subject to the outcome of Phase 2 funding, the City may need to investigate a more equitable distribution of funding through the SRA.

#### City Staff Recommendation

**Support recommendation**

## November 26, 2020: Regional Council Motion Regarding Council Composition

### Overview

- On November 26, 2020, Regional Council passed a resolution with intention to adopt a by-law to change its composition:
  - City of Brampton 9 members (+2\* change)
  - City of Mississauga 12 members (unchanged)
  - Town of Caledon 3 members (-2)
- Effective for the municipal election to be held in October 2022.
- \* The 2 additional members representing Brampton will be selected by the Brampton City Council from among City Councillors for a full 4 year term
- Steps are required following passing of the resolution:
  - A public meeting to consider the matter of Council's intention
  - Report to Regional Council with the feedback from the Public Meeting and the proposed by-law
  - In order to be valid, the by-law would require a "triple majority"





**November 27, 2020:** ServiceOntario is now offering appointment booking at 42 of its busiest locations. Brampton locations include:

1. Brampton: Gateway and Summerlea
2. Brampton: Wexford and Hurontario

**November 26, 2020:** Bill 236, *Supporting Local Restaurants Act, 2020*, would cap fees charged by food delivery companies in areas where indoor dining is prohibited.

**November 26, 2020:** Launched a new, online application and streamlined process to apply for social assistance to provide critical financial supports to those affected by COVID-19.

**November 24, 2020:** Deployed new COVID-19 rapid tests for faster results in regions of high transmission and rural and remote areas, to help keep essential workers safe, and to screen staff in long-term care homes and select workplaces.

**November 26, 2020:** announced \$6.5M funding over 16 months for Peel Public Health to establish a safe, voluntary isolation site.

- The site will have approximately 40 units, with capacity to grow to 80 units if needed.

**Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy Applications Open Today!**

- ✓ Covers up to **65% of rent** for businesses, charities and non-profits impacted by COVID-19
- ✓ Can provide **Lockdown Support** of an additional 25% during a public health lockdown order
- ✓ Funding goes **directly to organisations**, not landlords.

**November 23, 2020:** Opened the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) to receive applications from qualifying organizations, which can now apply directly for the subsidy for the period from September 27 to October 24, 2020 through the Canada Revenue Agency

**November 23, 2020:** Announced the launch of the new call for proposals for the Community Support, Multiculturalism, and Anti-Racism Initiatives (CSMARI) Program.

- Municipalities not eligible, not-for-profit organizations and associations may pursue an application