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8.2: Update on COVID-19 Funding for the Vulnerable (Recommendation)

Overview

- Peel has received \$28.9M from the federal Reaching Home and provincial Social Services Relief Fund to support the homeless and other vulnerable groups during the pandemic.
- This emergency funding allowed and continues to allow the Region, together with local municipal and community partners to support vulnerable residents in Peel, including prevention of the spread of COVID-19 amongst the homeless population.

City of Brampton (Comments from Brampton Emergency Management Office)

- A better understanding of how much of this funding would benefit Brampton's vulnerable populations is needed to maximize benefits and coordinate the support work.
- The City created the Social Support Task Force specifically to support the vulnerable people, but received no external funding for this work.

City Staff Recommendation

Support recommendation

8.3: The Region of Peel's Submission to Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission (Recommendation)

Overview

- This report provides Peel's recommendations to Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission, some of which are in line with interim recommendations released by the Commission on October 23, 2020.

City of Brampton (Comments from Public Affairs)

- On July 29, 2020 the province has launched an independent commission into COVID-19 and long-term care, with three areas of focus:
 - investigate how COVID-19 spread within long-term care homes,
 - how residents, staff, and families were impacted,
 - and the adequacy of measures taken by the province and other parties to prevent, isolate and contain the virus.
- Peel's submission provides insight and experiences from the Region's role as a municipal long-term care operator.
- The Commission is expected to deliver a final report to the Provincial government by April 30, 2021.

City Staff Recommendation

Support recommendation

8.4: COVID-19 Infrastructure Resiliency Fund (Recommendation)

Overview

- Peel has been allocated \$18,7M in funding under the COVID-19 Infrastructure Resiliency Stream
- Staff have identified 5 projects for Council's consideration that meet the criteria, have the highest probability for being completed by December 31, 2021 and that maximize the return on impact to Peel's community.

City of Brampton (Comments from Public Affairs)

- The City of Brampton has been allocated \$6.2M in funding under the COVID-19 Infrastructure Resiliency Stream for up to 5 projects.
- City staff have analyzed the program requirements and eligibility criteria to guide the selection process for 5 projects that will be put forward for an application.

City Staff Recommendation

Support recommendations

10.1: Approval of the 2020 Development Charge Background Study and By-law (Recommendation)

Overview

- Regional staff will be presenting 2020 DC By-law for Council approval.
- Proposed effective date of new DC by-law is January 22, 2021.
- Current DC by-law expires on January 24, 2021.
- Summary of proposed DC rates:

DC Category	Current Rates	Proposed Rates	Increase (Decrease)
Single/Semi-Detached	\$53,510.42	\$60,750.66	14%
Other Residential	\$43,840.09	\$48,114.77	10%
Apartment >750 sq.ft.	\$32,752.38	\$44,066.64	35%
Small Unit	\$21,662.28	\$23,305.57	8%
Industrial	\$157.77	\$177.82	13%
Non-industrial	\$234.43	\$229.88	(2%)

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10.1: Approval of the 2020 Development Charge Background Study and By-law (Recommendation) *Continued....*

City of Brampton (Comments from Finance)

Policy Changes to DC By-law

- Proposed Policy Changes Include:
 - Places of worship – Exempt 25% of total floor space of new building from payment of DCs
 - Stacked townhomes – To be charged “Apartment” DC rate
 - Demolition credits – Must use credit within 10 and 5 years for non-residential and residential demolitions, respectively

City Implications

- Internal City Divisions that deal with development applications and building permit issuances will continue to experience higher volumes and requests until effective date of new DC rates (January 22, 2021).

City Staff Recommendation

Support recommendation

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10.2: Peel 2041+ Regional Official Plan Review and Municipal Comprehensive Review Update (Recommendation)

Overview

- The Regional Official Plan is required to be reviewed periodically and the report provides an update on the recent Peel 2041+ public consultations, anticipated timing for the overall Peel 2041+ draft Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA), and other related work.
- Given the strategic priority of the Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) policies and mapping, recommendations of this report seek flexibility for advancing this focus area

City of Brampton (Comments from Planning)

- In the Region's Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) work that is contained in this report City staff have requested a Future MTSA designation be applied to Heritage Heights, that has not yet been reflected. Staff are discussing this with the Region.
- Staff have conveyed to the Region that their population forecast for Brampton to 2051 is low, and should be revised upwards . City staff raised this issue at the Planning and Development Committee this past Monday.

City Staff Recommendation

Support recommendations with issues identified from Planning staff.

12.1: Composition of Regional Council in Peel Region (Correspondence)

Overview

- At its meeting held on November 26, 2020, Regional Council passed the following resolution indicating an intent to adopt a by-law to increasing the number of members representing Brampton by 2 to 9 and decreasing the number representing Caledon by 2 to 3 members to be effective for purposes of the municipal election to be held in October 2022
- Town of Caledon Council held a meeting on November 30, 2020, and adopted a resolution requesting that an extension to the deadline in Section 218 of the Municipal Act regarding a review of Council composition be granted to March 31, 2021.

City of Brampton (Comments from Public Affairs)

- The Caledon resolution requests that the Minister respond by December 16, 2020, a day prior to the Public Meeting scheduled by the Region
- A number of steps are required following passing of the Regional resolution:
 - A public meeting to be held on December 17, 2020 to consider the matter of Council's intention
 - Staff to report to Regional Council with the feedback from the Public Meeting and the proposed by-law would be presented
 - In order to be valid, the by-law would require a "triple majority"

22.1: Motion regarding Peel Regional Police Community Station for the City of Brampton's east end (Notice of Motion)

Overview

- The motion seeks Regional Council's support, in principle, for a Peel Regional Police Community Station for the City of Brampton's east end
- The motion also requests Peel Regional Police to present to Regional Council a proposed implementation plan including location, costs and other significant issues connected with implementing a Community Station.

City of Brampton (Comments from Brampton Emergency Management Office)

- City staff agree that the East of Brampton is underserved in terms of having a police facility.
- Staff would support the creation of a police station Brampton's east end.

City Staff Recommendation

Support the motion

Provincial Government | Updates



December 4, 2020: Announced the appointment of nine members of the new Ministers' COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force. The task force, will oversee the delivery, storage and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines.

December 4, 2020: Announced \$20M to help small businesses jointly sponsor and train apprentices through the new Group Sponsorship Grant program.

December 1, 2020: Announced an investment of more than \$115M to support 850 patients with high, complex care needs access services at home, and to expand virtual care options for patients. The *High Intensity Support at Home Program* is expected to add more capacity in hospitals by providing ~484,000 nursing hours and therapy visits, and ~1.4M personal support worker hours.

November 30, 2020: Announced financial relief for families facing new education-related expenses in the COVID-19 era with support totaling \$380M. Parents or guardians residing in Ontario can complete one application per child to receive a one-time payment of:

- \$200 for each child aged 0 to 12; or
- \$250 if their child or youth is aged 0 to 21 with special needs

Supporting Canadians and Fighting COVID-19

Fall Economic Statement 2020

Canada's plan to fight the COVID-19 pandemic, support Canadians, and invest in a recovery that is inclusive, sustainable, and creates good jobs for Canadians.

December 4, 2020: Announced \$23.2M in funding for Colleges and Institutes Canada (CICan) to develop and implement an accelerated online program to train approximately 4,000 new personal support worker interns.

December 4, 2020: Announced the expansion of the Canadian Emergency Business Account (CEBA).

December 2, 2020: Introduced Bill C-14, An Act to implement certain provisions of the economic statement tabled in Parliament on November 30, 2020 and other measures.

November 29, 2020: Extended the Mandatory Isolation Order and temporary travel restrictions for all travelers seeking entry into Canada from a country other than the US, until January 21, 2021. Travel restrictions for US citizens and foreign nationals arriving from the US remain in place until December 21, 2020.

AMO-Ontario Annual Joint MOU Statement

- The first joint statement on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between AMO and the Province of Ontario is released annually since 2008.
- The MOU sets out the principles and procedures of how the province consults with AMO on provincial legislation or regulations that have a significant impact on municipalities.
- This year, AMO and the province worked together to manage the challenges facing Ontario's communities, as a result of COVID-19, including:
 - initiatives introduced to support municipalities better during the emergency such as allowing virtual Municipal Council meetings and enabling redeployment of municipal staff to address priorities and needs;
 - funding supports for municipalities including the Safe Restart Agreement funding and Social Services Relief Fund;
 - staged approach to Reopening Ontario;
 - delivery of the COVID-19 Fall Preparedness Plan to prepare for the second wave.