



Minutes

Committee of Council

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Members Present: Mayor Patrick Brown (ex officio)
Regional Councillor R. Santos
Regional Councillor P. Vicente
Regional Councillor N. Brar
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi (arrived at 10:36 a.m. - personal)
Regional Councillor D. Keenan (arrived at 9:52 a.m. - personal)
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros
Regional Councillor P. Fortini
City Councillor R. Power
Regional Councillor G. Toor
Deputy Mayor H. Singh

Staff Present: Marlon Kallideen, Chief Administrative Officer
Bill Boyes, Commissioner, Community Services
Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth Management
Laura Johnston, Commissioner, Legislative Services
Alex Milojevic, Commissioner, Corporate Support Services
Peter Pilateris, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
Doug Rieger, Acting General Manager, Brampton Transit
Sameer Akhtar, City Solicitor
Genevieve Scharback, City Clerk
Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m., recessed at 11:39 a.m., reconvened at 12:34 p.m. and recessed again at 1:12 p.m. At 1:26 p.m. Committee reconvened in Closed Session, recessed at 1:49 p.m., reconvened in Open Session at 1:59 p.m. and adjourned at 2:01 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

Committee discussion took place with respect to proposed amendments to the agenda.

The following motion was considered.

CW370-2024

That the agenda for the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024 be approved, as amended, as follows:

To Withdraw:

6.4 Delegation from Munisha Manocha and Vikas Sharma, Festival Director, Trimurti Events, re: Request to Waive Charges related to a Public Religious Festival

To Vary the Order to deal with Item 6.7 (Delegations re: Human Trafficking and Exploitation of International Students) prior to 10:30 a.m.

To Add:

11.2.3 Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Brar, re: Cannabis Retail Stores

Carried

3. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

Deputy Mayor Singh declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item 6.10 (Delegation from Harpreet Singh Gill, Principal, KMSchool, re: Request for Deferral of Development Charges for an Additional School Building Project) as his children attend the subject school.

4. Consent

The following items listed with a caret (^) were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Committee and were approved at one time.

(8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.4, 9.2.1, 9.2.2, 9.2.3, 9.2.4, 9.2.5, 9.2.6, 9.3.1, 9.4.1, 9.4.2, 10.4.1, 11.3.1, 12.2.1)

The following motion was considered.

CW371-2024

That the following items to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024 be approved as part of Consent:

(8.2.1, 8.2.2, 8.2.3, 8.2.4, 9.2.1, 9.2.2, 9.2.3, 9.2.4, 9.2.5, 9.2.6, 9.3.1, 9.4.1, 9.4.2, 10.4.1, 11.3.1, 12.2.1)

Carried

5. Announcements

Nil

6. Public Delegations

- 6.1 Delegation from Rayz-N, Public Relations Officer Toronto and Ontario, Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.), re: Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) Organization

Rayz-N, Public Relations Officer Toronto and Ontario, Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.), provided information to Committee regarding the B.A.C.A., a not-for-profit organization that provides support to children dealing with abuse. The delegation provided details on their programs, services, and partnerships with various governmental and community agencies, and expressed a desire to work with the City to help more children. The delegation outlined the need to raise awareness of their organization and submitted information pamphlets to Committee.

In response to questions from Committee the delegation highlighted barriers faced by the B.A.C.A. in establishing partnerships with agencies due to the perception of bikers.

The following motion was considered.

CW372-2024

That the delegation from Rayz-N, Public Relations Officer Toronto and Ontario, Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.), to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Bikers Against Child Abuse (B.A.C.A.) Organization**, be received.

Carried

- 6.2 Delegation from Sharon Vandrish, CEO, Human Aid Canada, re: Funding of Trauma Support Workers at Victims' Services of Peel

Note: The delegation was not present at the time the delegation was called.

- 6.3 Delegation from Divy Nayyar, CEO, Nexa, re: Transforming Workforce Development in Brampton with Nexa

Divy Nayyar, CEO, Nexa, provided a presentation to Committee titled "Nexa: Transforming Brampton's Career Ecosystem", which included information regarding the Nexa AI-driven career services platform and how it can support Brampton's economic growth and employment rates.

The following motion was considered.

CW373-2024

That the delegation from Divy Nayyar, CEO, Nexa, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Transforming Workforce Development in Brampton with Nexa**, be **referred** to staff.

Carried

- 6.4 Delegation from Munisha Manocha and Vikas Sharma, Festival Director, Trimurti Events, re: Request to Waive Charges related to a Public Religious Festival

Note: This delegation was withdrawn on October 23, 2024.

- 6.5 Delegation from Thomas Wong, Thanuja Ahilraj, Gordon So, Julian Lai, Tim Wong, Guinness Event Organizing Committee, Inclusive Momentum Inc., re: Presentation of Guinness World Record Certificate of Appreciation

Representatives from the Guinness Event Organizing Committee provided an overview of the Guinness World Record rubik's cube challenge that took place at

City Hall in July 2024, and presented a certificate of appreciation to Mayor Brown.

Committee congratulated the organization for achieving this world record and expressed thanks to Economic Development staff for their support.

The following motion was considered.

CW374-2024

That the delegation from Thomas Wong, Thanuja Ahilraj, Gordon So, Julian Lai, Tim Wong, Guinness Event Organizing Committee, Inclusive Momentum Inc., to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Presentation of Guinness World Record Certificate of Appreciation**, be received.

Carried

- 6.6 Delegation from Shahzada Benazir Akhtar, Chairman, Amjid Iqbal, Co-Organizer, and Yogita, Project Manager, World Trade Developers Inc., re: Lifestyle Expo Business and Investors Conference

A representative from World Trade Developers Inc. provided an overview of the Lifestyle Expo Business and Investors Conference held in Brampton in October 2024, and outlined the purpose of the conference to bring investors from all over the world to Brampton. In addition, the delegation provided details on a future event taking place in June 2025 and requested the City's support for the use of a large venue, such as the CAA Centre, to host this event.

Committee acknowledged the success of the conference and support provided by the Economic Development Office.

The following motion was considered.

CW375-2024

That the delegation from Shahzada Benazir Akhtar, Chairman, Amjid Iqbal, Co-Organizer, and Yogita, Project Manager, World Trade Developers Inc., to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Lifestyle Expo Business and Investors Conference**, be referred to Economic Development staff.

Carried

- 6.7 Delegations re: Human Trafficking and Exploitation of International Students

Note: The order of delegations was varied to hear from Delegation #2 first.

2. Dr. Sukhjeevan Singh Chattha, provided a presentation to Committee titled "Hidden but Thriving - Brampton's International Students and Human Trafficking", which included information on the following:

- A female international student impact story
- Visa and college enrollment scams
- Issues and challenges experienced by international students making them vulnerable to exploitation
- Supports provided by The Kaur Movement Foundation to domestic violence and sexual assault victims
- Sex work advertisements targeting vulnerable international student girls
- Impact of human trafficking and efforts to address this issue
- High number of international students in Brampton
- Next steps to address human trafficking

Discussion on this matter included concerns from residents regarding the safety of international students, increased awareness of human trafficking, reasons why international students remain silent and do not seek help, and the need for community discussions to take place, including with places of worship, to protect these students.

1. Gurpreet S. Malhotra, CEO, Indus Community Services, provided a presentation to Committee titled "Exploitation of International Students in Peel", which included information on the following:

- Current trends of international students in Peel
- Underfunding of community/social service agencies
- The Brampton Charter for Improving the International Student Experience
- The International Students Collaborative
- Collaborative actions and calls to action

Discussion on this matter included laws restricting the ability for social agencies to support international students, and the experiences of international students documented in the film titled "I Am No Queen".

3. Dani Mills, Director, Outreach Services, Our Place Peel - nCourage, Peel's Anti-Human Trafficking Integrated Services Hub, provided a presentation to

Committee titled "Exploitation of International Students in Peel", which included information on the following:

- Issues faced by international students that lead to exploitation
- Responsibilities of post-secondary institutions to educate international students on their rights, personal safety and access to safe supports
- Services provided by nCourage
- Female international student impact stories
- Calls to action

Discussion on this matter included the exploitation of international students in other regions outside of Peel, cultural impact and hesitation by students to seek support due to fear, shame, etc., and the need for more student education and awareness of human trafficking.

4. Bob Hackenbrook, Detective Sergeant in charge of the Vice Unit, Peel Regional Police, provided a presentation to Committee titled "Peel Regional Police Vice Unit", which included information on the following:

- Overview of the Vice Team
- Human trafficking statistics and reporting options
- Partnerships
- Calls to action

Discussion on this matter included the following:

- Concerns that international students and the general public are not reporting incidents of human trafficking
- The need for a collaborative approach to address human trafficking across Ontario and Canada-wide
- Indication that the Residential Rental Licensing (RRL) Program assists Peel Regional Police in identifying and investigating incidents of human trafficking
- Reasons why the Region of Peel is more vulnerable to human-trafficking
- The benefits of having a unit dedicated to human trafficking
- The importance of educating and training airline and hotel staff on identifying human trafficking

- Concerns regarding the under-reporting of human trafficking complaints and missing international students

The following motion was considered.

CW376-2024

That the following delegations to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Human Trafficking and Exploitation of International Students**, be received:

1. Gurpreet S. Malhotra, CEO, Indus Community Services
2. Dr. Sukhjeevan Singh Chattha
3. Dani Mills, Director, Outreach Services, Our Place Peel - nCourage, Peel's Anti-Human Trafficking Integrated Services Hub
4. Bob Hackenbrook, Detective Sergeant in charge of the Vice Unit, Peel Regional Police.

Carried

Regional Councillor Santos highlighted the contributions of international students to the local economy and efforts by the City and delegations to address issues impacting international students with limited resources. Councillor Santos encouraged everyone to watch the film titled "I Am No Queen" to increase awareness of the challenges faced by international student girls.

Regional Councillor Santos introduced, and provided an overview of, a motion with the following operative clause:

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. With feedback from post-secondary partners located in Brampton or elsewhere, staff report back on additional incentives that may support the development of safe affordable student housing, including improvements to the RRL; and
2. The City of Brampton and the International Students Collaborative encourage other post secondary institutions outside of Brampton, with students who live in Brampton, to endorse the guiding principles of Brampton's International Students Charter
3. The City of Brampton support the Region of Peel's continued work with the International Students Collaborative to better understand the impact of

recent policy changes on students by developing a comprehensive Advocacy Strategy in Peel

4. That the City of Brampton advocate to the federal and provincial government through official correspondence and follow-up with a meeting with appropriate Ministers (Federal: IRCC and Housing, Provincial: Colleges and Universities, and Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development, etc.)
 - i) to endorse the guiding principles of Brampton's International Students Charter
 - ii) to establish clear responsibility for public and private post-secondary institutions in providing formal orientation for international students looking to study in Canada, including increasing awareness of legal, employment, access to health care, interpersonal violence and housing rights, before arriving in the country
 - iii) to have student visa requirements require place of residence in addition to place of study and provide policy or financial incentives for the development of safe and affordable student housing
 - iv) continue advocacy requesting that the province double the heads and beds levy and base the levy on the student's place of residence, to ensure additional funding is available to municipalities who provide municipal services for international students residing in their municipality
 - v) to strengthen regulations for private colleges as it relates to recruitment and education standards of international students
 - vi) for legislative changes related to student visas, such as removing "sex work" as a condition to deport
 - vii) to increase working hours to 40 hours/week so students can access legal work from employers
 - viii) to expand funding eligibility to allow international students to access existing Regional and community programs and supports in Peel Region
 - ix) to provide dedicated funding for a three-year pilot to develop a wrap-around support hub, which is community-focused with anti-human trafficking services and supports designed for (and by the community) and culturally-responsive to provide settlement,

housing, employment, and mental health supports along with human trafficking assessment and referral for international students attending post-secondary institutions

- x) to increase accountability of post-secondary institutions to develop formal pathways to dedicated anti-human sex trafficking services such as nCourage, Peel safe house and transitional house to support access to safe, reliable, trauma-informed services, and provide the necessary legislative and financial support for increased access to such services
- xi) to strengthen regulations and continue investigations of immigration consultants providing fraudulent acceptance letters and engaging in other fraudulent activity related to international students
- xii) to clearly identify and raise awareness of existing pathways international students can legally obtain permanent residency in Canada

5. The City of Brampton support efforts from Peel Regional Police to:

- Participate in intelligence-led joint forces investigations team from police agencies across Ontario
- Enhancing the use of Major Case Management tools for missing persons and human trafficking investigations by investing in software development to enable national access to databases across the country. This will assist in meeting specific needs of human trafficking investigators and analysts
- Continue to participate in intelligence-led joint forces investigations team from police agencies across Ontario

6. That this motion and any related or follow-up correspondence be forwarded to:

- Federal Ministers of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship and Housing (and other relevant Ministries)
- Provincial Minister(s) of Colleges and Universities, and Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development (and other relevant Ministries)
- Local MPs and MPPs
- FCM and AMO

- Region of Peel Council

7. That the City of Brampton host a public screening of I Am No Queen, at no cost to attendees.

Committee thanked Councillor Santos and the delegations for their efforts in addressing and raising awareness of human trafficking and exploitation of international students and outlined the need to do more to combat human trafficking in the Region of Peel.

The following motion was considered.

CW377-2024

Whereas:

Local issues and action taken

- Brampton is home to thousands of financially vulnerable international students who study locally in Brampton or in other municipalities across the province/country
- Many international students have become victims of “false hope” through student visa and college enrollment scams
- International students soon discover after arriving in Canada, that the local cost of living may exceed their financial means and many education institutions (private and public) do not assist students adequately to integrate, particularly as it relates to housing, leaving international students vulnerable to exploitation as discussed at Committee of Council on September 4, 2023
- Exploitation and human trafficking of international student girls have resulted in unwanted pregnancies, abortions, mental health and addictions issues and suicide
- The City of Brampton and the Region of Peel have been working within municipal jurisdiction to address the exploitation through the development of an International Students Charter, Residential Rental Licensing Pilot (RRL), established an International Student Collaborative, and an anti-human sex trafficking strategy
- Peel Regional Police’s Human Trafficking team was one of the first established in the province, with a total of 20 members with a variety of service providers and crown attorneys to identify, pursue, and charge human traffickers, and increase awareness, education and specialized

human trafficking intervention training for targeted groups like international students

- Post-Secondary Institution's orientation sessions only scratch the surface with regards to what students should know/expect when they arrive in Canada and lack vital information related to protecting oneself from exploitation and what their rights are as an international student in Canada
- Survivors of human trafficking require specialized, trauma-informed, community-based supports to help them heal and rebuild their lives, and to reduce the risk of re-exploitation
- Peel Region currently provides some supports to international students, however, many Regional programs are not accessible due to federal and provincial eligibility criteria excluding people without Canadian citizenship or permanent residency or who are refugee claimants
- Many international students who are being exploited choose not to access support at their educational institutions because of fear of deportation, expulsion from school, and a lack of culturally sensitive support programs

Other orders of government

- Despite local efforts, the City of Brampton and Peel Region are reacting to this inherited problem with limited to no jurisdiction to address its root causes and significantly limited financial resources to respond to the consequences
- Legislative jurisdiction over international student visas and accountability of public and private post-secondary institutions, reside with the federal and provincial governments for example (but not limited to):
 - Provincial Ministry of Colleges and Universities could do more to mandate support and programs for international students and regulate private colleges
 - The federal government recently capped legal off-campus work for international students to 24 hours, which may be putting financially vulnerable students at further risk of exploitation and
 - Federal legislation is weaponized and used against international students by traffickers due to specific conditions to deport like "sex work"

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7. That the City of Brampton host a public screening of I Am No Queen, at no cost to attendees.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried, as follows:

Yea (10): Mayor Patrick Brown, Regional Councillor Santos , Regional Councillor Vicente , Regional Councillor Brar, Regional Councillor Keenan, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor Fortini , City Councillor Power, Regional Councillor Toor, and Deputy Mayor Singh

Absent (1): Regional Councillor Palleschi

Carried (10 to 0)

6.8 Delegation from Andrine Johnson, CEO, Embrace: Agency to End Violence, and Jannies Le, Executive Director, Armagh House, re: Wrapped in Courage Flag Raising

Andrine Johnson, CEO, Embrace: Agency to End Violence, and Jannies Le, Executive Director, Armagh House, provided an overview of the programs and services provided by their respective organizations, statistics of gender-based and domestic violence, and highlighted the need for sustainable support services for victims of violence. In addition, the delegations provided information regarding the Wrapped in Courage flag raising and 16 Days of Activism taking place in November, and encouraged everyone to support this cause and raise awareness by purchasing and wearing a purple scarf.

Committee Members expressed their support for this cause and outlined concerns regarding the increase of intimate partner violence in the Region of Peel and the need to do more to combat this issue.

Discussion on this matter included the need for more shelter space for victims, as women and children are turned away due to lack of space, and a request that

Government Relations staff collect data from local organizations to assist with advocacy to senior levels of government for additional resources.

Committee thanked the delegations for their efforts and requested that social media tiles be sent to Members of Council to assist with promoting upcoming events.

The following motion was considered.

CW378-2024

That the delegation from Andrine Johnson, CEO, Embrace: Agency to End Violence, and Jannies Le, Executive Director, Armagh House, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Wrapped in Courage Flag Raising**, be received.

Carried

6.9 Delegation from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident, re: Involuntary Treatment and Mental Health Care Access in Brampton

Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident, provided information to Committee regarding her recent experience at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) and highlighted the challenges for people struggling with substance abuse to access government-funded treatment. The delegation advised that:

- more treatment centres in Brampton are needed
- health care services have not kept pace with the population increase
- a number of services do not exist in Brampton and a number of services at CAMH are at capacity

The delegation expressed concerns regarding mental health care at Brampton Civic Hospital, including involuntary treatment, and the need for system reform. The delegation recommended that Council pursue the establishment of a psychiatric facility in Brampton for addiction and mental health care, with expanded out-patient care.

Committee thanked the delegation and acknowledged the need to improve mental health care access in Brampton.

The following motion was considered.

CW379-2024

That the delegation from Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Involuntary Treatment and Mental Health Care Access in Brampton**, be received.

Carried

- 6.10 Delegation from Harpreet Singh Gill, Principal, KMSchool, re: Request for Deferral of Development Charges for an Additional School Building Project

Harpreet Singh Gill, Principal, KMSchool, provided information to Committee regarding KM School's mission, goals, and programs, and provided an overview of the additional school building project to expand programs to serve the Brampton community. The delegation sought Committee's support for the deferral of development charges for this project for at least one year from the date of occupancy to assist with financial pressures.

At this time in the meeting, Deputy Mayor Singh declared a conflict of interest with respect to this item as his children attend the subject school.

The following motion was considered.

CW380-2024

That the delegation from Harpreet Singh Gill, Principal, KMSchool, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Request for Deferral of Development Charges for an Additional School Building Project**, be **referred** to staff for consideration and a report back to a future meeting.

Carried

7. Government Relations Matters

- 7.1 Staff Update re: Government Relations Matters

Andrzej Hoffmann, Manager, Government Relations and Public Liaison, Office of the CAO, provided a presentation, which included information and updates on matters relating to the Regional, Provincial and Federal Governments, Ontario Big City Mayors and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

The following motion was considered.

CW381-2024

That the presentation by Andrzej Hoffmann, Manager, Government Relations and Public Liaison, Office of the CAO, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Government Relations Matters**, be received.

Carried

8. Corporate Services Section

8.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

8.2 Reports

8.2.1 ^ Staff Report re: Annual Review of Occupational Health and Safety, Respectful Workplace, and Workplace Violence Prevention Policies

CW382-2024

1. That the report from Cynthia Ogbarmey-Tetteh, Director, Human Resources, Corporate Support Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Annual Review of Occupational Health and Safety, Respectful Workplace, and Workplace Violence Prevention Policies**, be received;
2. That the updated, Occupational Health and Safety, Respectful Workplace, and Workplace Violence Prevention policies, as set out in Attachment 1, Attachment 2, and Attachment 3 respectively, be approved;
3. That staff be authorized to implement and administer the policies; and
4. That the Occupational Health and Safety, Respectful Workplace, and Workplace Violence Prevention policies, CW293-2023, dated September 13, 2023, be respectively rescinded.

Carried

8.2.2 ^ Staff Report re: Salary Administration Policy - Annual Reporting – January 1 to December 31, 2023

CW383-2024

That the report from Cynthia Ogbarmey-Tetteh, Director, Human Resources, Corporate Support Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23,

2024, re: **Salary Administration Policy: Annual Reporting – January 1 to December 31, 2023**, be received.

Carried

8.2.3 ^ Staff Report re: 2025 Interim Tax Levy

CW384-2024

1. That the report from Yvonne Kwiecien, Manager, Taxation and Assessment, Finance, Corporate Support Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **2025 Interim Tax Levy**, be received; and
2. That a by-law be passed for the levy and collection of the 2025 Interim Tax Levy.

Carried

8.2.4 ^ Staff Report re: 2024 Second Quarter Operating Budget Forecast

CW385-2024

That the report from Mark Medeiros, Senior Manager, Financial Planning and Analytics, Finance, Corporate Support Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **2024 Second Quarter Operating Budget Forecast**, be received.

Carried

8.3 Other/New Business

Nil

8.4 Correspondence

Nil

8.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

8.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

9. Public Works and Engineering Section

9.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

9.2 Reports

9.2.1 ^ Staff Report re: Downtown Transit Hub Project - Update

CW386-2024

That the report from Kumar Ranjan, Manager Higher Order Transit EA, Brampton Transit, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Downtown Transit Hub Project - Update**, be received.

Carried

9.2.2 ^ Staff Report re: Timing Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Crossings at Intersections – All Wards (RM 43/2022, RM 42/2023)

CW387-2024

That the report from Shane Loftus, Manager, Transportation Right of Way and Safety, Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Timing Traffic Signals and Pedestrian Crossings at Intersections – All Wards (RM 43/2022, RM 42/2023)**, be received.

Carried

9.2.3 ^ Staff Report re: Residential Bollard Report (RM 9/2024, RM 32/2024)

CW388-2024

1. That the report from Shane Loftus, Manager, Transportation Right-Of-Way and Safety, Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Residential Bollards (RM 9/2024, RM 32/2024)**, be received; and

2. That Council supports installation of residential bollards within a resident's private property, but not within the City's Right-of-way.

Carried

9.2.4 ^ Staff Report re: Traffic By-law 93-93 – Administrative Update

CW389-2024

1. That the report from Binita Poudyal, Traffic Operations Technologist, Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Traffic By-law 93-93 – Administrative Update**, be received; and
2. That a by-law be passed to amend Traffic By-law 93-93, as amended, as outlined in the subject report.

Carried

9.2.5 ^ Staff Report re: Budget Amendment – Fire Station 215 Construction Project – Ward 10

CW390-2024

1. That the report from Norval Thompson, Project Manager, Building Design and Construction, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Budget Amendment – Fire Station 215 Construction Project - Ward 10**, be received; and
2. That a budget amendment be approved for project #222520-003 - Fire Station 215 - Construction, to increase the project budget by \$6,500,000, with the funding to be transferred from Reserve # 4 – Asset Repair & Replacement.

Carried

9.2.6 ^ Staff Report re: Request to Begin Procurement – Widening and Reconstruction of Goreway Drive between Cottrelle Boulevard and Humberwest Parkway – Ward 8

CW391-2024

1. That the report from Jia He, Project Manager, Capital Works, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Request to Begin Procurement – Widening and Reconstruction of**

Goreway Drive between Cottrelle Boulevard and Humberwest Parkway – Ward 8, be received; and

2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence procurement for the widening and reconstruction of Goreway Drive between Cottrelle Boulevard and Humberwest Parkway including Contract Administration Services.

Carried

9.2.7 Staff Report re: Request to Begin Procurement – Countryside Drive from Regional Road 50 to 700 m west of Coleraine Drive (Phase I) – Ward 10

Regional Councillor Toor advised Committee of a new facility being constructed on Countryside Drive, which requires the road to be widened to accommodate future truck traffic. Councillor Toor asked staff about the possibility of extending the widening of Countryside Drive by an additional 100 m.

Peter Pilateris, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering, advised that staff will review this matter to determine if the project limits can be extended by 100 m.

The following motion was considered.

CW392-2024

1. That the report from Jia He, Project Manager, Capital Works, Public Works and Engineering, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Request to Begin Procurement – Countryside Drive from Regional Road 50 to 700 m west of Coleraine Drive (Phase I) – Ward 10**, be received; and
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for the widening of Countryside Drive from Regional Road 50 to up to 800 m west of Coleraine Drive including Contract Administration Services during construction.

Carried

9.3 Other/New Business

9.3.1 ^ Minutes - Environment Advisory Committee - October 1, 2024

CW393-2024

That the **Minutes of the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 1, 2024**, Recommendations EAC026-2024 to EAC030-2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, be approved.

Carried

The recommendations were approved as follows:

EAC026-2024

That the agenda for the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 1, 2024, be approved, as amended, to add the following item:

8.1 Discussion re: Private Property Maintenance and Prohibited Plants By-law (Grass and Weed Cutting By-law 166-2011 Update)

EAC027-2024

That the verbal update from Karline McCawley, Environmental Project Specialist, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 1, 2024, re: **Dearbourne Pollinator Planting Event**, be received.

EAC028-2024

That the verbal update from Kristina Dokoska, Policy Planner - Environment, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Environment Advisory Committee Meeting of October 1, 2024, re: **Climate Change Adaptation Plan**, be received.

EAC029-2024

That Sherry-Ann Ram, Co-Chair, and Charles Coimbra be selected as representatives of the Environment Advisory Committee to delegate at a future Committee of Council meeting in support of the Private Property Maintenance and Prohibited Plants By-law (Grass and Weed Cutting By-law 166-2011 Update).

EAC030-2024

That the Environment Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again for a regular meeting on Tuesday, December 3, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

9.4 Correspondence

9.4.1 ^ Correspondence from Peter Jakovic, Vice President, Land Development, Tribute (Railroad Street) Limited, dated October 11, 2024, re: Downtown Brampton Transit Hub (Bus Terminal) Preliminary Design and Business Case Study

CW394-2024

That the correspondence from Peter Jakovic, Vice President, Land Development, Tribute (Railroad Street) Limited, dated October 11, 2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Downtown Brampton Transit Hub (Bus Terminal) Preliminary Design and Business Case Study - Comments on Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP)**, be received.

Carried

- 9.4.2 ^ Correspondence from The Drew Family of Brampton, re: Item 9.2.1 - Staff Report re: Downtown Transit Hub Project - Update

CW395-2024

That the correspondence from The Drew Family of Brampton, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Item 9.2.1 - Staff Report re: Downtown Transit Hub Project - Update**, be received.

Carried

- 9.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

- 9.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

10. Community Services Section

- 10.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

- 10.2 Reports

- 10.2.1 Staff Report re: Safe Public Spaces for All: Addressing Encampments in the City of Brampton (RM 55/2024)

Regional Councillor Santos thanked the Community Safety and Well-Being Office for the subject report, highlighted the work of the City in addressing the issue of encampments, particularly around the Etobicoke Creek Trail, and noted that the City's work is consistent with the recommendations of the Ontario Big City Mayors Caucus. Councillor Santos outlined the need for the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide assistance to municipalities to address this issue.

A motion was introduced to add the following clause to the recommendations in the staff report:

6. That this item be forwarded to: Brampton Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, and appropriate Ministry staff; to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Council of the Region of Peel, for information and support.

Regional Councillor Brar thanked the Community Safety and Well-Being Office and Regional Councillor Santos for their efforts in addressing this issue and highlighted the importance of making public spaces safe for everyone.

Razmin Said, Manager, Community Safety and Well-Being Office, Community Services, provided an overview of their work on encampments in partnership with other City staff and first responders, and noted that safety for all residents is a priority.

The following motion was considered.

CW396-2024

1. That the report from Julia Seeratan, Advisor, Community Safety and Well-Being Office, Community Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Safe Public Spaces for All: Addressing Encampments in the City of Brampton (RM 55/2024)**, be received;
2. That the Brampton Encampment Planning Working Group examine by-laws identified by Enforcement and By-Law Services that fall under the umbrella of 'safe public spaces for all' to determine:
 - i. how they can be strengthened to ensure public spaces are safe for all users in the city, and;
 - ii. which will need updating for the Encampment Policy Framework and Joint Protocols for Peel Region and its Local Municipalities;
3. That this report be forwarded to Regional Council, Regional staff, and the Peel Encampment Working Group and Steering Committee for consideration in the

development and implementation of the Encampment Policy Framework and Joint Protocols for Peel Region and its Local Municipalities;

4. That staff increase advocacy efforts by supporting the Solve the Crisis campaign and a letter be sent to the Federal Government and Provincial Government, relevant cabinet members, and local MPs and MPPs asking to appoint a single ministry and minister to lead the Province's response to homelessness and mental health issues and to create a municipal-provincial task force to immediately direct resources and supports to cities and establish a common framework that includes operational guidelines for municipalities;
5. That the 2025 Community Services capital budget submission include the cost of a dedicated multi-disciplinary unit focused on risk intervention and response with the subject matter expertise needed to assess and address encampment hazards, provide interventions, and respond to encampment concerns, with an estimated annual budget of \$907,000 and presented to the Mayor for his consideration; and
6. That this item be forwarded to: Brampton Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, and appropriate Ministry staff; to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and the Council of the Region of Peel, for information and support.

Carried

10.3 Other/New Business

10.3.1 Notice of Motion re: Process for Responses to Service Brampton (311) Complaints

Regional Councillor Santos advised Committee that numerous complaints have been received from residents regarding the lack of response to service requests submitted through 311, and outlined the purpose of the subject motion to develop and implement improved procedures and service delivery timelines to improve customer service and experience.

In response to a request from Committee, staff provided an overview of current 311 processes and outlined the need for a collaborative approach with various departments to create a model of service, with IT solutions, to improve resident experience.

Committee members expressed thanks to the Service Brampton/311 team for their hard work.

The motion was considered as follows.

CW397-2024

Whereas the City of Brampton is committed to addressing resident concerns in a timely and customer-focused manner;

Whereas improving internal processes and coordination across departments and external organizations is essential for enhancing customer service, reducing call transfer incidents, and ensuring timely, effective resolution of issues raised by residents;

Whereas improving and streamlining internal processes and coordination across departments and external organizations is essential for enhancing customer service and ensuring timely, effective resolution of issues raised by residents;

Whereas ensuring proper actioning and resolution of issues, including those requiring third-party agency involvement, is critical to maintaining public safety and trust in the City's services;

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. The CAO be directed to have staff develop and implement improved Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that ensure streamlined coordination, call transfer reductions, process alignment, and customer service excellence, along with any required training, technology and tools, across all departments and divisions involved in these safety-related processes;
2. City staff report back to Council with a proposed framework and timelines for improving service delivery timelines, department coordination, and third-party collaboration, with a focus on elevating the quality of customer service and ensuring that safety and service expectations are consistently delivered, including any costs required for any technology or system updates to implement the framework; and
3. City staff provide regular updates to Council on the progress of implementing these improved procedures and outcomes.

Carried

10.3.2 Notice of Motion re: Addressing Exploitation and Prostitution of International Students

Dealt with under Item 6.7 - Recommendation CW377-2024

10.4 Correspondence

10.4.1 ^ Correspondence re: Item 10.2.1 - Safe Public Spaces for All: Addressing Encampments in the City of Brampton (RM 55/2024)

CW398-2024

That the following correspondence to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Item 10.2.1 - Safe Public Spaces for All: Addressing Encampments in the City of Brampton (RM 55/2024)**, be received:

- 1. Jennifer Kendall, Brampton resident, dated October 18, 2024
- 2. Natalie Geraci-Oliveira, Brampton resident, dated October 21, 2024

Carried

10.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

10.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk’s Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

11. Legislative Services Section

11.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

11.2 Reports

Nil

11.3 Other/New Business

11.3.1 ^ Minutes - Accessibility Advisory Committee - September 10, 2024

CW399-2024

That the **Minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of September 10, 2024**, Recommendations AAC007-2024 to AAC012-2024, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, be approved.

Carried

The recommendations were approved as follows:

AAC007-2024

That the agenda for the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 10, 2024, be approved as published and circulated.

AAC008-2024

1. That the presentation by Sabrina Cook, Accessibility Coordinator, City Clerk's Office, and Adam Vaiya, Advisor, Office of Climate Change and Energy Management, Region of Peel, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 10, 2024, re: Accessible Design Guidelines for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Presentation, be received; and,
2. That the report from Sabrina Cook, Accessibility Coordinator, City Clerk's Office, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 10, 2024, re: Accessible Design Guidelines for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, be received.

AAC009-2024

1. That staff continue with the preparation of an Accessibility Awareness vent as planned for December 2024; and,
2. That it is the position of the Accessibility Advisory Committee that staff consider the comments and feedback discussed at the meeting and report back with options to re-establish the Accessibility Awards event going forward.

AAC010-2024

That the verbal update by Richa Dave, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 10, 2024, re: Brampton Mobility Plan be received.

AAC011-2024

That the update by Chris Sensicle, Accessible Enforcement Officer, to the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of September 10, 2024, re: Accessible Parking Statistics - Q2-2024 be received.

AAC012-2024

That the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting do now adjourn to meet again on December 10, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

11.3.2 Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Brar, re: Cannabis Retail Stores

Regional Councillor Brar addressed Committee with respect to concerns from residents regarding the number of cannabis retail stores in Brampton, increased cannabis access and use by youth since legalization, and the long-term effects of cannabis use on youth. Councillor Brar indicated the City has limited oversight on the number and location of cannabis retail stores in Brampton and expressed concerns regarding their proximity to places where youth gather. Councillor Brar outlined the need to advocate for more regulations for, and oversight of, cannabis retail stores, and for funding support for services and programs for youth with cannabis dependency issues. In addition, Councillor Brar requested that she be kept informed of any new cannabis retail stores opening in Brampton.

The following motion was considered.

CW400-2024

Whereas according to a 2020 study by Hawke et al, early cannabis initiation and use are associated with increased mental health and substance use challenges in adulthood and 30% of youth seeking clinical services started using cannabis before the age of 14, and these youth had increased rates of trauma, internalizing and externalizing symptoms, polysubstance use, and precarious housing; and

Whereas from data sourced from a 2022 study looking at access to legal cannabis, the Province of Ontario currently uses private retail model and has 1,552 cannabis stores, compared to the neighbouring province of Quebec which uses a public model and has 91 cannabis stores; and

Whereas according to a 2023 study, there was a 69% increase in cannabis initiation among those aged 15-18 in Ontario since the legalization of cannabis in Canada; and

Whereas according to the results of a 2022 Ontario Student Drug and Health Survey, 41% of Ontario students in grades 7-12 reported through this survey that it is easy to obtain cannabis; and

Whereas as reported in a study on Youth cannabis use in Canada post-legalization, cannabis use during adolescence can cause functional and

structural changes to the developing brain, leading to damage. Marijuana use in this age group is strongly linked to: cannabis dependence and other substance use disorders; the initiation and maintenance of tobacco smoking; an increased presence of mental illness, including depression, anxiety and psychosis; impaired neurological development and cognitive decline; and diminished school performance and lifetime achievement; and

Whereas Youth cannabis use in Canada remains a significant public health concern, necessitating a more comprehensive plan to protect Ontario youth and reduce associated harms; and

Whereas the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario regulates cannabis retail stores in the province in Ontario; and

Whereas Provincial legislation prohibits municipalities from passing a by-law that distinguishes land or building use for cannabis from any other kinds of use; and

Whereas during the application process of a Retail Store Authorisation (RSA), the AGCO allows a 15-day public notice period. This period is an opportunity for Municipalities and its residents to make written submissions to the Registrar as to whether the issuance of the RSA is in the public interest as set out in the regulations under the Cannabis Licence Act, 2018. The applicant of the store will receive these responses and will have an opportunity to respond to the submissions to the registrar; and

Whereas according to the restrictions set by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario, cannabis store locations must be greater than 150 metres away from a school;

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. Mayor Brown, on behalf of Council, send a letter of advocacy to the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and the Ministry of the Attorney General to advocate for more regulations on the locations of cannabis retail stores, specifically their proximity to schools, daycares, community centres and other youth hubs.
2. The letter of advocacy should also call for a restriction on the number of cannabis shops located within a certain radius, ensuring that multiple shops are not open in the same or neighbouring retail centres.
3. The letter of advocacy be sent to all Brampton Members of Provincial Parliament to request their support in this matter.
4. Mayor Brown, on behalf of Council, send a letter of advocacy to The Minister of Health, Hon., Sylvia Jones, and the Minister of Mental Health and

Addictions, Michael Tibollo to request funding support for services and programming that targets youth with cannabis dependency issues and other substance abuse disorders; and

5. Both letters of advocacy be forwarded to the Region of Peel.

Carried

11.4 Correspondence

Nil

11.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

11.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

12. Economic Development Section

12.1 Staff Presentations

Nil

12.2 Reports

12.2.1 ^ Staff Report re: Multi-Year Sponsorship and Naming Rights Agreements: Algoma University and Great Gulf

CW401-2024

1. That the report from Tara Hunter, Manager Sponsorship and Corporate Development, Economic Development, Office of the CAO, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Multi-Year Sponsorship and Naming Rights Agreements: Algoma University and Great Gulf**, be received;

2. That Council authorize the Interim Director of Economic Development to execute the Algoma University sponsorship agreement on behalf of the City on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Manager of Sponsorship and Corporate Development and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, or designate, in the amount of \$183,000 over the Agreement Term; and
3. That Council authorize the Interim Director of Economic Development to execute the Scottish Heather Development Inc. amenity naming rights Agreement on behalf of the City on terms and conditions satisfactory to the Manager of Sponsorship and Corporate Development and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor, or designate, in the amount of \$67,500 plus HST over the Agreement Term.

Carried

12.3 Other/New Business

Nil

12.4 Correspondence

Nil

12.5 Councillors Question Period

Nil

12.6 Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made under this section of the agenda. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

13. **Referred Matters List**

Nil

14. Public Question Period

The public was given the opportunity to submit questions in person or via e-mail to the City Clerk's Office regarding any decisions made during this meeting. G. Scharback, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted.

15. Closed Session

15.1 Development Approvals Process Technology Assessment

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

15.2 Discussion Item - Lease Negotiations

Open Meeting exception under Section 239(2) (c) and (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board; and, a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

15.3 Verbal Update - Labour Negotiations

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

Labour relations or employee negotiations.

The following motion was considered.

CW402-2024

That Committee proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

15.1 Development Approvals Process Technology Assessment

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (k) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

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15.3 Verbal Update - Labour Negotiations

Open Meeting exception under Section 239 (2) (d) of the Municipal Act, 2001:

Labour relations or employee negotiations.

Carried

In Open Session, G. Scharback, City Clerk, reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session, as follows:

15.1 - This item was considered in closed session and direction was given, including that a motion be considered in open session (See Recommendation CW403-2024).

15.2 - This item was considered in closed session and direction was given, including that a motion be considered in open session (See Recommendation CW404-2024).

15.3 - This item was considered in closed session and no direction was given.

The following motion was considered pursuant to Item 15.1:

CW403-2024

1. That the report from David VanderBerg, Manager, Development Services, to the Committee of Council Meeting of October 23, 2024, re: **Recommendation Report – Development Approvals Process Technology Assessment**, be received;
2. That the Commissioner of Planning, Building and Growth Management and Chief Information Officer be directed to begin the procurement process for an integrated, end-to-end Development Approvals Process (DAP) workflow

software platform that aligns with the City's plans for future technologies by issuing a Request for Expression of Interest for the new software; and

3. That the Commissioner of Planning, Building and Growth Management and the Chief Information Officer report back to Council to seek Council's approval on commencing a potential Request for Proposal for the new DAP workflow software and with any necessary budgetary amendments based on the information received through the Request for Expression of Interest.

Carried

The following motion was considered pursuant to Item 15.2:

CW404-2024

Whereas Brampton is one of the youngest cities in Canada, with 23.4% of the population within the ages of 15-29;

Whereas Brampton has received a Platinum Youth-Friendly Community designation;

Whereas Brampton has invested in the health and well-being of youth by providing positive spaces and services through Recreation facilities such as the Susan Fennell Youth Hub and the upcoming Century Gardens Youth Hub;

Whereas Brampton continues to administer a periodic Expression of Interest (EOI) process open to all youth serving organizations, in an effort to ensure equitable access and a variety of services offered;

Whereas the government of Ontario has established a provincial network of 22 Youth Wellness Hubs that have connected 43,000 youth and their families to mental health, substance use, and wellness services, accounting for over 168,000 visits;

Whereas the Ontario government is making it faster and easier for young people to connect to mental health and substance use services by launching a new Youth Wellness Hub in Brampton to serve Peel Region;

Whereas Peel Children's Aid Society has been the successful lead agency recipient from the Ontario government, who will work with other youth and community partners across the region to meet the needs of all communities including Indigenous, First Nations and Black youth who will be at the centre of the hub's model;

Whereas the new hub will connect youth and their families across Peel Region to convenient and free mental health, substance use and primary care services in a

safe, youth-friendly space, making it easier for youth to drop in for in-person counselling or peer support close to their home.

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. That Council authorize the Commissioner, Community Services to enter into formal negotiations with Peel Children's Aid Society (Peel CAS), the Lead Agency for the establishment and operation of a Youth Wellness Hub within the City of Brampton (e.g. Century Gardens Youth Hub); and
2. That the Commissioner, Community Services be delegated the authority to execute on behalf of the City of Brampton a memorandum of understanding, lease agreement, operating and maintenance agreement and any additional agreements related to the operation of a Youth Wellness Hub in the City of Brampton with Peel CAS on terms and conditions acceptable to the Chief Administrative Officer and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Carried

16. Adjournment

The following motion was considered.

CW405-2024

That the Committee of Council do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, November 13, 2024, or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Regional Councillor Brar, Chair
Corporate Services Section

Regional Councillor Vicente, Chair
Public Works & Engineering Section

Regional Councillor Santos, Chair
Community Services Section

Regional Councillor Santos, Chair
Legislative Services Section

Regional Councillor Santos, Chair
Economic Development Section