

Government Relations Matters

City Council
December 11, 2024



Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Agenda is available [here.](#)

Regional Council Budget Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2024 @ 12:00 PM | Agenda is available [here.](#)

8.1 2025 Operating and Capital Budget

8.2 2025 Fees and Charges

8.3 Enterprise Asset Management Program Update Fall 2024

Summary:

- Deferred from the December 5, 2024 Regional Council Budget Meeting.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The above items have been deferred until later date in the budget deliberations process.
- Regional staff committed to bring forward a report about approvals that will likely be needed in the event of extended budget deliberations.
- Item 6.1 on the December 12, 2024, Regional agenda includes an update from Gary Kent, Chief Administrative Officer regarding timing of the 2025 Budget approval – details were not available at the time this presentation was prepared.

11.1 Homeless Overflow Facilities and Support Contract Extensions (Recommendation)

Summary:

- This staff report seeks Council approval to proceed with the extension of hotel and related support contracts to provide homeless individuals with emergency shelter and support when Regional shelters are at capacity.

City Staff Comments (Community Services, Government Relations):

- Although shelters are intended to provide temporary accommodations, Peel's shelters and overflow facilities are increasingly used beyond their intended purpose due to rising demand and a lack of deeply affordable housing.
- With 520 shelter beds operating at full capacity and overflow accommodations costing an average of \$141 per room per night, the system faces significant financial and operational strain.
- In 2025, the cost of leasing two hotels exclusively for overflow is projected to reach \$15.8 million, highlighting the unsustainable reliance on temporary solutions.
- The Region anticipates additional federal funding through the *Reaching Home and Community Encampment Response Plan*.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation

13.1 Regional Growth Forecasts Update 2024 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- This report includes new Regional and local municipal growth forecasts that reflect the municipal housing targets/pledges, which, should Council approve the growth forecasts in this report would be used as input for developing the Water and Wastewater and Transportation master plans, along with other growth management and financial analyses.

City Staff Comments (Planning):

- This item was initially presented to Regional Council on July 11, 2024, and was received and deferred.
- The report was deferred again on September 12, 2024 to allow local municipalities to report to their respective councils on the new Provincial Planning Statement (PPS) 2024 .
- On September 23, 2024 the City's Planning and Development Committee agenda included a staff report and presentation on the new PPS.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation

13.2 Supplementary Growth Forecast Information (For Information)

Summary:

- This report provides supplementary information for Item 13.1, including staff approach for developing Regional scale master plans for infrastructure and services.

City Staff Comments (Planning):

- This report states that the Region plans to use Scenario 1 as the base for water and wastewater, and transportation master planning. Scenario 2 will be utilized as the upper-limit of growth to understand the timing and ultimate infrastructure requirements and costs should the pace of growth in the Region meet the Municipal Housing Pledge targets.
- The report also indicates that Scenario 2 incorporates the recent Heritage Heights OLT Decision. Scenario 2 was developed while Heritage Heights was in the mediation process and an accurate population and employment yield was not provided to the Region at the time. Population and employment yields and the timing of growth in Heritage Heights will be incorporated into the next growth forecast update.
- City staff support the approach to utilize Scenario 1 as the base scenario for master planning. This approach aligns with the findings of the recent peer review completed by Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. for the City of Brampton.
- City staff will continue to work with Regional staff on this matter and continue to advocate for growth allocations as it relates to servicing for priority growth areas (e.g., Downtown, MTSAs, Heritage Heights, etc.).

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

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

Summary:

- The Region of Peel received a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing indicating recent changes to the Planning Act in order to accelerate the implementation of ARU's.

City Staff Comments (Planning):

- When the Province put forward the proposed changes, the City of Brampton responded indicating that the City did not endorse many of the proposed changes including increasing the maximum lot coverage and removing angular plane requirements for ARUs.
- These changes are now in effect, and include eliminating barriers including maximum lot coverage, angular planes, floor space index (FSI), minimum separation distances, and minimum lot sizes on parcels of urban residential land.
- The City's ARU zoning permissions will be updated through the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law Review to conform to the new regulations.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive correspondence.

November 28, 2024

Ontario Investing \$1 Billion to Help Municipalities Build More Homes

- The Ontario government is investing up to **\$1B** in loans to provide municipalities with more financing options for water infrastructure projects that enable the construction of more homes.
- The new Housing-Enabling Water Infrastructure (HEWI) lending stream, under Infrastructure Ontario's (IO) Loan Program, will support the construction, expansion and rehabilitation of drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure projects that enable new homes. Infrastructure Ontario will begin accepting applications from municipalities on December 2, 2024.
- The lending stream will provide municipalities, including small, rural and northern municipalities, with more flexible loan options during both the construction and repayment phases of the project.



Helping build more homes across Ontario

City staff actively monitor for funding opportunity based on eligibility criteria and program requirements. Staff will assess this *IO Loan Program* in the context of the City's needs and requirements.

December 2, 2024

Ontario Government Renewing Leadership at Metrolinx

- The Ontario government named Michael Lindsay (*President and CEO of Infrastructure Ontario*) as the new interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Metrolinx, effective as early as December 16, 2024.
- After many years of service, during which time Metrolinx has significantly grown the province's transit network, including the largest expansion of public transit in North America, Phil Verster informed the Board of Directors that he has accepted a new position and will be moving on as early as December 16, 2024.
- The Metrolinx Board of Directors will soon begin a search for a permanent president and chief executive officer.



The Ontario government appointed Angela Clayton as the new interim-President and CEO of Infrastructure Ontario (IO) as of December 5, 2024.



December 3, 2024

Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund



- The federal government announced the launch of the new **\$50M** Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund which will provide municipalities with the tools they need to ensure compliance with their existing short-term rental regulations.
- The Short-Term Rental Enforcement Fund will deliver funding to municipalities to increase enforcement and compliance activities, such as hiring enforcement staff, managing complaints, and conducting inspections.
- Applications from municipalities for funding can be submitted between December 16, 2024, and January 24, 2025.



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

December 6, 2024

FCM Advocacy Days



- FCM's Advocacy Days and the Board of Directors Meeting took place from December 3 – 5, 2024 with over 90 meetings on the Hill.
- FCM's key recommendations include:
 - A new Municipal Growth Framework.
 - Achieving housing affordability.
 - Ending chronic homelessness.
 - Reinforcing infrastructure resilience.
 - Ensuring public safety.

Councillor Rowena Santos met with local Brampton Members of Parliament (MPs) to discuss the City's key advocacy issues including international students, homelessness and encampments, and gender-based violence.

The City's advocacy efforts are aligned with the key FCM recommendations and where relevant Brampton expressed support for FCM's ongoing work.

THANK YOU!

