Government Relations Matters

City Council January 22, 2025





Regional Council



Regional Council Budget Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025 @ 9:30 AM | Agenda is available here.

Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025 @ 1:00 PM | Agenda is available here.



Region of Peel

Regional Council



15.1 – Advancing Understanding of Geographic Health Inequities in Peel (For Information)

Summary:

 To provide an overview of Public Health's work to advance understanding of geographic health inequities in Peel through the updating of Peel Health Data Zone boundaries, sharing of information through an interactive mapping dashboard, and knowledge exchange with community organizations.

<u>City Staff Comments (Community Safety & Well-Being & Government Relations):</u>

- Staff will utilize the Peel Health Data Zone Information Tool to support data-driven advocacy and geographically focused intervention measures.
- If available, staff welcome the opportunity to participate in additional workshops to gain understanding of health inequities across the city and to provide neighbourhood insights gained through the Community Safety & Well-Being Office.

City Staff Recommendation:

• Receive the report.



Region of Peel

Regional Council – Budget



11.2 Motion Regarding the Proposed 2025 Budget – Staffing Implications Resulting from the Provincial Review Announcement

Summary:

- The Region of Peel with the *Hazel McCallion Act* (Bill 112) completed the transfer of Planning and Development Services to the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Town of Caledon as of July 1, 2024.
- The motion directs staff to report to Regional Council on any staffing implications resulting from the provincial review announcement.

City Staff Comments (Planning, Government Relations):

• City staff will monitor forthcoming Regional Council agendas and provide an update to City Council when Regional Staff bring a report back on this matter



Local Government

Updates



January 16, 2025

Population of Brampton Surpasses Mississauga for the First Time Ever

- For the first time since becoming cities, Brampton's population has surpassed Mississauga.
- New data released by Statistics Canada on January 16, 2025, shows that as of 2024, Brampton's population is 791,486, while Mississauga's is 780,747.
- Brampton is now the third-largest city in Ontario, behind Toronto (3,273,119) and Ottawa (1,153,843).

The City has been actively advocating for a fair share of funding from the higher levels of government to reflect Brampton's rapid growth and ensure adequate funding per resident compared to the provincial average. Staff will utilize this information to strengthen our advocacy. As per direction received through Council, staff will also utilize this information to advocate for regional representation by population.

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Provincial Government



Updates



January 17, 2025

Taxpayer Rebate Cheques Now Being Sent to Ontario Families

- The Ontario government has begun issuing \$200 taxpayer rebates to provincial taxpayers, as well as each of their eligible children, with cheques set to reach families over the coming weeks.
- To qualify for the rebate, you must have been 18 years or older and a resident in Ontario on December 31, 2023, not be bankrupt or incarcerated in 2024, and have filed a 2023 Income Tax and Benefits Return by December 31, 2024.
- Families who qualify for the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment will also receive a separate cheque totalling \$200 for each eligible child under age 18. For example, an eligible family of five with two adults and three children will receive \$1,000.



Federal Government



Updates



January 14, 2025

Changes to Open Work Permit

- As part of the broader measures announced in September 2024, Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) is changing open work permit (OWP) eligibility for family members of international students and foreign workers.
- Effective January 21, 2025, only spouses of certain international students and foreign workers will be able to apply for a family OWP. Family OWPs will be limited to spouses of international students who are enrolled in:
 - o master's programs that are 16 months or longer
 - \circ doctoral programs, or
 - select professional and eligible programs
- Family OWPs will also be limited to spouses of foreign workers who are employed in select occupations.
- In addition, the foreign worker must also have at least 16 months remaining on their work permit at the time when their spouse applies for the OWP. Dependent children of foreign workers will no longer be eligible.



Federal Government

Updates



January 15, 2025

Measures to Strengthen Border Security and Canada's Immigration System

- Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC), Public Safety, the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), have taken steps to minimize unnecessary border volumes, increase info-sharing, and reduce non-genuine visitors and illegal crossings at the border.
- To increase information-sharing, in 2025, the federal government will:
 - Enhance automated information sharing on all electronic travel authorization (eTA) applicants using a new source of data from the U.S.
 - This also includes expanding immigration information sharing to include data about U.S. and Canadian permanent residents.

Staff will continue to monitor developments for any potential impacts to the City and residents.





Federal Government

Canada

Updates



January 16, 2025

Prime Minister's Council on Canada-U.S. Relations

- With the threats of tariffs from the incoming U.S. administration, Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau, launched the Council on Canada-U.S. Relations.
- Comprised of leaders in business, innovation, and policy, the members of the Council will use their sectoral expertise to support the Prime Minister and Cabinet in the Canada-U.S. relationship.
- The members are as follows:
 - Jean Charest
 - Rachel Notley
 - Stephen McNeil
 - David MacNaughton
 - Steve Verheul
 - Arlene Dickinson
 - Linda Hasenfratz
 - o Lana Payne
 - Jody Thomas

- o Flavio Volpe
- o Tabatha Bull
- o Shahrzad Rafati
- Hassan Yussuff
- \circ Wes Hall
- o Martin Caron
- Brian Topp
- $\circ \quad \text{Tim Gitzel} \\$
- o Ambassador Kirsten Hillman

Staff will continue to monitor development for any potential impacts to the City and residents.

Association of Municipalities Ontario



Policy Update



January 19, 2025

AMO Announces New "Vote Like Your Quality of Life Depends on It" Campaign

- AMO's campaign seeks to ensure that voters know what provincial support municipalities need to deliver the quality of life they expect.
- It also seeks to ensure that provincial parties know what commitments are needed to appeal to people who live, work, and invest in Ontario's communities.
- The campaign focuses on three areas where provincial partnership can improve quality of life and community well-being:
 - 1. Curbing reliance on municipal property taxes to fund provincial responsibilities;
 - 2. Investing in local infrastructure to build housing; and,
 - 3. Tackling homelessness.

More information on this campaign can be found at VoteONqualityoflife.ca.



THANK YOU!

