



## Minutes

### City Council - Special Meeting

### The Corporation of the City of Brampton

**January 13, 14, 16 and 20, 2025**

Members Present: Mayor Patrick Brown  
Regional Councillor R. Santos  
Regional Councillor P. Vicente  
Regional Councillor N. Kaur Brar  
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi  
Regional Councillor D. Keenan  
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros  
Regional Councillor P. Fortini  
Regional Councillor G. Singh Toor  
City Councillor R. Power  
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  
Heidi Dempster, General Manager, Brampton Transit  
Genevieve Scharback, City Clerk  
Charlotte Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk  
Sonya Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator

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**1. Call to Order**

On January 13, 2025, the meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m., recessed at 11:45 a.m., reconvened at 12:31 p.m. and recessed again at 1:03 p.m.

On January 14, 2025, the meeting reconvened at 2:00 p.m. and recessed at 3:20 p.m.

On January 16, 2025, the meeting reconvened at 9:30 a.m. and recessed at 10:14 a.m.

On January 20, 2025, the meeting reconvened at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

**Attendance Notes:**

All Members were present for each meeting session.

- January 13, 2025
  - Regional Councillor Keenan arrived at 10:33 a.m. (personal)
- January 20, 2025
  - Regional Councillor Palleschi arrived at 10:38 a.m. (personal)

**Meeting Chair Roles:**

- January 13, 2025
  - Regional Councillor Vicente assumed the Chair from 10:58 a.m. to 11:01 a.m.
  - Regional Councillor Santos assumed the Chair from 11:01 a.m. to 11:02 a.m.
- January 14, 2025
  - Deputy Mayor Singh assumed the Chair from 2:59 p.m. to 3:02 p.m.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

**C001-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025 be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

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

Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Legislative Services portion of the 2025 Budget, as the Councillor's daughter is currently employed in the Enforcement and By-law Services Division.

**4. Staff Presentations**

4.1 Presentation by Mayor Brown, Mark Medeiros, Chief Budget Officer, and Nash Damer, Treasurer re: 2025 Proposed Budget

- a. Mayor – Introductory Budget Presentation
- b. Chief Budget Officer and Treasurer – Financial Context and Budget Proposal

Mayor Brown provided an overview of the budget approval and public consultation processes and outlined some of the impacts on the 2025 budget, including provincial downloading of responsibilities, labour agreements and inflation. The Mayor encouraged Members of Council to provide input on the proposed budget.

Mark Medeiros, Chief Budget Officer, thanked Members of Council and staff for their guidance and support, and presented the Corporate/Financial Overview for the proposed 2025 budget.

The following motion was considered.

**C002-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That the presentation by Mayor Brown and Mark Medeiros, Chief Budget Officer, Corporate Support Services, to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **2025 Proposed Budget**, be received.

Carried

4.2 Departmental Presentations

- a. Transit
- b. Community Services
- c. Public Works and Engineering
- d. Corporate Support Services

- e. Planning, Building and Growth Management
- f. Legislative Services
- g. Office of the CAO

**a. Transit**

Heidi Dempster, General Manager, Transit, presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Transit Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Difference between the 2024 and 2025 budgets for new buses and bus refurbishments
- Transit innovation
- Allocation of future transit service
- Plan for new Zum lines over the next three years
- Ridership threshold for upgrading to Zum service level
- Request that staff provide additional information on the topics outlined above

**b. Community Services**

Bill Boyes, Commissioner, Community Services, presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Community Services Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Input from youth on the budget
- Playground improvements
- Funding sources from senior levels of government and recouping costs incurred by the City to address homelessness and encampments
- Budget request for the Community Safety and Well-Being Office
- Budget request for 311 service enhancements
- Outdoor hockey rinks
- Capital project financing
- Balance and use of Development Charge reserve funds and Cash-In-Lieu of Parkland

### **c. Public Works and Engineering**

Peter Pilateris, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering, presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Public Works and Engineering Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Countryside Drive and Goreway Drive improvements and budget
- Environmental Education Centre funding and construction timeline
- Heritage Road widening timeline
- Noise walls on Sandalwood Parkway
- Howden Recreation Centre project budget
- Road resurfacing
- Land acquisitions
- Streetlighting modernization project and timeline
- Interior design services budget
- Request that additional information be provided regarding the following:
  - Heritage Road widening timeline
  - Previous Council decision regarding the Howden Recreation Centre project budget
  - Interior design services budget

The following motion was considered.

#### **C003-2025**

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

That the following departmental presentations to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: 2025 Proposed Budget, be received:

- a. Transit
- b. Community Services
- c. Public Works and Engineering

Carried

#### **d. Corporate Support Services**

Alex Milojevic, Commissioner, Corporate Support Services, presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Corporate Support Services Department.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Strategic Communications budget
- IT Data Centre refresh
- Visual technology refresh
- Development Charges Study budget
- Technological service enhancements to improve customer service for residents, and a request for additional information in this regard

#### **e. Planning, Building and Growth Management**

Steve Ganesh, Commissioner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Planning, Building and Growth Management Department.

There were no questions from Council.

The following motion was considered.

#### **C004-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi

Seconded by Deputy Mayor Singh

That the following departmental presentations to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **2025 Proposed Budget**, be received:

- d. Corporate Support Services
- e. Planning, Building and Growth Management

Carried

#### **f. Legislative Services**

Note: Regional Councillor Fortini declared a conflict of interest in relation to the Legislative Services portion of the 2025 Budget, as the Councillor's daughter is currently employed in the Enforcement and By-law Services Division. Councillor Fortini did not participate in the vote below.

Laura Johnston, Commissioner, Legislative Services, presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Legislative Services Department.

There were no questions from Council.

The following motion was considered.

**C005-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Keenan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

That the following departmental presentation to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **2025 Proposed Budget**, be received:

f. Legislative Services

Carried

**g. Office of the CAO**

Marlon Kallideen, CAO, presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Office of the CAO.

There were no questions from Council.

The following motion was considered.

**C006-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Keenan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

That the following departmental presentation to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **2025 Proposed Budget**, be received:

g. Office of the CAO

Carried

**5. Public Delegations (5 minutes maximum)**

**5.1 Possible Delegations re: 2025 Proposed Budget**

**1. David Laing, Chair, BikeBrampton**

David Laing, Chair, BikeBrampton, provided a presentation titled “Importance of Bike Lanes to the Proposed Howden Library” and responded to questions of clarification from Council.

Staff responded to questions from Council with respect to increased usage of micromobility in this corridor, overall usage of active transportation throughout the City, and the Province’s position on bike lanes.

The following motion was considered.

**C007-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos

Seconded by Regional Councillor Keenan

That the following delegation to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **2025 Proposed Budget**, be received:

1. David Laing, Chair, BikeBrampton

Carried

(See Item 9.4 - Recommendation C018-2025)

**6. Local Board and other Presentations**

**6.1 Downtown Brampton BIA**

Presenter: Louroz Mercader, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, and Stephanie Comas, Downtown Brampton BIA Board Chair

Louroz Mercader, Executive Director, and Stephanie Comas, Board Chair, Downtown Brampton BIA (DBBIA), presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the DBBIA.

Council discussion took place and included the following topics:

- Five-Year Strategic Plan and alignment with City projects
- Request that regular reports be provided to Council regarding the strategic plan
- Number of BIAs in the cities of Mississauga and Toronto, and the possibility of establishing other BIAs in Brampton
- Grants and sponsorships from other levels of government and corporate sponsors
- 2024 budget request and challenges in executing programs
- 2025 budget request and the ability of the DBBIA to complete projects
- Plan to attract youth to the downtown area
- Budget for lighting in laneways

The following motion was considered.



**C008-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Medeiros  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

That the presentation by Louroz Mercader, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, and Stephanie Comas, Downtown Brampton BIA Board Chair, to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **Downtown Brampton BIA 2025 Budget Request**, be received.

Carried

6.2 Brampton Library

Presenters: Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, and Radha Tailor, Library Board Chair

Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, and Radha Tailor, Library Board Chair, presented the 2025 Proposed Budget for the Brampton Library.

Council discussion took place regarding the Chinguacousy Library Branch and included the following:

- Progress update on a new location for this branch
- Interim location at the ski chalet
- Impact of the closure of this branch on the Bramalea community

The following motion was considered.

**C009-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That the presentation by Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, and Radha Tailor, Library Board Chair, to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **Brampton Library 2025 Budget Request**, be received.

Carried

7. **Reports from Corporate Officials**

7.1 Staff Report re: Proposed 2025 Stormwater Charge Increase

The following motion was considered.

**C010-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

1. That the report from Michael Heralall, Director, Environment and Development Engineering, Planning, Building and Growth Management, to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **Proposed 2025 Stormwater Charge Increase**, be received;
2. That the stormwater charge rate increase as proposed in Schedule I be approved; and
3. That User Fee By-law 193-2024 be amended to add Schedule I relating to Stormwater Charges.

Carried

7.2 Staff Report re: Council Office Community Outreach and Support

The following motion was considered.

**C011-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Keenan

That the report from Genevieve Scharback, City Clerk, Legislative Services, to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, re: **Council Office Community Outreach and Support**, be received.

Carried

8. **Correspondence**

Nil

9. **Other Business**

9.1 Council Deliberations - Questions from Council

Council Members highlighted questions raised during the January 18, 2025 public engagement session with respect to 311 and by-law enforcement response times, demand for swimming programs, and the need for a new hospital.

Staff provided an update on efforts to increase capacity in the City's swimming programs, including efforts to attract and retain instructors and lifeguards.

9.2 Budget 2025 Public Engagement Report

The following motion was considered.

**C012-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente

Seconded by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

That the **Budget 2025 Public Engagement Report**, to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, be received.

Carried

9.3 2025 Transit Budget Presentation Follow-Up Questions

Staff responded to questions from Council regarding the future Zum line implementation plan.

The following motion was considered.

**C013-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente

Seconded by City Councillor Power

That the **Budget 2025 Transit Budget Presentation Follow-Up Questions**, to the Special Council Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, be received.

Carried

9.4 Budget 2025 - Consideration of Motions

The following motions were introduced and considered during the Special Council Meeting relating to the 2025 Proposed Budget.

**Howden Recreation Centre and Chinguacousy Library**

A motion was introduced with the following operative clause.

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council direct staff to revisit the design and plan for the Howden Recreation Centre. The aim is to incorporate the Community Hub model, focusing on the integration of a 30,000 square foot Chinguacousy Library into the design. The redesign process should ensure it is cost-effective and efficient.

Council discussion took place regarding the impact of the Chinguacousy Library branch closure on the community and the need for a quick solution to restore programs and services.

In response to an inquiry from Council, Todd Kyle, CEO, Brampton Library, advised that the motion meets the Library's needs for a new location for this branch.

Council Members expressed their support for the motion and discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Construction timeline and costs for redesign
- Transit service to the Howden Recreation Centre
- The importance of working with the Brampton Library on this project

The following motion was considered.

**C014-2025**

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Mayor Patrick Brown

Whereas the City of Brampton provides a wide range of essential services that are critical to our quality of life;

Whereas Community Hubs are versatile, future-proof public centres that embody a "walk-to-one-stop-shop" policy, bringing together health, social, cultural, recreational, and other resources in one location to meet the diverse needs of the community;

Whereas the key to supporting existing and future growth requires significant investment to co-locate facilities and services such as libraries, arts, innovation, and child care;

Whereas Brampton creates parks and recreation hubs with flexible spaces to be shared between Recreation and Brampton Library, allowing for multiple activities that serve many age groups and interests throughout the year.

Therefore Be It Resolved that Council direct staff to revisit the design and plan for the Howden Recreation Centre. The aim is to incorporate the Community Hub model, focusing on the integration of a 30,000 square foot Chinguacousy Library into the design. The redesign process should ensure it is cost-effective and efficient.

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

Yea (11): Mayor Patrick Brown, Regional Councillor Santos, Regional Councillor Vicente, Regional Councillor Kaur Brar, Regional Councillor Palleschi, Regional Councillor Keenan, Regional Councillor Medeiros, Regional Councillor Fortini, Regional Councillor Singh Toor, City Councillor Power, and Deputy Mayor Singh

Carried (11 to 0)

**To Allocate a Portion of the \$1,250,000 in the 2025 Capital Budget for the Design, Development, and Revitalization of Amenities at Sandalwood Park, 95 Sandalwood Pkwy E, Brampton, ON L6Z 4S3**

A motion with the following operative clause was introduced.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

1. Staff be directed to work with the ward Councillors and Mayor to design the scope of future outdoor amenities as well as the revitalization of existing amenities, including, but not limited to, an outdoor hockey rink and dedicated pleasure skating area at Sandalwood Park in Ward 2.
2. The proposed design improvements at Sandalwood Park include:
  - a. Conversion of the existing soccer field to an artificial turf field,
  - b. Installation of a running track,
  - c. Development of a full-sized hockey rink, including all necessary facilities for operation and maintenance, and
  - d. Creation of a large area dedicated to pleasure skating.
3. Staff be directed to release a procurement document by June 1st, 2025, for the design and construction of the proposed new amenities and the revitalization of existing amenities at Sandalwood Park.
4. Staff be directed to report back to Council outlining additional funding required for the design and construction of future outdoor amenities, including, but not limited to, an outdoor hockey rink and pleasure skating area at Sandalwood Park, to be ready for the 2025-2026 winter season.
5. A portion of the \$1,250,000 in the 2025 Capital Budget, including but not limited to \$625,000, be allocated for the design, development, and revitalization of amenities at Sandalwood Park.

Council Members expressed support for the motion and discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Lack of amenities and facilities in Ward 2
- The importance of outdoor amenities for communities
- Installing similar amenities in other wards where possible

The following motion was considered.

**C015-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi

Seconded by Mayor Patrick Brown

Whereas, residents have requested enhanced community facilities for recreation and social gathering throughout the City of Brampton, particularly in Ward 2;

Whereas, residents, especially those from the Heart Lake community, have expressed concerns to their local Councillors regarding the lack of sufficient investment in community amenities and facilities in Ward 2;

Whereas, there is overwhelming support from residents, particularly in the Heart Lake community, for the addition of hockey and pleasure skating rinks, recognizing the importance of these spaces in fostering community connections and recreational engagement.

Therefore, Be It Resolved That:

1. Staff be directed to work with the ward Councillors and Mayor to design the scope of future outdoor amenities as well as the revitalization of existing amenities, including, but not limited to, an outdoor hockey rink and dedicated pleasure skating area at Sandalwood Park in Ward 2.
2. The proposed design improvements at Sandalwood Park include:
  - a. Conversion of the existing soccer field to an artificial turf field,
  - b. Installation of a running track,
  - c. Development of a full-sized hockey rink, including all necessary facilities for operation and maintenance, and
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5. A portion of the \$1,250,000 in the 2025 Capital Budget, including but not limited to \$625,000, be allocated for the design, development, and revitalization of amenities at Sandalwood Park.

Carried

## **Financial Support to be Extended to Niwass Long Term Care Facility**

A motion was introduced with the following operative clause:

Therefore, be it resolved;

That the development charges for the Niwass Long-Term Care project be waived, with an estimated amount of \$1,960,077.88 to be recovered through internal borrowing over a 10-year period, resulting in an annual repayment of \$239,000, which is included in the 2025 Proposed Budget.

Council discussion took place regarding the purpose of the motion and equitable support for long-term care facilities.

The following motion was considered.

### **C016-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

Seconded by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

Whereas, Council approved a report on August 10, 2022 outlining the 'Protocol for Evaluation of Incentives to Non-Profit Affordable Housing and Long Term Care Projects' (Appendix 1);

Whereas, the report recommended that staff continue to review requests on a case-by-case basis using the Council endorsed evaluation criteria as an interim approach until such time as the City-wide CIP for Housing is established; and

Whereas, Niwass LTC had been identified in the report as one of the applicants that had requested for relief from Permit Fees and DCs in 2022 and satisfies all the stipulated evaluation criteria identified in the report

Therefore, be it resolved;

That the development charges for the Niwass Long-Term Care project be waived, with an estimated amount of \$1,960,077.88 to be recovered through internal borrowing over a 10-year period, resulting in an annual repayment of \$239,000, which is included in the 2025 Proposed Budget.

Carried

### **Correspondence to MPAC**

Council discussion took place regarding advocacy for property assessment changes concerning Accessory Residential Units (ARUs).

The following motion was considered.

## **C017-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Keenan

Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

The Council hereby directs the Mayor to correspond with the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), advocating for the prompt review of pending assessment changes concerning the City of Brampton's Accessory Residential Units (ARUs), with the goal of ensuring the City is fully compensated in relation to the ARUs.

Carried

## **Howden – Active Transportation**

The following motion was introduced:

1. That the 2025 Capital Budget be amended to include a new project in the amount of \$170,000, to design the relocation of active transportation bike lanes from the road to the boulevard on Howden Boulevard between North Park Drive and Central Park Drive, with the funding source to be determined by the Treasurer; and
2. That the design be completed in time for construction funding to be requested in the 2026 Budget submission, subject to the Mayor's consideration.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- The Province's position on bike lanes
- Design of bike lanes
- Vision Zero and the need to prioritize safety
- Rationale and cost implications of moving bike lanes to the boulevard
- Concern regarding setting a precedent for bike lanes on boulevards
- Suggestion that public consultation be undertaken
- Request that Brampton-specific data on bike lane usage be included in the forthcoming mobility network update report

The following amendments to the motion were introduced and accepted by the mover:



- That staff report back regarding any implications related to safety of vulnerable users and traffic patterns in Brampton, should more lanes of traffic be added;
- That Vision Zero be incorporated into the design;
- That staff review the increase of service in addition to associated costs when bike lanes move to the boulevard to ensure the bike lanes are maintained in a similar manner to roads within Brampton;
- That staff be directed to undertake public consultation prior to the report coming back to Council for consideration.

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

### **C018-2025**

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Regional Councillor Keenan

1. That the 2025 Capital Budget be amended to include a new project in the amount of \$170,000, to design the relocation of active transportation bike lanes from the road to the boulevard on Howden Boulevard between North Park Drive and Central Park Drive, with the funding source to be determined by the Treasurer;
2. That staff report back regarding any implications related to safety of vulnerable users and traffic patterns in Brampton, should more lanes of traffic be added;
3. That Vision Zero be incorporated into the design;
4. That staff review the increase of service in addition to associated costs when bike lanes move to the boulevard to ensure the bike lanes are maintained in a similar manner to roads within Brampton;
5. That staff be directed to undertake public consultation prior to the report coming back to Council for consideration; and
6. That the design be completed in time for construction funding to be requested in the 2026 Budget submission, subject to the Mayor's consideration.

Carried

### **Understanding funding shortfalls from other orders of government, based on latest statistics on Brampton's population**

Council discussion took place regarding Brampton's population, which has now surpassed that of the City of Mississauga, rebalancing Regional Council

representation, funding shortfalls and underservicing in Brampton, and the need to collect data to advocate to the Province for Brampton's fair share.

The following motion was considered.

**C019-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos

Seconded by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

**Whereas:**

- The latest Statistics Canada population figures as described in the table below have Brampton at 791,486 a 6.2 % climb, surpassing Mississauga and making Brampton the second largest population in the GTHA, and 7<sup>th</sup> largest in Canada:

New population figures: *Statscan Jan 16, 2025 as shared by Dr. Mike Moffat*  
 - Brampton is 3rd largest in Ontario and 2nd most populous in GTHA  
 - Brampton is 7th largest city in Canada (surpassing Mississauga and Vancouver)

Municipality	2023	2024	Change	Municipality	2023	2024	Change
Surrey (CY), British Columbia	655,660	700,459	6.8%	Winnipeg (CY), Manitoba	816,097	843,640	3.4%
Kitchener (CY), Ontario	301,147	320,360	6.4%	Vancouver (CY), British Columbia	733,218	756,008	3.1%
<b>Brampton (CY), Ontario</b>	<b>745,004</b>	<b>791,486</b>	<b>6.2%</b>	Québec (V), Quebec	576,052	592,884	2.9%
Calgary (CY), Alberta	1,478,430	1,569,133	6.1%	Oakville (T), Ontario	232,371	238,716	2.7%
Edmonton (CY), Alberta	1,125,934	1,190,458	5.7%	Markham (CY), Ontario	358,715	368,110	2.6%
Oshawa (CY), Ontario	196,604	207,408	5.5%	Richmond (CY), British Columbia	236,809	242,966	2.6%
Burnaby (CY), British Columbia	285,018	298,986	4.9%	Longueuil (V), Quebec	261,987	268,684	2.6%
Toronto (C), Ontario	3,130,201	3,273,119	4.6%	Hamilton (C), Ontario	616,455	632,111	2.5%
Montréal (V), Quebec	1,860,448	1,945,359	4.6%	Vaughan (CY), Ontario	344,900	353,648	2.5%
Saskatoon (CY), Saskatchewan	295,730	308,626	4.4%	Mississauga (CY), Ontario	761,498	780,747	2.5%
Windsor (CY), Ontario	255,689	266,309	4.2%	Richmond Hill (T), Ontario	213,839	219,094	2.5%
Regina (CY), Saskatchewan	245,453	255,395	4.1%	Gatineau (V), Quebec	298,045	305,334	2.4%
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury (CV), Ontario	179,668	186,337	3.7%	Halifax (RGM), Nova Scotia	491,159	502,753	2.4%
Ottawa (CV), Ontario	1,115,724	1,153,843	3.4%	Laval (V), Quebec	450,710	460,396	2.1%
London (CY), Ontario	472,539	488,640	3.4%	Burlington (CY), Ontario	196,403	197,351	0.5%

- Based on per-capita funding, The City of Brampton, has been chronically underfunded for decades by other orders of government (regardless of Party) in numerous services like health care, transit, infrastructure, social services and more, relative to other municipalities across the country and province;
- Federal and Provincial elections are looming, and while the current governments have been great partners in announcing funding commitments like Brampton’s second hospital, Riverwalk, and Transit, we are barely catching up to the investments needed to support the city’s growth;
- From Dec 2018 – present, the Mayor and Council have flagged and advocated for Brampton’s fair share of funding from other orders of government given anecdotal evidence of an under-reported population, with population facts as of January 16, 2025, to now back it up;

- The City of Brampton has been an ongoing example of the need for a new municipal growth framework, as advocated at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), for the Federal government and Provinces to provide sustainable and predictable funding and/or new revenue tools for municipalities to pay for growth;
- Without equitable, sustainable and predictable funding from other orders of government, this shortfall adds significant financial pressure on property taxes despite significant efforts in finding efficiencies;
- It is important to note that property taxes are calculated using the Current Value Assessment of a property, as determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) NOT by population; and
- Based on population, the province balanced The City of Brampton's representation by allocating more seats to Brampton at the Region of Peel, but continues to be under-represented, particularly since Mississauga is still allocated more seats, representing a majority of votes, despite having a lower and declining population;

**Therefore be it resolved that:**

- Staff report back in February, on all areas where The City of Brampton falls behind on per-capita funding allocations and/or grants from other orders of government, with an objective to revitalize a Fair Share Campaign for Brampton; and
- The Mayor on behalf of the City of Brampton advocate to the provincial government for fair representation at the Region of Peel, given Brampton's population has surpassed that of Mississauga.

Carried

**Technical Recommendations Budget 2025**

Mayor Brown provided an overview of the technical recommendations.

The following motion was considered.

**C020-2025**

Moved by Mayor Patrick Brown

Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

1. That the City of Brampton Council endorse a 2025 net property tax levy variance of 2.9% on the Tax Bill for the City;

2. That the Treasurer be authorized to make all necessary transfers of amounts budgeted on a provisional basis in General Government accounts to Department operating accounts, as and when the necessary supporting information is available;
3. That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to affect the necessary funding transfers, incur expenditures, and add or adjust complement as required to implement the budget;
4. That the Capital Budget for Howden Recreation Centre, in the amount of \$9,800,000, be shifted from the 2025 budget year to the 2026 budget year;
5. Notwithstanding Council Resolution C323-2023, as outlined in Section 6.10 e of Budget Policy FIN-140, that recommendations to return capital be deferred to the 2025 Q2 Capital Status Report to Council:

6.10 e) Capital Projects or Activities that have been open for 3 years or longer and have no commitments against them are to be presented to Council, through the Second Quarter Capital Status Report, including a recommendation for closure with remaining funds returned to source. Projects with an external funding component or that are tied to funding by other levels of government will be exempt from this section as the budget or program is dependent on external factors not controlled by the City of Brampton;

6. That staff be directed to:
  - Waive the Residential Licensing fee for 2025,
  - Extend licenses that have been purchased prior to the enactment of this amendment by the same period that the waiver is in effect,
  - Amend Schedule 2 of the Residential Rental Licensing By-Law 216-2023 to a future Council meeting indicating the above direction;
7. That the Community Services 2025 Operating Budget be amended to include \$95,000 in additional funding for the provision of year-round youth sports services;
8. That the 2025 and 2026 Capital Projects for Williams Parkway Reconstruction in the Proposed Budget be amended to align the funding sources of the projects with the latest 2024 DC Background Study, resulting in a shift from the current ratio of 95% Development Charges and 5% Reserve 4 – Asset Repair and Replacement to 80% Development Charges and 20% Reserve 4 – Asset Repair and Replacement.

Carried

## **To reduce 30-day Consideration Period**

Mayor Brown explained the 30-day Consideration Period.

The following motion was considered.

### **C021-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente

Seconded by Mayor Patrick Brown

That, in accordance with Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, Council reduce the time period as set out in subsection 7(3) of O. Reg. 530/22 to pass a resolution making an amendment to the proposed budget from 30 days from the date the budget is submitted, being January 10, 2025, to 10 days, being January 20, 2025, after which the budget shall be deemed adopted by the municipality pending the mayoral veto period of 10 days or a mayoral decision to shorten the 10 day period.

Carried

## **10. Public Question Period**

Sylvia Roberts, Brampton resident, asked a question regarding assumed costs in the Development Charges By-law relating to the installation of bike lanes on the boulevard.

Staff were requested to review this matter and respond to the resident directly.

## **11. By-laws**

### **11.1 By-law 1-2025 - To amend User Fee By-law 193-2024 - Schedule I – Stormwater Charges**

The following motion was considered.

### **C022-2025**

Moved by City Councillor Power

Seconded by Regional Councillor Keenan

That the following by-law before Council at its Special Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025 be given the required number of readings, taken as read, and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

By-law 1-2025 – To amend User Fee By-law 193-2024 – Schedule I – Stormwater Charges

Carried

**12. Closed Session**

Nil

**13. Confirming By-law**

13.1 By-law 2-2025 – To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting

The following motion was considered.

**C023-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Kaur Brar

Seconded by Regional Councillor Singh Toor

That the following by-law before Council at its Special Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, and signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

By-law 2-2025 – To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting of January 13, 14, 16, and 20, 2025.

Carried

**14. Adjournment**

Mayor Brown thanked staff for their efforts throughout the budget process.

The following motion was considered.

**C024-2025**

Moved by Regional Councillor Santos

Seconded by City Councillor Power

That Council do now adjourn to meet again for a Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

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P. Brown, Mayor

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G. Scharback, City Clerk