

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
March 19, 2025



Public Meeting

To obtain input from the public on a proposed by-law to designate council members entitled to cast additional votes during certain vacancies on Regional Council.

Thursday, March 20, 2025 @ 9:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 2025 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

11.1 Haven House – Recommendation for Continued Services (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Reginal staff is seeking Council approval to continue shelter services with EFRY for 12 months, beginning April 1st, 2025 with four optional 12-month extension periods. Annual operating costs are \$689,623, exclusive of applicable taxes. Under this contract, EFRY will provide eight shelter beds for single women aged 25 and up in Brampton.
- The report also seeks authority to be granted to renew the Contract (Document 2025-052N) with EFRY Hope and Help for Women for the provision of shelter beds and support services for four optional 12-month extension periods, subject to the satisfactory performance and approved budget.

City Staff Comments (Community Services):

- Staff support the recommendations outlined in the report.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

15.3 2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses (For Information)

Summary:

- This report provides the 2024 Statement of Remuneration and Expenses as required under section 284 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

City Staff Comments (Community Services):

- Section 284(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* requires that:
“ The Treasurer of a municipality shall in each year on or before March 31 provide to the council of the municipality an itemized statement of remuneration and expenses paid in the previous year to,
 - a) each member of council in respect of his or her services as a member of the council or any body, including a local board, to which the member has been appointed by council or on which the member holds office by virtue of being a member of council;
 - b) each member of council in respect of his or her services as an officer or employee of the municipality or other body described in clause (a); and
 - c) each person, other than a member of council, appointed by the municipality to serve as a member of any body, including a local board, in respect of his or her services as a member of the body.”
- This is an annual, for information report. City of Brampton’s 2024 Statements of Remuneration and Expenses is included as an agenda item for the Committee of Council meeting on March 19, 2025.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

15.5 2025 Final Levy By-law (Recommendation) (Related to By-law 12-2025)

Summary:

- This report recommends that a by-law to adopt the property tax rate calculation adjustment, and to apportion the 2025 Regional net levy requirement of \$1,678,843,751 to the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Town of Caledon, in accordance with the apportionment calculations attached as Appendix I to the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, listed on the March 20, 2025 Regional Council agenda titled “2025 Final Levy By-law”, be presented for enactment.

City Staff Comments (Finance):

- This is an annual report and by-law to collect the Regional levy and apportion the levy between lower tier municipalities. The upper tier report and by-law are required by local municipalities to complete the final billing.
- City of Brampton *2025 Final Levy Report and By-law* are scheduled to April 2 and 9, 2025 respectively.
- It is critical that this report is approved, in order to ensure timely collection of property taxes, including meeting legislative requirements related to taxation.
- However, the City needs confirmation that the 2025 net tax levy for the Region, includes compensation to the City of Brampton for the cost of assuming the Land Use Planning Function from the Region, and recovery of \$890,000 in the 2025 Budget, in order to provide the Land Use Planning Service.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

20.1 Motion Regarding the Prioritization of Canadian and other Non-US Goods and Services

Summary:

- The motion directs staff to prioritize procurement strategies that favor Canadian and non-U.S. goods and services during the period of U.S. tariffs, where feasible. It calls for amendments to the Procurement By-law to support this approach, alignment with federal and provincial guidance to create a unified national strategy, and distribution of the resolution to key government and trade organizations for wider support and collaboration.

City Staff Comments (Economic Development):

- This motion supports the overall Team Canada Approach, and the City of Brampton approach in respect to the ongoing trade situation between the United States and Canada.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the motion in line with the City of Brampton approach.

20.2 Motion Regarding the Transfer of Waste Collection Services in Peel Region

Summary:

The motion speaks to the transfer of Peel Region's powers with respect to waste collection, excluding with respect to the community recycling centers, to the lower-tier municipalities.

Regional staff are directed, among other things, to form a transition committee with the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon to develop a detailed implementation plan and to provide the local municipalities with waste collection documentation.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

There is a Special Council meeting scheduled for March 19, 2025 to discuss this matter, with a motion to ratify a by-law regarding transfer of waste collection services from the Region of Peel to the lower tier municipalities.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the motion.

March 11, 2025

Ontario Suspends 25 Percent Surcharge on Electricity Exports to United States

- On March 10, the Ontario government applied a 25 percent surcharge on all electricity exports to the United States as part of the province's initial suite of retaliatory measures to U.S. tariffs on Canada.
- This surcharge would affect 1.5 million homes and businesses in Michigan, Minnesota, and New York, costing up to \$400,000 every day the surcharge remained in place.
- This surcharge was suspended on March 11 amid border trade talks.
- Premier Doug Ford and U.S. Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, met on Thursday, March 13, and stated they had a “productive conversation about the economic relationship between the United States and Canada.”

The Government Relations team will continue monitoring for new developments and will highlight potential impacts to the City of Brampton.

March 14, 2025

Mark Carney Sworn in as Canada's Next Prime Minister and Cabinet Shuffle



- Mark Carney has been elected as the new Liberal leader winning on the first ballot with 85.9 per cent of the vote.
- On March 14, 2025, Carney was sworn in as Canada's next Prime Minister and a new cabinet was announced. Changes to the cabinet include but are not limited to:
 - **Dominic LeBlanc**, Minister of International Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs and President of the King's Privy Council for Canada
 - **François-Philippe Champagne**, Minister of Finance
 - **Kamal Khera**, Minister of Health
 - **Chrystia Freeland**, Minister of Transport and Internal Trade
 - **Rachel Bendayan**, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

The Government Relations team is working on congratulatory letters and re-engagement with key Cabinet members. Staff are working on advocacy strategy for the anticipated federal election to advance the City's priorities.

March 13, 2025

Continued AMO Action on Tariffs and Trade

- During the week of March 3rd, AMO wrote to the Premier highlighting how investments in municipal infrastructure could protect vital construction jobs while driving future productivity.
- On March 13th, AMO wrote a follow-up letter to share a new report that builds the business case for investments in community housing as a response to tariffs.
- AMO is calling for an immediate new investment of \$1.5 billion over 2025/26 and 2026/27 for new capital development, capital repairs to existing stock, and acquisition and rehabilitation of existing buildings to protect Ontario.
 - These investments would protect jobs in the residential construction sector while supporting increased productivity and economic growth.
- In addition to this report, AMO is developing other resources to help municipalities chart an informed path through these uncertain times

Staff will continue to help support AMO's work on this matter. The City has set up a *Tariff Resource Hub* to support local businesses, share information on resources and webinars. Brampton's City Council also passed a motion for a "Made in Canada" procurement policy exception in response to tariff threats from the US.

March 11, 2025

2025 FCM Conference and AGM

- The annual conference takes place May 29 to June 1, 2025, in Ottawa. Registration opened on March 11, 2025.
 - Early-bird registration ends Wednesday, April 23, 2025.
- More than 1,500 elected officials from across the country will gather to engage with federal official, discuss pressing issues, network, and learn best practices.



The annual FCM Conference represents a major opportunity for engagement and advocacy for the City of Brampton.

THANK YOU!

