

Government Relations Matters

City Council
June 11, 2025



Debt Issuance Committee

Thursday, 12 June 2025 @ 9:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

Regional Council

Thursday, June 12, 2025 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

8.1 Update on Peel's Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Peel's updated CSWB Plan establishes a structured process for working collaboratively across systems to identify complex issues and develop upstream, cost-effective approaches, leading to significant returns on investment, including improved health and social services outcomes and reduced costs associated with the justice system.
- Transition to the updated approach to CSWB planning in Peel will proceed in a phased and collaborative manner throughout 2025.

City Staff Comments (Community Services):

- Staff support the recommendations of this Update on Peel's updated Community Safety and Well-being Plan and endorse the review and refreshed plan.
- The Adaptive CSWB Model to Amplify Impact and the enhanced role of the System Leadership Table support collaboration and the goal of helping to create a safer and more inclusive community.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report/Support the recommendation.

8.3 Update - Development Charge Incentives Information Report (For Information)

Summary:

- The report provides Council with an update to the Development Charge Incentives Information Report, presented at the May 8, 2025 Regional Council meeting, considering Bill 17, Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 and forecast revisions.

City Staff Comments (Planning, Building and Growth Management, Intergovernmental Affairs):

- With respect to time limited DC reductions for residential development, staff will be reviewing the Region's report to understand impacts to Brampton while assessing what financial impact a similar reduction to the City's DCs will have.
- Regional staff observe that unlike the time limited deferral incentive discussed in the May 8, 2025 report, Bill 17 deferrals are anticipated to be permanent with an estimated deficit in the range of \$569M by year-end 2027, with potential additional cash shortfall of approximately \$400M should time limited 50% discount be implemented.
- The report speaks to need for advocacy with higher levels of government, in line with the City staff recommendation for "direct funding from the Province to offset lost development charge revenue due to Bill 17 and request new revenue tools to sustainably fund growth infrastructure."

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

9.2 Peel's International Students Collaborative Advocacy Priorities (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Peel's International Students Collaborative identified 5 key priorities for advocacy to the federal and provincial of government:
 1. Strengthen regulation and oversight to combat unethical recruitment practices
 2. Ensure sustainable public funding and investments in the academic sector to reduce reliance on international student fees
 3. Enhance accountability of the academic sector for international student orientation, supports and housing
 4. Invest in community capacity to provide supports that meet the diverse and complex needs of international students
 5. Prevent labour exploitation and human sex trafficking

City Staff Comments (Community Services):

- Staff have contributed to- and support the work of the International Students Collaborative.
- The advocacy priorities align with City work, including Resolution, CW377-2024.
- Staff support the recommendations of this report.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

15.5 Bill 17, Protecting Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The report provides an overview of anticipated impacts from Bill 17, Protecting Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025 and Peel Region's comments on legislative and regulatory proposals related to Bill 17.

City Staff Comments (Planning, Building and Growth Management, Finance):

- The Region of Peel has consolidated their remarks on Bill 17 DC Act Changes into their report that analysis the financial implications of introducing a time-limited DC reduction for residential development.
- City staff are advancing a report to Council today (item 11.4.1) that speaks to the City Building and Financial implications resulting from Bill 17.
- Region staff share key concerns the City has identified regarding the potential negative impacts Bill 17 has on the City's ability to deliver the necessary infrastructure to support the rapid growth in Brampton and throughout the region.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

June 4, 2025

Ontario Introducing Legislation to Strengthen Local Governance in Peel Region

- The proposed legislation would, if passed, transfer the delivery of two public works services from Peel Region to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon.
- The Peel Transition Implementation Act, 2025, if passed, would transfer jurisdiction over regional roads — including related stormwater infrastructure — from Peel Region to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon. The Act would also transfer jurisdiction over waste collection from Peel Region to the three lower-tier municipalities.
- In addition, as announced with the *Protect Ontario by Building Faster and Smarter Act, 2025*, the government is exploring transferring water and wastewater services with any future outcome maintaining public ownership.
- To support the Region of Peel and its lower-tier municipalities through this important transition, Ontario's Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator will work with municipalities involved.

- The re-introduced legalization follows the previously established timetable whereby the regional roads and related stormwater infrastructure would transfer from Peel Region to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon on July 1, 2026.
- Staff recommend advocacy for waste collection services transfer from Peel Region to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon to go through the Office of the Provincial Land and Development Facilitator process.



June 4, 2025

Ontario Launches Trade-Impacted Communities Program

The Trade-Impacted Communities Program (TICP) will help communities and local industries in Ontario navigate significant economic challenges caused by U.S. trade disruption.

Eligible entities include:

- municipal government
- economic development organization
- sector or industry association
- business accelerator or incubator (Stream 2 only)

The program is divided into 2 streams.

- Stream 1: Community Economic Development: supports community projects that respond to U.S. trade disruption, including immediate resiliency measures, the development and implementation of local strategies, and efforts to diversify export markets (\$250,000 to \$2 million per project)
- Stream 2: Transformational Projects: supports large-scale, collaborative projects designed to grow and transform local clusters and industrial supply chains to bolster Ontario's competitiveness and economic resiliency (\$2 million to \$10 million per project)

Applications for Stream 1 will be accepted on a continuous basis as long as funding is available. Stream 2 will accept applications until September 11, 2025.

The 2025 Ontario Budget announced the \$40M Trade-Impacted Communities Program as one of the measures to support industries negatively impacted by the U.S. tariffs and related economic uncertainty. Staff are reviewing program requirements and eligibility criteria.



June 6, 2025

Government of Canada introduces legislation to build One Canadian Economy



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- *One Canadian Economy: An Act to enact the Free Trade and Labour Mobility in Canada Act and the Building Canada Act*, will remove federal barriers to internal trade and labour mobility, and advance nation-building projects.
- Nation-building projects will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:
 - Strengthen Canada's autonomy, resilience and security;
 - Provide economic or other benefits to Canada;
 - Have a high likelihood of successful execution;
 - Advance the interests of Indigenous Peoples; and
 - Contribute to clean growth and to Canada's objectives with respect to climate change.
- Projects will only be designated following full consultation with affected Indigenous Peoples.
- Removing Internal Trade and Labour Mobility Barriers
 - the legislation will allow a good or service that meets comparable provincial or territorial rules to be considered to have met federal requirements for internal trade.
 - the new legislation will provide a framework to recognize provincial and territorial licenses and certifications for workers.

Staff will continue to monitor developments as part of engagement leading to the federal government's anticipated 2025-26 Budget this fall.

June 6, 2025

Government of Canada creating thousands more job opportunities for youth this summer

- The Canada Summer Jobs (CSJ) program provides a first job experience for Canadian youth that can help shape their future education, training, and career choices.
- The CSJ program was on track to create 70,000 jobs for youth this summer, and the announced additional up to 6,000 additional Canada Summer Jobs opportunities will unlock new opportunities for Canadian youth.



- Through the 2025 Canada Summer Jobs Grant, the City of Brampton received approval for 113 youth employment positions across City departments.
- Throughout the summer, the Youth Programs and Initiatives team will deliver a series of workshops, tours, and information sessions as part of the Brampton Youth Connect initiative for the summer youth employees.
- This initiative is designed to provide meaningful learning opportunities for youth, helping them explore potential career pathways within the municipality and gain valuable insight into the public sector.

June 3, 2025

Canada strengthens border security

Minister of Public Safety introduced the Bill titled, the Strong Borders Act, which amend the Customs Act to secure our borders against illicit drug trafficking, weapons smuggling, and auto theft:

- Obligating owners and operators at certain ports of entry/exit to provide, equip, and maintain facilities for any purpose related to the administration and enforcement of CBSA's mandate which includes the examination and detention of goods destined for export;
- Allowing the CBSA access to premises under the control of transporters and warehouse operators to perform examinations in places where goods destined for export are reported, loaded, unloaded, or stored.
- Protect the asylum system against sudden increases in claims by introducing new ineligibility rules.
- Improve how asylum claims are received, processed, and decided;
- Strengthen authorities to cancel, suspend or change immigration documents, and to cancel, suspend or stop accepting new applications; and
- Improve how Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) shares client information with federal, provincial and territorial partners.

New measures to make our immigration and asylum systems stronger, more flexible, and responsive



The federal government is investing \$1.3 billion to keep communities safe on both sides of the border. The City has been successfully advocating with the federal government to combat auto theft in our communities.

June 7, 2025

Canada's G7 priorities ahead of the Leaders' Summit

The Prime Minister has announced the priorities that will guide Canada's 2025 G7 Leaders' Summit, to be held in Kananaskis, Alberta, from June 15 to 17, 2025.

Canada will seek agreements and co-ordinated action on three core missions:

- **Protecting our communities and the world** – strengthening peace and security, countering foreign interference and transnational crime, and improving joint responses to wildfires.
- **Building energy security and accelerating the digital transition** – fortifying critical mineral supply chains and using artificial intelligence and quantum to unleash economic growth.
- **Securing the partnerships of the future** – catalyzing enormous private investment to build stronger infrastructure, create higher-paying jobs, and open dynamic markets where businesses can compete and succeed.



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Bill 46, Protect Ontario by Cutting Red Tape Act, 2025

The government tabled its newest red tape reduction bill. The bill and additional communications backgrounder include a number of initiatives of interest to the municipal sector including:

- Commitment to explore changes to strengthen the Strong Mayor Framework following the recent expansion to 170 more municipalities.
- Proposed amendments to the Municipal Act, 2001 and City of Toronto Act, 2006 to allow for online posting of annual municipal audited financial statements.
- MAG and MMAH will explore opportunities for Landlord Tenant Board reform to reduce delays and backlogs at the Board.

On June 4, 2025 Bill 46 was ordered for Second Reading. Staff will follow the legislative process and monitor for further details.



THANK YOU!

