



# **Government Relations Matters**

**Committee of Council  
September 23, 2020**

# Region of Peel | Regional Council – September 24, 2020



Regional Council – September 24, 2020 9:30 a.m. *Agenda available at* [www.peelregion.ca](http://www.peelregion.ca)

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## Delegations re: Addressing Mental Health and Homelessness Issues in Brampton's Downtown

### Overview

- An increase in mental health and homelessness issues have been observed in Brampton's Downtown Core, over the past 6 months, with a spike in August & September.
- Businesses with landscaping/gardens are challenged with needles being left on their grounds - further safety concerns as related to maintain appealing and green premises.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Economic Development & Social Support Task Force)

#### *Economic Recovery Perspective (Potential negative implications for economic recovery)*

- Difficulty maintaining and attracting businesses to downtown Brampton if safety and beautification challenges persist;
- Key part of Brampton's Economic Recovery plan is building an Innovation District in the downtown area, which requires a flourishing restaurants and cultural opportunities in the area to attract start-ups.

#### *Social Support Task Force (Continues to work directly with homeless individuals & service providers)*

- Identified the current system needs attention on improving lines of communication amongst all groups and the need to reduce reliance on a shelter system that does not meet all individuals.
- Sharps disposal bins were deployed to multiple areas during the first wave of COVID-19.
- Telus/CMHA Mobile Health Clinic is working on being operational soon (no confirmed date).

## 8.2: Update on COVID-19 Funding for Human Services (Recommendation)

### Overview

- Peel has received \$22.9M from the federal Reaching Home and provincial Social Services Relief Fund and \$17.8M in federal Safe Restart Funding to help the early years and child-care sector adapt to the COVID-19 environment.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Fire and Emergency Services)

- The City has provided a wide range of supports during the Covid-19 pandemic:
- Since March 16, 2020, the Social Support Task Force has served over 3,155 Brampton residents by working with four anchor food banks (Knights Table, Regeneration, United Sikhs, and Khalsa Aid).
- Acquired and distributed 34,532 lbs of food and 71,000 non-food items.
- Worked with about 70 people experiencing homelessness to connect them to social services.
- The Seniors Support Task Force is working directly with seniors' groups to support seniors in the City.

### City Staff Recommendation

#### ***Support Recommendation***

## 11.1: Curbside Waste Collection Contractors' Performance (For Information)

### Overview

- In 2019 and during the first half of 2020, collection contractors have demonstrated an overall improvement in their performance.
- In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Region and the collection contractors put emergency response plans and preventive measures in place to ensure that essential waste collection services continued for Peel residents.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Public Affairs)

- Regional staff continue to monitor and review the performance of collection contractors, to improve daily operations and ensure a high standards of service.
- The next update from staff on the contractors' performance is expected in 2021.
- City staff can provide any issues identified by Council to the Region should there be a need to inform Regional staff and/or collection contractors.

### City Staff Recommendation

#### ***Receive Report***

### **11.3: Request for Additional Funds and Award of Contract for Widening and Improvement of Bovaird Drive West from Creditview Road to Worthington Avenue, City of Brampton, Wards 5 and 6 (Recommendation)**

#### Overview

- The report requests additional funds for the widening and improvements on Bovaird Drive from Creditview Road to Worthington Avenue and award of the contract to Graham Bros. Construction Limited in the amount of \$20,382,387.24.

#### City of Brampton (Comments from Public Works)

- The tender closed August 19, 2020 and all eight bids exceeded the approved project budget.
- Additional funds in the amount of \$4,800,000 are requested to award the contract to Graham Bros. Construction Limited, who are the lowest compliant bidder.
- Cost driving factors include: requirements from CN Rail, changes in legislation regarding excess soil management, increased material costs and premiums for workplace health and safety practices related to COVID-19.
- The improvements to Bovaird Drive will address current and future and goods movement demands, and include the installation of two new multi use pathways to improve active transportation in the area.

#### City Staff Recommendation

#### ***Support Recommendations***



## 11.4: Stormwater Infrastructure Management Update (For Information)

### Overview

- Funding the Region received through Clean Water and Wastewater Fund, Peel's stormwater network has been inventoried, inspected and has been valued at approximately \$400M.
- 77% of the Regional stormwater network was found to be in good to fair condition, with 15% in poor condition and 8% in bad to failing condition.
- To maintain the existing stormwater network in a state of good repair over the next ten years, \$45.05M in additional capital funds will be required.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Planning and Development Services)

- As a result of Ontario Regulation 588/17, municipalities are all on the same path to develop asset management plans and programs to comply with the regulations. Brampton is engaged in many of the same activities described in the Regional report.
- The City also received funding from the Clean Water and Wastewater. A portion of this funding was directed towards stormwater infrastructure asset management activities, such as developing a plan, stormwater pond rehabilitation, CCTV inspection of a portion of our storm sewer network and erosion, developing capacity models to identify constraints in our sewer system, and implementing erosion protection works in our watercourses.
- A working group comprised of municipal staff (COB, COM, Caledon) and Regional staff meets quarterly on asset management activities and opportunities for unifying approaches and aligning objectives where opportunities exist.

### City Staff Recommendation

#### **Receive Report**

## 19.1: 2021 Regional Council and Committee Meeting Schedule (Recommendation)

### Overview

- The report contains the proposed Council and Committee meeting schedule for the upcoming year, 2021.

### City of Brampton (Comments from City Clerk)

- The 2021 Regional Council and Committee meeting schedule follows the practice in previous years and aligns with agreed meeting “day of week” reservations between the Region and area municipalities
- The report includes a committee the region created earlier in 2020 (by By-law 15-2020) to advise on matters that might arise in periods where RC won’t be meeting for more than 21 days – its called the Interim Period Approvals Committee, made of the Chairs and Vice Chairs of other key committees and the Regional Chair.

### City Staff Recommendation

#### ***Support Recommendations***



## 19.3: 2020 Development Charge Background Study and By-law Review (For Information)

### Overview

- The Region's current Development Charge (DC) By-law 46-2015 must be replaced prior to its expiry on January 24, 2021, the report tables Peel's proposed 2020 Development Charge Background Study and the draft 2020 DC By-law for consideration at a statutory public meeting.
- Region of Peel has published a DC Background Study in advance of the January 24, 2021 expiration date of the current DC By-law
- The timeline of events to the new rates being in effect are as follows:
  - September 24 – Table DC Study at Regional Council
  - October 8 – Public Meeting
  - November 26 – Anticipated by-law passage date by Regional Council
  - January 1, 2021 – New DC by-law rates in effect
- The following table summarizes the change in the DC rates by sector and development type:

Development Type	Current DC	Proposed DC	Difference (\$)	Difference (%)
Single/Semi	\$ 53,510	\$ 60,913	\$ 7,402	14%
Other Residential	\$ 43,840	\$ 48,243	\$ 4,403	10%
Large Apartment	\$ 32,752	\$ 44,184	\$ 11,432	35%
Small Apartment	\$ 21,662	\$ 23,368	\$ 1,705	8%
Industrial (per sq.m.)	\$ 157.77	\$ 178.23	\$ 20.46	13%
Non-Industrial (per sq.m.)	\$ 234.43	\$ 230.93	-\$ 3.50	-1%

## 19.3: 2020 Development Charge Background Study and By-law Review (*Continued*)

### City of Brampton (Comments from Finance)

- Proposed Regional DC By-law harmonizes some policies with the City's 2019 DC By-law, including:
  - Defining stacked townhouses as apartment units
  - Sunset clause on demolition credits
  - Revising the industrial definition

### City Staff Recommendation

#### **Receive Report**

## 22.1 - Public Disclosure of Businesses with COVID-19 Outbreaks (Resolution)

### Overview

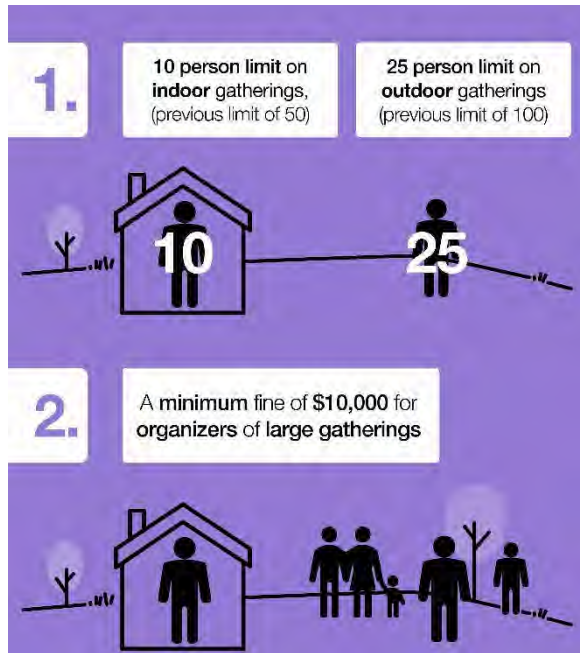
- Resolution that staff report to the October 8, 2020 Regional Council meeting with recommendations related to the public disclosure of COVID-19 outbreaks in workplaces

### City of Brampton (Comments from Legal Services)

- Peel Public Health unit coordinates contact tracing in relation to known cases of COVID as well as workplace outbreaks
- Any legal issues relating to such disclosure are a matter for the Region of Peels legal counsel and would not be something Legal Services would comments upon at this time.

### City Staff Recommendation

**Support Resolution**



- **September 21, 2020:** the federal government has accepted our made-in-Ontario Emissions Performance Standards (EPS) program as an alternative to the federal output-based pricing system. The EPS aims to achieve Ontario's share of Canada's 2030 emissions reduction target.
- **September 17, 2020:** As of 12:01 a.m. September 18, the province set a new limit on the number of people allowed to attend an unmonitored social gathering or organized public event in Toronto, Peel and Ottawa regions:
  - 10 people at an indoor event or gathering (previous limit of 50); or
  - 25 people at an outdoor event or gathering (previous limit of 100).
 Same measures were introduced province-wide on September 19, 2020.
- **September 17, 2020:** Introduced Bill 204: Helping Tenants and Small Business Act, 2020. If passed, the bill would:
  - freeze rent in 2021 for most rent-controlled and non-rent-controlled residential units
  - proposes to change the Commercial Tenancies Act to extend the temporary ban on evictions for commercial tenants.
  - create a single register of voters for municipal and provincial elections to take effect January 1st, 2024 ahead of the 2026 municipal election.

**September 18, 2020:** Province proclaimed the remaining amendments made to the Development Charges Act (DCA) and the Planning Act (PA) by Bills 108 and 197. In addition, regulations were filed in order to finalize the framework for development charges, community benefits and parkland dedication.

## ***Planning Act - Community benefits charge (CBC)***

- Maximum CBC is set at 4% of land value for any particular residential development
- Further details and timelines for appraisals for community benefits are provided
- Additional information is provided about contents required for a community benefits strategy, community planning permit systems, among other items

## ***Development Charges Act (DCs)***

- Eligible services under the DCA will no longer be subject to a mandatory 10% discount
- Municipalities can now update their DC by-laws to recover 100% of eligible costs of services
- Municipalities have up to two years to continue charging for services that will no longer be eligible for recovery through DCs (e.g. animal control)
- DC exemption for additional units such as ancillary structures to new and existing homes and in existing rental buildings



## Next Steps:

- Staff are working on a comprehensive recommendation report to inform Council of the fulsome changes stemming from Bills 108 and 197
- One key recommendation that will be contained in the report is to update the Library and Recreation DC by-laws to capture the 10% discount. This equates to an additional \$10 – 15 million in potential funding for Recreation and Library services over the next four years
- City staff are particularly encouraged by this portion of the Regulations as it means that the City would be able to deliver much needed community facilities to meet the needs of population growth, with fewer funding constraints and less reliance on the property tax base.





**September 18, 2020:**  
Extended non-essential travel restrictions with the United States until October 21st, 2020.

**September 18, 2020:** Premiers of Ontario, Quebec, Alberta and Manitoba outlined their "wish list" ahead of the Speech from the Throne. Asking for a 35% increase to the Canada Health Transfer.

**September 18, 2020:** By-elections will be held on October 26, 2020, in Toronto Centre and York Centre electoral districts.

**September 17, 2020:** Announced \$206M Climate Action and Awareness Fund to support youth, scientists, and researchers across the country. Requests for proposals opened for community-based climate action projects - up to \$50M/5 years. The remaining funding will go toward the Climate Action and Awareness Fund priorities.

**September 16, 2020:** The premiers have now submitted the Safe Restart Agreement Response Letters and the federal funding will be transferred to the provinces and territories. The Ontario letter outlines how the funds would be allocated:

- testing, contact tracing, and data management - 50,000 tests per day by this fall
- health care system capacity
- recommitment to municipalities and transit

**Parliament resumes September 23 with a Speech from the Throne**



**Supporting Communities:  
Driving Recovery in the Wake of COVID-19**

Policy Memo to the Prime Minister's Office and the Privy Council Office

September 16, 2020

## Pre-Federal Throne Speech Submission

Outlines policy priorities that align with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM):

- Provide support to maintain the fiscal health of municipalities during the pandemic
- Accelerate broadband investment
- Investment in housing
- Build on investments in child care
- Additional supports for long-term care
- Strategic investments in infrastructure

COVID-19 and housing:  
**Critical need,  
urgent opportunity**

September 2020



## FCM urges rapid housing solutions amid pandemic

Proposed a federal initiative and partnership to help non-profit community housing providers rapidly acquire, renovate and retrofit two kinds of buildings:

- Buildings to convert to deeply affordable and supportive housing—for vulnerable Canadians at risk of homelessness, including those living with mental illness and substance use disorder.
- Existing moderate-rent residential buildings—so community providers can protect those rent levels for tenants, instead of leaving buildings to private investors who may push rents higher.

## FCM's virtual elections and AGM – Upcoming Deadlines

- **September 24:** deadline to submit the Director consent form for those interested in running for a Board position
- **October 16:** submission deadline for applications to become a member of FCM's Board committees

## Appendix I: Supplemental Information from the September 24, 2020 Regional Council Meeting

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Request for support of immediate action to deal with escalating mental health, addiction and homelessness in Downtown Brampton

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

I am writing this email to appeal for your support of immediate action to deal with escalating mental health, addiction and homelessness issues in the Downtown Brampton Core.

I am the owner of the property at 140 Main St. N. in Brampton (corner of Main St. N. & Church). I purchased this property in 2010 and undertook significant renovations at great costs in an effort to revitalize this beautiful 168 year old building which is a prominent structure in the City's Core. I am an extremely proud property owner and take great pride in my building which houses my business, Wiesner Insurance.

While I have always been aware that the City has had issues with homelessness and addiction, as most urban centres do, over the past 3 years I have seen an extreme jump in the number of homeless and the intensity of these issues. Without a doubt, 2020 has been the worst year yet. I can only make the assumption that this is the result of the numerous social services located in the immediate vicinity that cater to this segment of society. My property is constantly being used by the homeless to congregate on at various times. This is not limited to just afterhours. We have seen open acts of prostitution, blatant drug use and vandalism. As a result, my property is continuously being littered with empty food containers, garbage, cigarette butts, beer/liquor bottles, broken glass, drug paraphernalia and syringes. These individuals will freely urinate/defecate in my parking lots and pass out on the stairs leading to our entrances. The last 2 calls made to 911 were the result of a person unconscious on our stairs, another face down in the middle of our parking lot. Since the individuals were completely unresponsive, we believed that they were dead. This was quite shocking and stressful for our staff.

We have many staff who, when confronted with someone passed out on the steps to our building are afraid to enter or confront the individual and have to call for assistance. What has become notable is how bold and brazen these individuals are becoming. They have no problem openly injecting and smoking drugs during business hours and many will not move when asked, often just responding with profanity and threats.

Up until now, I have been trying to deal with these issues myself and with the occasional assistance from our hardworking Peel Regional Police but this is becoming overwhelming. In speaking with a police officer who works in my area, he mentioned that one of the offenders has been arrested 27 times since the beginning of July. As soon as the offender is arrested he is released, and right back in our area, sometimes before the officer has even completed the paperwork.

I understand that these services have to be located somewhere but I think there is just too much focused in our area. We have a beautiful, historic downtown core but this is counterproductive to the hard work and effort put forth by our BIA and local business owners. I think it is unfair to locate these services in a community and then just expect the surrounding property owners to bear the cost of dealing with the aforementioned issues without assistance. If the services can't be moved elsewhere, we need help with security, cleanup and vandalism. Failure to take immediate action to address these problems will only drive businesses and people from the city we love.

As a stakeholder, property owner, business owner and employer who is being severely negatively impacted by these issues, I appeal to you for an immediate response. I urge you to have this matter added to the September 24, Regional Council meeting.

I look forward to your prompt reply and hope that relief is forthcoming in a timely fashion.

Respectfully,

**Jason Wiesner | President**



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Attention: Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of Peel  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Katherine Kennedy and I reside in Downtown Brampton and have for the past twenty years. I am writing to you today on behalf of my family and other concerned neighbours regarding the high number of mental health and addiction services, halfway houses, youth homes and correctional facilities all within one vicinity of the Downtown Brampton core. The large number of these services in one close vicinity has resulted in an increase in people coming from other areas to participate in these programs and has grown the homeless and people with addiction and mental health issues population significantly. With the growing number of people, there has not been enough support to ensure the residents of this community are not endangered and feel safe residing within the same area.

During the past year and a half, we have seen an increase in homeless, those with mental and addiction issues and suspect individuals within the Downtown Brampton area which has resulted in more crime and break-ins in our neighbourhood, which has made the residents feel unsafe. Over the past several months, both our and our neighbour's cars have been broken into and stolen from several times and we've had two break and enters in one week at my parent's house, which resulted in physical assault and theft. This has impacted the personal security and wellbeing of the people in our neighbourhood and we ask the Region of Peel to support immediate action with the escalating mental health, addiction and homelessness in the downtown core community.

Sincerely,

Katherine Kennedy



September 16, 2020

Dear Regional Councilors,

Regeneration Outreach Community is located in the heart of Downtown Brampton. We are a caring community that continually strives to provide dignity for those in need as an expression of Christian love in action. We serve people who are homeless, at risk of homeless and living in extreme poverty by providing them with their basic physical needs, and emotional support.

Covid-19 has brought to light areas of concern to the community that we have been observing and addressing on an ongoing basis for years. We often are the first line of contact for individuals who are asking for help. We do a tremendous amount of system navigation. Our staff have found that the system is convoluted and doesn't always appear to be client-centered. People who are reaching out are doing everything they can to have immediate needs met while also searching for on-going support in recovery and long-term wellness. It takes great lengths to get connected to a housing worker, or to get a mental health and/or addiction support. To quote a colleague from the Bloom Clinic "We feel hopeless when we are the ones trying to bring hope". Unfortunately, we have many examples of disappointing outcomes when connecting with regional services.

Regeneration has been actively supporting a man who is experiencing homelessness, but is also living with Huntington's Disease. He is deteriorating quickly, and it is clear that the complexity of needs has created difficult barriers that need to be overcome to get him the support he needs. There is a team of people from different organizations that have been attempting to support him, however, because he doesn't fit into a box; we are currently at a loss of how else to support him. He has been deemed unfit to stay at the shelter because he needs more support. Long Term Care homes have denied him because they don't have the support that he needs. Regeneration was the only place he was receiving any kind of care, and he has recently been banned from property due to his increased aggression. He is now left with nowhere to go, shower or eat. He deserves better than this.

There are many guests who would prefer to be staying in a shelter, but have been kicked out of the local shelter system for an extended period of time. They are no other options for them but they crave stability and wrap-around supports to get them out of their current situation.

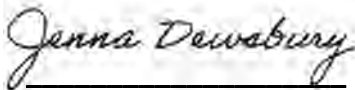
In recent weeks we have served a guest who has poured his heart out to us about wanting to access services. He had been stable for years, but recently relapsed, and was arrested. He has historically had stable employment, and is part of a large union. He is eager to return to work



and get back on his feet, but can't as he is striving to get sober while living on the streets. We reached out to regional supports that provide services that align with his goals. We called with him on at the beginning of September, and left a voicemail, leaving a staff members phone number (he currently doesn't have a phone). After four days, we called back and completed phone intake, and were told to expect a call for further arrangements. We have yet to hear back. This situation is very discouraging to our guest as he is reaching out for help, and yet feels like his is being pushed to the side.

The few situations that are listed above are but examples of the constant frustrations that we face on the front lines, as we strive to connect our guests with resources from the Region of Peel. We often find ourselves facing roadblocks when dealing with people who are experiencing homelessness, mental health and addiction. We implore you to make supporting this community a priority moving forward.

Sincerely,



Jenna Dewsbury  
Director of Operations

To the Members of the Regional Council and Staff:

I'm writing on behalf of the Session and Congregation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton that is located at 44 Church Street East; located near the heart of downtown Brampton – north of the YMCA on Union St., 1 block east of Main St.

We believe that, over our 172 year history, that St. Andrew's has been a Church that has sought to love and serve the downtown core of Brampton. For over 20 years we have run a weekly Food Bank for those in the community who struggle with food security – in the months leading up to the COVID19 shutdown, our Food Bank was serving an average of 175 clients a week!

Through the Food bank we have long been a support to those living at or below the poverty line in the downtown Brampton area, a population that faces many struggles and pressures – especially with recent closures of rental properties in the downtown area – with homelessness, drug and alcohol abuse, prostitution, and violence. Again, through the Food Bank, we have seen ourselves as an advocate for those who often have no voice and our congregation is known within this community as a 'friend.' So it is unusual for us to be bringing up issues like this but, over the past year – and, now, especially during the past 6 months with the COVID19 shutdowns – we have seen an increasing number of incidents that have us concerned that the safety of our congregation, volunteers and staff are at risk.

Please know that this is not a request based on 'NIMBY-ism'; nor is this about blaming anyone for the problem. We are deeply concerned about those who have been trespassing (sleeping, camping, drinking, performing sex acts, shooting up, partying, fighting) on our property. We know that there are many social causes and reasons, but it is very clear that they need help beyond what we are equipped to offer – or even the police are able to do: mental health and addictions support for our downtown is very much needed – and not just because of the COVID19 pandemic, but because this is a systemic problem. As a result of these activities, our church volunteers and staff are now required to complete multiple perimeter checks each day to dispose of needles & other drug paraphernalia, and to remove people sleeping on the church property or using its grounds as a washroom.

We are reaching out for your help but in the hope of working together to find a sustainable solution. While we understand that this is a large problem, we believe if we all work together we can create a solution. St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church staff and volunteers are asking the Region of Peel to support immediate action with the escalating mental health, addiction and homelessness in the downtown core community.

Thank you, yours in Christ,



Rev. Geoff Ross.



September 16, 2020

Mayor Patrick Brown & Council Members  
Corporation of the City of Brampton  
2 Wellington Street West  
Brampton, ON, L6Y 4R2

Dear Mayor Patrick Brown & Brampton Council Members,

On behalf of the Downtown Brampton BIA (DBBIA) board of directors and the Downtown Brampton Beautification and Safety Team, I am writing to you with regards to safety concerns in the downtown core.

Over the past year, the DBBIA and the City of Brampton have partnered together to try to make some progress with regards to addressing the complex social issues that revolve around community safety. Unfortunately, the DBBIA continues to receive a number of concerns and candid feedback from its' BIA members about the affects of having a number of social services in the downtown.

We understand and respect that this is a multifaceted community issue and want to continue to work with the City of Brampton and the Region of Peel, to find solutions for downtown Brampton residents and businesses.

At this time, we would also like to convey a recent concern from a landlord & business owner, whom has voiced that there seems to be increase in criminal behaviour (selling/using illicit drugs & prostitution) in the downtown. This unsavoury behavior includes loitering and trespassing onto private property at the intersection of Church Street and Main Street North daily.

As you know, the DBBIA has been quite vocal in advocating on behalf of its' membership for a safe downtown and today we are reaching out to Council for additional resources to tackle these issues.

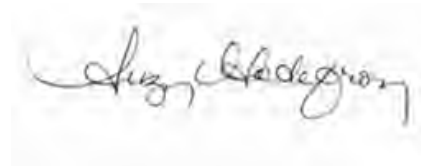
The DBBIA would like to recommend immediate solutions:

- Hire additional security from 10 p.m. – 10 a.m.to monitor illegal activity at Church & Main St. North
- Implement a Downtown Brampton Safety Ambassador Program –as recommended by the DBBIA in the past
- Redirect staff from community services centers to monitor their clients in the downtown
- Have additional resources (funding) to clean the areas affected (needles/sharps/empty bottles etc.)
- Review the status of the social service audit for Downtown Brampton
- Consider addition funding to assist businesses in the additional costs they are incurring for property repairs, security and general clean up on private property.

As a business organization representing approximately 300+ businesses and 140+ property owners, we feel very strongly on the right for our downtown community to be a safe place to visit and have included a letter from an affected business in the DBBIA.

Again, as an organization, we are extremely passionate about the overall safety and community wellbeing in the downtown core and request your assistance in these matters.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzy Godefroy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Suzy" and last name "Godefroy" clearly distinguishable.

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Downtown Brampton BIA  
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**September 16, 2020**

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CLERK

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September 18, 2020

To: Members of Regional Council

cc: Councillor Rowena Santos and Councillor Paul Vicente  
Mayor Patrick Brown

REFERRAL TO **Human Services**

RECOMMENDED

DIRECTION REQUIRED

RECEIPT RECOMMENDED

On behalf of Grace Place Community Resource Centre (GPCRC) we are imploring your immediate action on the deplorable situation occurring on our doorstep and cannot in good conscience be ignored.

GPCRC is located at 156 Main Street North in Brampton and shares the location with both Grace United Church and Regeneration Outreach Community. GPCRC's main focus is acting as a community hub that provides meeting space for any and all community groups or individuals from support networks (such as AA) to private functions. We have over 20 different groups that meet on a weekly basis and offer time and space to occasional users ongoing throughout the year. We have various functions or meetings happening 7 days a week throughout both the daytime and evening hours.

We are not the only ones who recognize the overall escalation of mental health, addiction and homelessness in our community which has been amplified by the COVID Pandemic, but our specific situation has become dire and rather unique as it predates the current crisis. Our situation dates back well over a year ago and has now officially exhausted all of our available resources. In this situation it is important to remember that we are talking about human beings and their lives and dignities. No human being should be left to exist on the streets unable to maintain the most basic level of self-care and dignity but that is the truth of the situation – the human tragedy – of E.T.

E.T's story is a sad and desperate one that deserves a positive compassionate outcome. E.T. is known to suffer from a degenerative disease that over the past year has severely decreased his ability to maintain any level of self-care, this has caused a lot of frustration on his part and concern from anyone who sees him. E.T. frequently walks around in soiled clothing from his own excrement because he lacks the ability to control his bodily functions and now struggles to even pull up his pants. His deteriorating mobility issues means he continuously staggers and loses balance and is a major risk for a fall leading to serious injury. More importantly, once he is on the ground, he is almost unable to get himself up again. This is a serious concern as he chooses daily to lay and sleep in the parking and main entrance/delivery area at GPCRC.

The COVID Pandemic presented the new issue of the City of Brampton closing all facilities leaving the Regeneration Outreach Community at the location as the only available facility with showers, bathrooms and a food program. In the early days of March E.T. was brought to the location for showers. As time went on and the lockdown continued E.T. eventually stayed on the property turning the parking area into his makeshift 'home'. This has had an impact on everyone in the community and the consensus is that E.T. needs serious immediate intervention and care.

As the parking area is located right on Main street and visible to all passing traffic—both pedestrian and vehicles, his situation is on display for everyone to see. Community members, renters, contractors have all seen him lying in the parking area, sometimes immobilized and sometimes screaming for help or water. This causes them (as it would anyone) great distress and they either take their own actions or contact us about him. The truth is that GPCRC and the other organizations at this location are not care facilities and E.T. truly needs care with all basic functions. Most recently he has been seen struggling to even swallow food leading to him choking and vomiting.

The main entrance parking area is where he spends most of his time and his lack of control over bodily functions has been shared, there is the issue of public health that this had led to. The property has human urine, feces and vomit all over the place that people walk through to get into the building and track inside the building. The current climate promoting enhanced hygiene and sanitization practices is completely undermined by this situation and as GPCRC is gearing up to re-open to the public and resume the daily use of meeting spaces the safety and care of all community members is at risk. His occupancy of the area and refusal to move is impeding the efforts to keep the area clean and sanitary. This added to the safety risk of him lying in the parking lot, where he has already almost been hit by vehicle as he is not visible to drivers. He also lays in front of the doors at various times during the day and night blocking access not only on a functional standpoint but the risk involved if there needed to be an evacuation. There is an urgency with his situation for both his safety and the safety of everyone involved in the property.

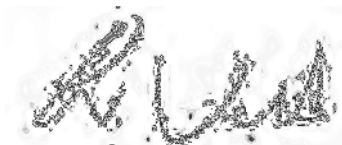
Continuing with the community safety standpoint we come to one of the most distressing points of this issue, and that is that E.T. has become increasingly adversarial, confrontational and threatening to people that are familiar to him and are trying to help him. E.T.'s situation is so frustrating and one can only imagine how his inability to clean himself, avoid soiling himself, and even eat and drink himself, would fester inside of him and it only makes sense that he would be lashing out at people. The growing concern is that his behavior will continue to escalate and this presents two potentially devastating outcomes; the first being that E.T. will seriously injure someone (and likely one of the people who work with him almost daily) and the second, that injury resulting in E.T. being incarcerated. Prison is the last place E.T. needs to be, but with his deteriorating situation, lack of personal dignity and understandable increasing frustration it seems like a potential path. The important thing to note though is that if we can continue to band together to get him the help and assistance needed both of those options can likely be avoided.



In the past few weeks his growing frustrations have led to more frequent violent outbursts where he is kicking the front door of the building, yelling for people to let him in or get him water, he uses profanities often directed right at staff members. He has even threatened to harm a staff member and chased her from the property resulting in a call to 911 for immediate assistance. We are responsible to provide a safe working environment for all of our staff members and this current situation is preventing that. Peel Police and Peel Paramedics have responded to the location numerous times for assistance. We have more than exhausted all resources available and immediately need a viable long-term solution for E.T. and we are looking to the Region of Peel as the provider of health, social services and long-term care to take over.

In summary, this situation has become untenable for E.T., GPCRC and the community at large. E.T.'s situation is deteriorating rapidly and needs immediate action. The community health and safety standards cannot withstand these conditions especially in this unprecedented time where the emphasis on having strong hygiene and sanitization protocols is imperative and being hindered as a result of E.T.'s unfortunate situation. The time to act is now, and the actions must be swift, strong and supportive.

Grace Place Community Resource Centre

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'D. Cameron Welsh'.

D. Cameron Welsh  
Board Chair

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Deb Bergamin'.

Deb Bergamin  
General Manager (A)

(Reference photos included).



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**September 16, 2020**

REGION OF PEEL

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CLERK

**Date:** September 16, 2020

**To:** Chair and Members of Region of Peel Council

**CC:** Councillor Rowena Santos and Councillor Paul Vicente  
Mayor Patrick Brown

**From:** Grace United Church

REFERRAL TO **Human Services**

RECOMMENDED

**Subject:** [REDACTED]

DIRECTION REQUIRED \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIPT RECOMMENDED \_\_\_\_\_

Grace United Church in downtown Brampton is known as "*The church with a heart in the heart of the city*". This is for good reason. Any day you may come by and see some of Brampton's most marginalized and disadvantaged residents on the church grounds - people who have come to Grace Place at Grace United Church for essential support and community.

The church created Grace Place in 2009 to serve as a gathering place for groups and organizations who make our community better. Much of the church building has been dedicated to Grace Place, and church members volunteer with a number of those organizations.

Chief among the Grace Place organizations is Regeneration Outreach Community, with its mission to marginalized and disadvantaged, but another 20 or so organizations also operate from Grace Place. More than 100,000 visits a year are paid to Grace Place and Grace United Church for the services and community to be found here. Grace Place is a vital community hub for the Brampton downtown area.

However, we are now faced with an impossible challenge in the person of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is homeless and suffers from a degenerative disease. He is in extreme physical condition and living rough on the grounds of Grace United Church. He is aggressive and abusive, and a threat to himself and to the visitors and staff at Grace United Church and Grace Place. He urgently needs a permanent placement in a care facility. Some details of [REDACTED] condition and actions are spelled out in the submission you are concurrently receiving from Grace Place.

## Resolution

**Agenda Number: 21.1**

**Date:** September 24, 2020

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**Moved by** Councillor Ras

**Seconded by** Councillor Brown

That staff report to the October 8, 2020 Regional Council meeting with recommendations related to the public disclosure of COVID-19 outbreaks in workplaces;

And further, that the subject report include:

- the criteria used by Peel Public Health for the public disclosure of COVID-19 in workplaces;
- recommended enhancements to existing disclosure practices to create greater transparency;
- methods to be used for the public disclosure of workplace outbreaks; and,
- a comparison of the Region of Peel's approach to disclosure to other Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area jurisdictions.

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Regional Chair

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## Regional Council and Committee Schedule

<b>RC</b>	<b>Regional Council</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>RCB</b>	<b>Regional Council Budget</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>RCB*</b>	<b>Regional Council Budget</b>	<b>Immediately following Regional Council</b>
<b>RCB**</b>	<b>Regional Council Budget</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>Reserved for Regional Business</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>AAC</b>	<b>Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</b>
<b>AMO-P</b>	<b>AMO Annual Conference Preparation Workshop</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.</b>
<b>ARC</b>	<b>Audit and Risk Committee</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>COR</b>	<b>Committee of Revision</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>DEAR</b>	<b>Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>DEAR*</b>	<b>Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>EMPC</b>	<b>Emergency Management Program Committee</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>GRC</b>	<b>Government Relations Committee</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>HSIC</b>	<b>Health System Integration Committee</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.</b>
<b>HSIC*</b>	<b>Health System Integration Committee</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>PLAGM</b>	<b>Peel Living Annual General Meeting</b>	<b>9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>PPC</b>	<b>Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee</b>	<b>1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>PPC*</b>	<b>Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>SHHC</b>	<b>Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>WMSAC</b>	<b>Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee</b>	<b>1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.</b>
<b>WMSAC*</b>	<b>Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee</b>	<b>9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>WMSAC**</b>	<b>Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee</b>	<b>11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>
<b>AMO</b>	<b>Association of Municipalities of Ontario Annual Conference</b>	<b>August 15 - August 18, 2021</b>
<b>FCM</b>	<b>Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference</b>	<b>June 3 - June 6, 2021</b>
<b>OGRA</b>	<b>Ontario Good Roads Association Annual Conference</b>	<b>February 21 - February 24, 2021</b>
<b>ROMA</b>	<b>Rural Ontario Municipal Association Annual Conference</b>	<b>January 23 - January 26, 2021</b>



John Tory  
Mayor

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September 15, 2020

REGION OF PEEL  
OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CLERK

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor  
Toronto, ON M5G 2E5

Tuesday, September 15, 2020

Dear Minister Clark,

As you will recall, your Government assisted a number of public sector employers earlier in the pandemic with a regulation which provided them greater flexibility in deploying staff.

The specific matter of Regulation 157/20 under the Emergency Measures and Civil Protection Act was raised at the weekly meeting of the GTHA Mayors and Chairs today and it was agreed that I would write to you on their behalf requesting it be extended. The discussion centered on an extension of at least 30 days and perhaps as long as 60 days. We would further request that you consult with us at that time, before taking any decision to allow these regulations to lapse, as situations could have changed considerably by that time. You will recall that the Toronto City Manager, Chris Murray wrote to Stephen Davidson in the same regard by way of a letter dated August 13, 2020.

The original impetus behind this Regulation, namely to temporarily suspend the provisions of certain collective agreements to which municipalities are parties in order to permit them to more effectively and efficiently redeploy staff in response to the pandemic, is as relevant and necessary today as it was then.

We discussed in the meeting both the fact that there was a fairly broad understanding of the need for this Regulation when it was originally enacted and we believe that continues to be the case. Such an extension would also carry with it the support of the Mayors and Chairs which we would articulate in any manner you would find helpful.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and we stand ready to discuss it with you further should you wish to do so.

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Sincerely,

John Tory  
Mayor of Toronto

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