

Government Relations Matters

City Council
January 21, 2026



Regional Council

Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

15.3 Update on Development Charges Deferral and Grant Program (January 2026) (For Information)

Summary:

- The report provides an update to the Regional Council on the status of Peel Region's Development Charges Deferral and Grant Program to support Council decision-making, including developments that have qualified to enter the Program to date and the potential financial impact.
- As of January 15, 2026, Peel Region has entered into agreements with developers which has incentivized 3,970 units that would be eligible for grants-in-lieu of DCs of approximately \$97 million.
- Regional staff are engaged in discussions with developers and are actively working on additional applications that could contribute over 1,500 additional units prior to the current deadline of January 31, 2026.

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

- The forecast for potential units that could be eligible for the program includes 19,515 units, including 5,449 in Brampton at a total of \$486M impact in grants-in-lieu of Region's DCs.
- The report indicates that regional staff are considering scenarios for the financial impact over multiple years and will present options to Council as part of the 2027 Budget, once financial obligations related to grants in-lieu of DCs have been firmed up.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report

11.1 Build Canada Homes – Peel Region’s Approach (For Information)

Summary:

- The report outlines Peel Region’s approach to accessing funding through *Build Canada Homes*.

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

- Peel is in the preliminary stages of identifying projects, opportunities, and partnerships for proposals to *Build Canada Homes*, which will offer long-term, low-cost financing to housing developers.
- The Region is issuing a Request for Information (RFI) to housing development stakeholders to collect feedback and identify interest and will report back to Council with results from the RFI.
- City staff will keep Council apprised of any opportunities for collaboration with the Region and non-profit sector to support the creation of affordable housing in Brampton, including any potential opportunities through the Build Canada Homes initiatives.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report

January 13, 2026

Proposed administrative changes to the Building Code that could streamline planning approvals and would allow development projects to proceed more quickly in the Downtown Brampton Special Policy Area

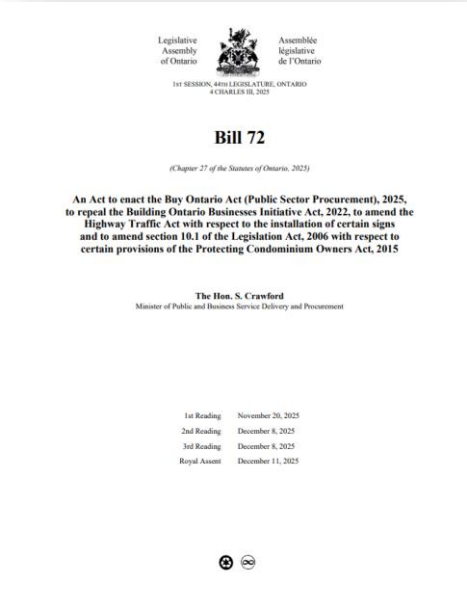


- The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing is seeking feedback from stakeholders and members of the public about an administrative change to the Building Code that could streamline planning approvals and would allow development projects to proceed more quickly in the City of Brampton's Downtown Special Policy Area.
- Following approval of the proposed official plan amendment to the Downtown Brampton Special Policy Area, land use planning approvals and permits leading to construction on the sites could proceed concurrent with the construction of the Riverwalk flood protection infrastructure. However, the proposed amendment to the Building Code would restrict the occupancy of any permanent buildings until after the flood protection infrastructure has been confirmed as complete and functional by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.
- The flood protection infrastructure works that will remove flooding hazards from the sites are anticipated to be completed in 2028.
- Comment are due by February 2, 2026.

The proposed administrative change responds to the City's recent advocacy and builds on successful grant funding secured for advancement of Riverwalk project to address flood risks in downtown Brampton and enable new residential and commercial development.

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Establish 'Buy Ontario' policies under the Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025 for light duty fleet vehicles and construction procurements to promote, protect and build Ontario's economy and businesses and safeguard Ontario's domestic supply chains



- The Buy Ontario Act (Public Sector Procurement), 2025 (Bill 72) allows the government to make regulations specifying additional public sector entities that may be required to comply with procurement directives issued under the Act. These policies could include but are not limited to requiring a preference for Ontario and Canadian goods and services in public-sector procurements.
- To support this work, the Ministry of Public and Business Service Delivery and Procurement (MPBSDP) is seeking public feedback on the following initiatives:
 1. Proposed regulation to add municipalities and local boards as public sector entities under the Act
 2. Proposed Management Board of Cabinet (MBC) directives requiring public sector entities to give preference to Ontario-made goods and services when procuring:
 - a. Light duty fleet vehicles
 - b. Major goods and services in capital infrastructure and construction projects
- The proposed regulations are posted for a 45-day period for public comments due by March 2, 2026.

City staff are reviewing the posting for potential comments. In addition, City Purchasing staff are collaborating and consulting with neighboring municipalities and provincial public sector organizations with respect to a potential collective response.

January 13, 2026

Summit Brings Federal, Provincial and Local Leaders Together to Combat Extortion in Peel Region



- The Minister of Public Safety and the Secretary of State for Combatting Crime, joined the Solicitor General of Ontario, municipal leaders and law enforcement officials for a summit on combatting extortion and other emerging threats in Peel Region.
- The summit builds on Peel Region’s recent efforts to reinforce collaboration, improve coordination between enforcement agencies to protect local businesses and residents, and advance integrated initiatives designed to disrupt the criminal networks behind these crimes that operate across borders and jurisdictions.
- The Government of Canada is providing Peel Regional Police with up to \$1 million to bolster efforts to combat extortion, support and provide services to victims, and build on efforts already underway through its extortion task force.
- The Province of Ontario has allocated \$4.5 million towards Peel Regional Police’s Gang Response Strategy, under the Guns and Gangs Violence Reduction Strategy.

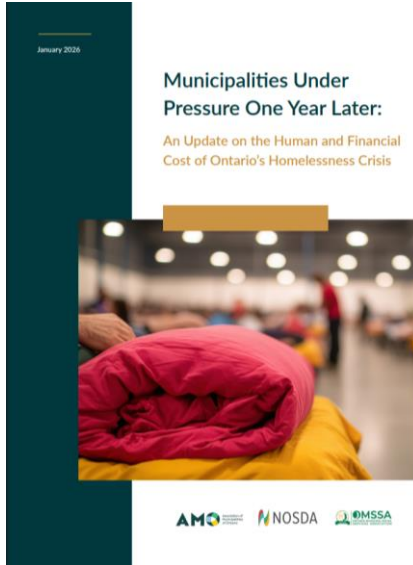
On December 10, 2025 City Council passed a resolution titled Protecting Our Community - Current State of Extortions requesting the Government of Canada to provide funding, targeted victim-support and formal intelligence-sharing framework.

January 13, 2026

Homelessness in Ontario

New AMO report shows that 85,000 Ontarians were homeless in 2025, growing more than 8% since last year and almost 50% since 2021. More than half of all people experiencing homelessness are chronically homeless, staying homeless for longer periods or cycling repeatedly.

- AMO reiterated the recommendations for action made in 2025 calling for:
 - An investment of an additional \$11 billion over 10 years to boost the supply of supportive, transitional and community housing, and increase prevention programs.
 - Municipal spending on homelessness continues to rise as municipalities absorb growing financial and operational pressures due to provincial and federal funding not keeping pace with demand. Addressing homeless encampments alone is estimated to require an additional \$2 billion over the next eight years.
- AMO continues to call for the continuation of the National Housing Strategy and for improved government coordination to ensure programs achieve the most effective outcomes possible.
- Collaboration between all orders of Government is required to ensure our homelessness and housing dollars are having the biggest impact.



The Region of Peel has seen a 223% increase in homelessness in 2024, compared to the 2021 count. Similarly, Brampton has seen a significant rise in homeless encampments and chronic homelessness throughout the year.

On December 5, 2025, OBCM passed a motion urgently requesting the Province declare a state of emergency in response to the homelessness crisis driven by mental health and addiction challenges, which has created a community safety and humanitarian emergency across Ontario.

January 15, 2026

Canada and FCM Announce Support for 80 Community Climate Adaptation Projects

- The Government of Canada and FCM announced a \$7.1 million investment to support 80 climate adaptation projects across Canada.
- This funding helps local governments to develop climate-focused asset management strategies, comprehensive risk assessments, and adaptation plans that protect communities and infrastructure from increased climate threats. In addition, this investment provides funding for several implementation projects designed to bolster community resilience to climate change.
- This investment was made through the Green Municipal Fund's Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA) initiative.



As part of this initiative, the City of Brampton application was approved for a grant of \$140,000 for Assessing Natural Systems Climate Change Vulnerability project.

THANK YOU!

