



Government Relations Matters

**Committee of Council
June 23, 2021**

**GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS**

BRAMPTON
Flower City



Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2021 9:30 AM | Council agenda is available [here](#).

Peel Living Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 24, 2021 9:00 AM | AGM agenda is available [here](#).

*Staff from Public Affairs have reviewed the Council agenda.

Item 7.6 GTA West Corridor (Delegation)

Overview:

- MTO and their consultants (the Project Team) will be delegating to Regional Council on June 24, 2021 on the status of the GTA West Transportation Corridor Environmental Assessment Study.

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- City staff last met with the Project Team on March 31, 2021. As of that date, the Project Team was proceeding on the basis that the corridor will be a provincial highway, with associated design standards, including through the Heritage Heights area. Staff reiterated their objection to the corridor taking the form of a conventional highway through the Heritage Heights area and that the secondary planning for the area is proceeding on the basis that this section of the corridor will be an urban boulevard.
- Subsequent to this meeting, staff received indication from the Project Team that MTO is beginning to explore mitigation approaches for the section of the corridor in Heritage Heights.
- Staff have fewer concerns with the corridor taking the form of a provincial highway through northeast Brampton (in Secondary Plan Area 47).
- City staff and the Project Team are next meeting on June 25, 2021. This meeting is to address the issues of road design, traffic, land development, and project schedule.

Item 17.2 Regional Growth Management Committee – Peel 2041+ Preliminary Employment Conversion Analysis

Overview:

- As part of the Peel 2041+ Update, a draft list of employment conversion recommendations was presented at the Regional Growth Management Committee on June 17, 2021.
- There are currently 29 conversion requests in Brampton that have been submitted to the Region.
- 6 were supported, 4 not supported and 19 were noted as being part of a “flexible policy framework” (FPF).

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- FPF includes “Major Transit Station Areas” through employment lands that staff are working with the Region to delineate.
- FPF also includes “Business Corridor” designations where the Region is recommending latitude with additional retail/employment uses but discouraging residential.
- Staff have provided a list of recommendations that we wish to discuss further with the Region.
- Recommendations from the Region are still draft with some opportunity to influence.
- This is a new process, previously led by the City, now led by the Region.
- Staff will continue to collaborate with the Regional staff on employment conversion requests.

Item 19.5 Federal Gas Tax Funding Accelerated for 2021

Overview:

- The Region of Peel has historically transferred most of the funding it receives from the Federal Gas Tax Funds to its local municipalities
- In 2019, the Region approved the transfer of app. 83% of its 2019-2023 allocation to the local municipalities.
- In response to COVID-19, the Federal government announced that it is expediting the transfer of the 2021 Federal Gas Tax through one lump sum payment to municipalities.
- Peel will receive \$43,822,064.39 in the 2021 Federal Gas Tax Funding in one lump sum payment as opposed to two instalments in July and November.
 - City of Brampton will receive transfer of \$15,626,675.80

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Finance):

- The Region is expected to receive the funds in May/June 2021, followed by transfer to local municipalities.
- As per past practice, the accelerated funding will be part of the funding model for the upcoming budget.
- The impact of advancing the payment will be a slight gain in investment income for a short period of time.

Item 19.6 Establishment of a Public Art and Monuments Committee

Overview:

- The attached draft program considers Public Art and Monuments installed on Regionally owned/operated property.
- A Public Art and Monuments Committee, once established, will finalize draft versions of policy and guideline documents.
- The Committee would then review a resubmitted proposal for a monument in honour of former Premier William (Bill) Davis to be erected on the grounds of the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA), followed by a recommendation to Regional Council for approval.

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Cultural Services):

- The draft program does not impact the Public Art Program run by the City of Brampton.
- Staff in the Culture Unit plan to recommend a refreshed program to Council in Q4, considering the Regional program as outlined in the report.
- Staff would be pleased to work with the Region on any projects installed within the City of Brampton and welcome the opportunity to participate as a City representative(s), as needed.

Ontario Cabinet Shuffle

On June 18, 2021 Premier Ford announced changes to Ontario's Cabinet.

Highlights:

- **Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, MPP for Brampton South, becomes President of the Treasury Board.**
 - Hon. Steve Clark remains the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.
 - Hon. Christine Elliott remains the Minister of Health.
 - Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy remains the Minister of Finance and will assume responsibility for Ontario's digital government strategy within the Ministry of Finance.
 - Hon. Rod Phillips becomes the Minister of Long-Term Care
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- The first opportunity to directly engage with Cabinet Ministers will be at the upcoming 2021 AMO Conference.
 - As part of the Conference, AMO is planning three Ministers' Forums.
 - It is anticipated that the request for forum questions will be coming out soon.

“As we continue our work to rebuild and support Ontario's health system, our renewed team is well positioned to deliver on the priorities that matter to Ontarians, including getting more people back to work, making life more affordable, supporting businesses and job creators and building transit infrastructure.”


- Premier Ford

June 17, 2021: Acceleration of second dose eligibility continues ahead of schedule as follows:

- As of **Monday, June 21, 2021** at 8:00 a.m., all Ontarians who received their first dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine on or before May 9, 2021 are eligible
- As of **Wednesday, June 23, 2021** at 8:00 a.m., individuals who received their first dose of an mRNA vaccine on or before May 30, 2021 and who live in one of the 10 public health units identified as Delta hot spots will be eligible.
- Starting the **week of June 28, 2021** all Ontarians aged 18 and over who have received their first dose of an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine will be eligible. The appointment will be scheduled at least 28 days after the first dose, per the recommended interval.

Ontario is accelerating eligibility to **book a second dose appointment** for those who received a first dose of an mRNA vaccine

MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	WEEK OF JUNE 28
JUNE 21 ALL ONTARIANS 1 st dose on or before May 9	JUNE 23 DELTA HOT SPOTS 1 st dose on or before May 30	ALL ONTARIANS 18+



June 17, 2021: Released a *white paper* for private sector and public input that outlines Ontario’s proposals to implement a fundamental right to privacy, protect Ontarians from unjustified surveillance, and promote responsible innovation.

June 15, 2021: Providing \$10M to help support the identification, investigation, protection, and commemoration of Indian Residential School burial sites.



June 21, 2021: Beginning July 5, 2021, fully vaccinated travellers who are permitted to enter Canada will not be required to quarantine, take a COVID-19 test on day-8, or be required to stay at a government-authorized hotel.

June 15, 2021: Announced the launch of the *Ask the Experts* advertising campaign. The campaign features short videos by trusted experts answering some of the most common questions people have about the COVID-19 vaccines. The videos will encourage vaccine uptake by providing people across Canada with credible COVID-19 vaccine information so they can make informed choices.