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# Government Relations Matters

**City Council**  
**July 7, 2021**

## Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, July 8, 2021 9:30 AM | Council agenda is available [here](#).

\*Staff from Public Affairs have reviewed the Council agenda.

## 8.1 City of Brampton Housing and Action Plan (Delegation)

### Overview:

- Based on City Council direction the City of Brampton staff will provide the Regional Council with highlights of *Housing Brampton*

### City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- City staff will look to the Region for support with many action items, including the following:
  1. **Brampton's proposed CIP Incentives Program:** the City is planning to spend its own resources to incentivise affordable and rental housing in market development city-wide. This is in addition to the Regional incentive program.
  2. **Inclusionary Zoning:** Once established, market developers will be providing a percentage of new units as affordable units. The Region has the expertise to lead and support the administration of these units.
  3. **Housing needs data:** proposing the Region and local municipalities review and update the older housing needs data to ensure adequate and equitable distribution of funding for affordable housing in Brampton.

# Region of Peel | Regional Council - July 8, 2021

## **18.1 Housing Services 2020 Annual Update (Recommendation)**

### Overview:

- This report provides Council with an overview of key accomplishments for 2020, including progress made on implementing Peel's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Plan.
- The affordable housing needs of the community continue to grow and evolve - there has been a significant increase in the number of applicants on the Centralized Wait List.
- it is estimated that as of December 31, 2020, there were 22,445 households on Peel's Centralized Wait List.

## **18.2 Transform Service: Improving Service Quality and Housing Outcomes at Regional Emergency Shelters (Recommendation)**

### Overview:

- The Region of Peel Emergency Shelter services have been re-designed to improve service quality and outcomes - new contracts have been awarded.
- \$2.3M in operating funding is available for re-allocation - staff is seeking Council approval to re-purpose these funds towards enhanced property management standards, additional needs-based subsidies, and to increase the internal staff complement by 7 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) positions with no impact on the tax base.

### City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- The above agenda items do not address the fact that Brampton is still waiting for a family emergency shelter identified in the Region's Housing Master Plan.
- Any current or new funds could be used to address this need.

## 18.3 Housing Service Transformation – Needs-Based Subsidy Prioritization Approach and Policy Changes (Recommendation)

### Overview:

- On May 28, 2020 Regional Council approved the recommendation that Peel adopt a needs-based approach to administering housing subsidies, in order to ensure that limited resources are used to help those with the highest need for housing.
- The Region is proposing 3 new policies to move to the needs-based approach:
  - Needs-Based Clients Must Participate in Case Planning
  - Focus Needs-Based Housing Subsidies in Private Rental Market
  - Adjusting Housing Affordability Levels
- Subject to approval, the needs-based approach to subsidy administration will be piloted throughout 2022 and staff will return to Council with the details of outcomes achieved, in early 2023.

### City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- Brampton residents, over time, will benefit from the adoption of a needs-based approach to administering housing subsidies.
- The transition, however will need to be managed sensitively, as the Region has acknowledged.

# Provincial Government | Update



**July 2, 2021:** Starting July 5, 2021, youth across Ontario aged 12 to 17 will be eligible to book an accelerated second dose appointment.

**June 30, 2021:** Released a [discussion paper](#) for public feedback that will inform the province's first transportation plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

- Public consultation through the ERO is open until 11:59 p.m. on August 28, 2021.

**June 29, 2021:** Investing \$7.7M in 19 projects that will help 2,700+ immigrants qualify for in-demand jobs that employers need to maintain and grow their businesses.

**June 25, 2021:** As of June 28, 2021, all Ontario adults (18+) are eligible to book a second dose appointment.

**June 24, 2021:** Launching a new \$30M Surgical Innovation Fund that will help reduce the backlog of surgeries and procedures.

**June 24, 2021:** As of June 30, 2021, Ontario moved into Step 2 of its Roadmap to Reopen.

COVID-19 Roadmap to Reopen – Step 2

**Ontario enters Step 2 on June 30<sup>th</sup>**

- Over 70% of adults have one dose**  
**Over 20% are fully vaccinated**
  - ✓ 76% of adults have received one dose and 29% are fully vaccinated (as of June 23)
  - ✓ Declining hospitalizations
  - ✓ Declining ICU admissions
  - ✓ Declining weekly cases rate
  - ✓ Declining per cent positivity

Continuing improvements in key public health and health care indicators
- Expanding outdoor activities**
  - Outdoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 25 people
  - Outdoor dining with 6 people per table
  - Outdoor fitness classes
  - Outdoor sports games, leagues and events
  - Outdoor amusement and waterparks
  - Larger outdoor gatherings, events and attractions, with restrictions including capacity limits
- Limited indoor gatherings and services permitted**
  - Indoor social gatherings and organized public events for up to 5 people
  - Essential and other select retail at 50% capacity
  - Non-essential retail at 25% capacity
  - Stores in shopping malls
  - Indoor religious services, rites, or ceremonies including wedding services and funeral services at 25% capacity
  - Personal care services where face coverings can be worn at all times
  - Overnight camps
  - And more...
  - With restrictions, including capacity limits, for small numbers of people where face coverings are worn

For the full plan, visit [ontario.ca/reopen](https://ontario.ca/reopen)



**Natural Infrastructure Fund** | \$200 M to support natural and hybrid infrastructure projects

Infrastructure Canada | Canada



#CCRF

The Canada Community Revitalization Fund is now accepting applications!

Canada

**July 2, 2021:** Starting July 5, 2021, fully vaccinated travellers who are eligible to enter Canada are entitled to reduced public health measures.

**June 30, 2021:** Investing \$44M to create green jobs and training opportunities for Canadians aged 15 to 30 in STEM and other related fields.

**June 28, 2021:** Investing \$30.3M through the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) to help build 67 affordable homes in Brampton for those who are experiencing homelessness or are at risk of experiencing homelessness.

- Part of \$32.75M investment in app. 77 affordable homes in Peel Region.

**June 25, 2021:** Announced a new \$200M Natural Infrastructure Fund to support projects that use natural or hybrid approaches to protect the environment and support healthy communities.

**June 23, 2021:** Announced a new \$500M Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF) to invest in shared and inclusive public spaces, to power post-COVID-19 recovery.

**The Hurontario Main LRT  
Brampton Gateway Terminal to the north of Steeles Avenue**



- Ongoing advocacy regarding the Hurontario Main LRT stop to be located to the north of Steeles Avenue.
- One of the key City advocacy priorities for the upcoming AMO Conference