



November 2, 2021

Dear Mayor and Council:

Re: City Council Agenda November 3rd: Proposed Hospital Levy

The Brampton Board of Trade frequently hears from our members about the importance of world class infrastructure in attracting talent and expanding operations here in Brampton. In our 2021 Business Confidence Index survey, respondents identified adding an additional hospital as the top infrastructure priority for the City. And going back years prior, we have a long track record of calling for investment towards increasing our local hospital capacity.

On Wednesday you will hear from representatives from William Osler Health System (WOHS) on a proposed levy to support Brampton's local contribution towards a redevelopment of Peel Memorial to add an additional six-to-seven storey tower, a 24/7 Emergency Department and to keep open the possibility of bringing specialized cancer care to Brampton.

The Brampton Board of Trade supports, in principle, WOHS' request for a levy and believes that urgent action to add local hospital capacity will be a significant net gain for our business community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle McCollum', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Michelle McCollum
Chair, Brampton Board of Trade