



# **Government Relations Matters**

**Committee of Council  
October 21, 2020**

## Regional Council (Select Agenda Items)

Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 9:30 AM  
Council agenda is available [here](#).

- 7.1 Planning for Heritage Heights Community in Brampton  
*(Presentation by Bob Bjerke, Director, Policy Planning and Andrew McNeill, Strategic Leader, City of Brampton, and Ian Lockwood, Principal, Toole Design Group)*
- 10.1 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2020-2024
- 15.1 GTA West Transportation Corridor EA - Preferred Route Update\*
- 15.2 Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera - Interim Update

(\*Regional agenda includes Items 16.1 – 16.6, correspondence regarding the City of Brampton’s proposal for Heritage Heights Community).

## 7.1 Planning for the Heritage Heights Community in Brampton (Delegation)

### Overview

- The Heritage Heights concept plan, endorsed by Brampton Council, delivers a “complete communities” mode
- The GTA West corridor bisects Heritage Heights. In 2016 the Province appointed the GTA West Advisory Panel. A year later panel determined that the GTA West (Hwy 413) is not the best way to address changing transportation needs as modeling showed 413 would only save drivers 30-60 seconds per vehicle trip. In 2018 – narrower corridor was protected.
- The Council endorsed boulevard option represents nearly three times the level of job creation and offers more than twice the potential for population growth.

### City of Brampton (Comments from Planning)

- Provides Regional Council with an overview of the Heritage Heights work endorsed by Brampton Council, specifically the Boulevard / GTA West concept.

## 15.1 GTA West Transportation Corridor EA - Preferred Route Update (For Information)

### Overview

- On August 7, 2020, the Ministry of Transportation confirmed the Preferred Route and 2020 Focused Analysis Area for the GTA West Transportation Corridor. Regional staff generally support the Preferred Route, but seek clarity on the rationale for, and impacts of, the route in Northwest Brampton and other areas.

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

- Regional staff continue to advocate for further studies be conducted to better understand traffic, environmental and health impacts.
- The preliminary design phase of the environmental assessment (EA) is expected to conclude in Winter 2022.
- Staff will continue to provide updates to Regional Council on key project milestones will continue.

### City Staff Recommendation

*Receive Report*

## 10.1 Community Safety and Well-Being Plan 2020-2024 (Staff Presentation)

### Overview

- Regional Community Safety and Well-being (CSWB) planning tables have developed shared goals, priorities and actions within the three areas of focus: family violence, mental health, addictions and systemic discrimination.
- The CSWB plan aligns with the Region's 20-year strategic plan of Community for Life.
- The approval will be accompanied by a communications campaign .

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

- Council adopted the Provincial Community Safety and Well-Being framework in December 2019.
- The regional Community Safety and Well-Being Plan was developed based on guidance from the provincial document.
- It is the first plan for the Region and a foundational document that promotes collaboration amongst partners
- An action oriented implementation plan will follow, while transactions initiated:
  - Peel Regional Police Situation table re-development
  - Intimate partner/family violence awareness campaign
- The plan addresses systemic gaps where as the action items will be more community/neighborhood level
- The Brampton Community Safety Advisory Committee will have an opportunity to provide feedback on the implementation plan and strategies

### City Staff Recommendation

**Receive the report**

## 15.2 Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera - Interim Update (For Information)

### Overview

- The report provides an update on the development of options, scope, and costs for implementing an Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera program.
- Staff are working with subject matter experts to define the specific business processes that must exist between a processing centre and the courts.
- Further update to the Regional Council is anticipated in early 2021.

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

- The City staff support this initiative. Since student transportation is a Peel/Dufferin School Board jurisdictional responsibility, it is best that the Region of Peel takes carriage of the initiative.
- The City is a stakeholder within the Region's Road Safety Strategy (Vision Zero).
- The Automated School Bus Stop Arm Camera Program will be one the safety measures included in the strategy.

### City Staff Recommendation

**Receive the report**



## Economic and Budget Outlook

An Updated Assessment of the  
Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Ontario continues to  
expand case & contact  
management to stop  
the spread of COVID-19



**October 15, 2020:** Appointed 10 new members to an expert panel to help modernize cybersecurity across the Ontario Public Sector.

- Earlier this month, announced an academic partnership with Brampton based Ryerson University's Rogers Cybersecure Catalyst.

**October 15, 2020:** The Financial Accountability Office of Ontario (FAO) released its 2020 Fall Economic and Budget Outlook, which reflects the impact of COVID-19:

- Projecting budget deficit at a record \$37.2B in 2020-21, up from \$8.7B last year
- Projecting the budget deficit will improve to \$20.4B in 2021-22.
- App. \$14B will be required to balance Ontario's budget by 2025-26.

**October 14, 2020:** Effective October 16th and until further notice, short-term and temporary absences for social or personal reasons will not be allowed at long-term care homes in City of Ottawa, Region of Peel & City of Toronto.

- Also announced hiring of 100 new contact tracers, with up to 500 more recruits expected to be hired by mid-November.





**October 12, 2020:** Application process opened for the Canada Recovery Benefit (CRB).

**October 16, 2020:** Launched 2 challenges through the Innovative Solutions Canada (ISC) program to make personal protective equipment (PPE) more compostable and recyclable:

- Recycling technologies for disposable (single-use) PPE in health care.
- Compostable disposable surgical masks and compostable disposable respirators used in the Canadian health care system.

These challenges will close on November 6 and 17, 2020, respectively.





## Sustainable Communities Conference 2020

The virtual Conference takes place October 20–22, 2020.

Program includes guest speakers, expert panel discussions, interactive workshops, and a variety of networking opportunities.