



Government Relations Matters

City Council
December 8, 2021

**GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS**

Regional Council

Thursday, 9 December 2021 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

The Public Affairs team reviewed the Council agenda and engaged with relevant department staff.

Item 13.2 - Regional Supports and the Impact to International Students in Peel (For Information)

Overview:

- The staff report provides an overview of Region of Peel supports and the impact to international students.

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Corporate Projects, Policy & Liaison Division):

- The City has established the Town and Gown Advisory Committee
 - The intent of the Committee is to establish a forum to allow for open exchange and dialogue between the City, post-secondary institutions and other community stakeholders to work together to address areas of common interest and/or shared areas of concern within the Committee's mandate for the betterment of the community
 - One of the starting points and areas of focus for the Town and Gown includes student housing & landlord relationships
- The City continues to support International Students in areas that fall under municipal jurisdiction
- Staff are in discussions as community roundtable and summit are being planned
- It is Important the note, as noted in the report, that the Federal and Provincial governments have the jurisdiction and responsibility for the international student program, including policies, regulations and strategies

Item 19.2 - Peel Goods Movement Update (For Information)

Overview:

- The staff report provides an update on the Region of Peel's Goods Movement program

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning, Building and Economic Development):

1. The Peel Goods Movement Strategic Plan 2017-2021

- The majority of action items in the plan are either complete or are targeted for completion in 2021/2022.
- City staff work with the Region on goods movement-related actions and will be actively engaged in the update

2. The Peel Goods Movement Task Force

- Public and private sector interests involved in goods movement to promote and advocate for efficient goods movement in the Region.
- Throughout 2020 and 2021 the Task Force met virtually to discuss and address challenges to the goods movement industry introduced by the COVID-19 pandemic.

3. The Smart Freight Centre

- Throughout 2020 and 2021 the Smart Freight Centre advanced a number of projects, including the establishment of the Freight Data Warehouse, a survey of Peel residents on e-commerce-related trends and impacts, and an analysis of interchanges and intersections to support long combination vehicles.
- The research conducted at the Smart Freight Centre will inform the City of Brampton's planning for the movement of goods to, from, and within the city.

Item 17.7 - Report from the Deputy Clerk Regarding the Public Meeting held on November 18, 2021

Overview:

- Report from the Deputy Clerk provides a summary of the Public Meeting held on November 18, 2021
- The meeting sought public input in relation to proposed changes to the Regional Chair position

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Public Affairs):

- The following slides provide information requested at the October 20, 2021 Council meeting
- The slides are based on available information and outreach conducted by the Public Affairs team

Regional Motion of October 14, 2021 (Item 22.1)

Proposed Wording for the [Draft By-law](#) to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it relates to the appointment and term of office of the Regional Chair:

1. That should any future Chair of the Regional Council be appointed from amongst the elected Regional Councillors, that appointee shall:
 - a) be required to continue to sit as, and to fulfill the office of, a member for the lower tier municipal ward to which that appointee was elected; and,
 - b) be appointed to serve for a two-year term and until his or her successor is appointed, provided that Regional Council may reappoint as Chair the same member or appoint a different member or appoint a Chair who is not an elected member of Regional Council, for the next ensuing two-year term, and provided further that the term shall not extend beyond the term of council.
2. That in the event that an elected member of Regional Council has been appointed as Chair, two Vice-Chairs of Regional Council shall also be appointed from amongst the remaining Regional Councillors, and such Vice-Chairs shall:
 - a) represent two lower tier municipalities that differ from one another and from the municipality represented by the appointee as Chair, and shall continue to sit as members for the lower tier municipal wards to which the appointees as Vice-Chairs have been elected;
 - b) have the role of assisting the Chair and acting from time to time in the place of the Chair at the request of the Chair or when the Chair is absent or refuses to act or the office of the Chair is vacant; and,
 - c) be appointed for a two-year term, provided that, should Regional Council appoint a Chair who is an elected member of Regional Council for the remaining term of council, Regional Council may reappoint as Vice-Chairs the same member or members or appoint different members for the next ensuing two-year term, subject to the requirements of paragraph 2 a) of this By-law, and provided further that the term shall not extend beyond the term of council.
3. This By-law shall not prevent Regional Council from appointing a Chair who is not an elected member of Regional Council...

**The above does not constitute the full text of the proposed By-law. Full text of the motion is available [here](#).*

Background – Item 8.3 Motion (Regional Chair)

On October 20, 2021 the City Council passed the following motion:

C343-2021

That staff be requested to report to Council, through a future Government Relations Update, on the following:

1. Possible scenarios that may result from the implementation of the Region of Peel Motion of October 14, 2021 regarding the position of Regional Chair, and
2. A comparison of Region Chair positions in other regional municipalities, including information on position, duties and functions, compensation and office budget;
3. Potential improvements to provisions for alternate representation at Regional Council meetings.

The Public Affairs has engaged with the Clerk's office and the Region of Peel, to understand the applicable timelines and procedural requirements and provide Members of Council with requested information.

1. Possible scenarios resulting from the implementation of the Regina of Peel Motion of October 14, 2021

Current Situation	Propose By-law (individual appointed as Chair is a Regional Councillor who is also a local municipal ward councillor)
4 year term	2 year term
Not entitled to hold any other elected office.	Two (2) Vice-Chairs
	Continue to sit as, and to fulfill the office of, a member for the lower tier municipal ward to which they were elected, while also fulfilling the role of Regional Chair.

**If the individual appointed Chair is not a local municipal ward council member of Regional Council, then there is no change.*

November 18, 2021 Public Meeting - Highlights:

Positive	Concerns
Two Vice-Chairs represent an opportunity for improved sharing of duties	Role of the Regional Chair may to shift to part-time position
Potential for savings	Potential for “tie votes” taking place as Council would comprise 24 members and not 25 as is the case currently.
	Potential for an elected Member of Council also serving as Regional Chair, presenting possible conflicts of interest (or perception thereof) in their responsibility to local constituents, while at the same time acting in the best interests of the Region of Peel as a whole.

2. Comparison of the Regional Chair positions in other regional municipalities

	Region of Peel	Durham Region	York Region	Niagara Region
Compensation (Public Sector Salary Disclosure 2020)	\$203,430.10	\$237,372.63	\$226,909.02	\$132,476.76
Office of the Regional Chair Budget (2021)	809,980.00	\$674,000.00	\$2.5M (Office of The Chair and Council)	TBD
Staff	Three (3) dedicated positions	Two (2) dedicated positions	Two (2) dedicated positions	TBD

**The above table reflects the current situation.*

2. (Continued) Chair Role & Responsibilities

Role & Responsibilities	Region of Peel	Durham Region	York Region	Niagara Region
Head of Council and the Chief Executive Officer of the Region	✓	✓	✓	✓
Opening and presiding over Regional Council meetings and may vote on issues in the event of a tie	✓	✓	✓	✓
Declaring emergencies	✓	✓	✓	✓
Represents the Region in dealing with other levels of government.	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promoting York Region locally, nationally and internationally	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sits on the Police Services Board	✓	✓	✓	✓
Promotes the Region at local, national and international levels and participates in activities that enhance the economic, social and environmental well-being of the Niagara Region and its residents.	✓	✓	✓	✓

**The above table does is not a comprehensive list of regional Chair(s), rather it provides highlights of Chair responsibilities for comparison and illustrative purposes.*

3. Potential improvements to provisions for alternate representation at Regional Council meetings

Background

- December 4, 2018 Staff Report: [Appointment of Alternate Regional Councillor in the Event of a Temporary Absence of a Brampton Regional Councillor at Region of Peel Council for the 2018-2022 Term](#)
- December 11, 2019 Staff Report: [Rotation of Brampton's Additional Regional Councillor \(RM 36/2018\)](#)

Current Situation

- Council City Councillor Harkirat Singh has been appointed as an alternate Regional Councillor in the event of a temporary absence of a Brampton Regional Councillor at Region of Peel Council for the 2018-2022 Term of Council.
- The alternate Regional Councillor cannot be rotated or substituted as the additional Regional Councillor.

Options

- The Municipal Act has new provisions to allow for proxy voting (Section 243.1) in the event a Member is absent from a meeting, subject to various conditions.
 - Brampton has not invoked the proxy voting provisions for our City Council.
 - The Region of Peel did amend its by-law in July 2020 to enable the provisions, subject to the limitations set out in the Municipal Act.
 - The Region's Procedure By-law (and the Act under Section 243.1 (1)) states that a "...member appointed as an alternate member of the upper-tier council under section 268 shall not appoint a proxy



December 6, 2021: Appointed nine (9) members to a new Housing Affordability Task Force to provide recommendations on additional measures to address market housing supply and affordability.

- The Task Force will be chaired by Jake Lawrence, CEO and Group Head, Global Banking and Markets at Scotiabank

December 2, 2021: Accelerating COVID-19 vaccine booster dose eligibility to Ontarians aged 50+ and additional high-risk individuals.

December 1, 2021: Announced deployment of electric vehicle (EV) fast chargers (Ivy Charging Network chargers) at all ONroute locations.

- 17 ONroute locations will be operational in time for next summer, another three (3) ONroute locations will open by end of 2022.

December 1, 2021: Announced a multi-billion-dollar investment to build a new, state-of-the-art Mississauga Hospital (replacement & expansion) and expanding Queensway Health Centre (Trillium Health Partners).

- 350 additional new beds
- Expanded emergency departments (ER)
- increase the number of operating rooms

Provincial Investment



Estimated Total Capital Costs:
\$500M - \$1B

William Osler Health System – Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness Phase 2

- Transform Peel Memorial into a 24/7 inpatient hospital
- Expand Urgent Care Centre operations, paving the way for 24/7 Emergency Department
- 250 specialized beds, with space for more in future



Estimated Total Capital Costs:
>\$2B

Trillium Health Partners Broader Redevelopment – Mississauga Hospital Site

- Full replacement of existing hospital site
- 350 additional new beds; for a total of over 950 beds
- New and expanded Emergency Department (ED)

The Timelines



William Osler Health System - Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness Phase 2



Trillium Health Partners Broader Redevelopment
– Mississauga Hospital Site

**Source: Infrastructure Ontario, October 2021 Market Update*

December 7, 2021: Announces \$200M to address climate change by restoring carbon-rich ecosystems through nature-based solutions.

- Applications are accepted until January 25, 2022



December 2, 2021: The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, will present an Economic and Fiscal Update in the House of Commons on December 14, 2021, at approximately 4:00 p.m. ET.

November 30, 2021: Canada and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) announced investment of \$1,7M in 16 plans, studies and pilot projects to support the building or retrofitting of 16,753 units in communities across Canada.

- The investment is made through the FCM's Sustainable Affordable Housing (SAH) initiative