# CITY OF BRAMPTON COVID-19 Response Update CAO Presentation to Council

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## Background

- **December 31, 2019**: World Health Organization (WHO) officials identified 44 patients demonstrating pneumonia symptoms of an unknown etiology in Wuhan, China
- January 28, 2020: the City of Brampton activated the EOC and Pandemic Plan. BEMO assumed the pandemic incident lead.
- March 13: CAO ordered closure of all City services and buildings remote working was initiated for staff who were able to do so.
- March 24: Mayor declared State of Emergency for City of Brampton



### **Overarching approach**

- IMS structure put in place to manage response
- Task Forces set up to provide services and support to key affected individuals and groups
- Focus on the principles of transparency, collaboration with partners
- Commitment to timely response and communication with staff and residents
  - o nimble response, quick pivot when necessary
  - respond, assess effectiveness, adjust course where necessary, apply learnings on an ongoing basis
- Ongoing advocacy to address growing and changing needs and challenges



### Communications

Timely and accurate communications to staff and public were critical

- Staff and people leaders were kept informed with daily emails from the CAO
- Residents/community
  - Regular Tele Town Halls to answer public questions on pandemic and City services
  - Dedicated COVID-19 website created
  - Media releases, SIUs on pertinent updates and public-facing COVID cases
  - Local and ethnic media campaigns to highlights safety measures and guidelines
  - Translations of many materials



#### **Financial Impacts**

The Financial Impacts of the City's COVID-19 response on the City of Brampton's finances include:

- Projected deficit of \$61,902,000
- Deficit offset by:
  - 1. Phase 1 Safe Restart Agreement \$34,900,000
  - 2. Municipal Transit Enhanced Cleaning Fund -\$602,038
- Emergency Measures (*PPE, Enhanced Cleaning, Distancing Measures, Communications*) costs of \$10,225,000





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## **Moving forward**

- Staff have been nimble and responsive in their approach to the quickly-changing landscape of COVID-19.
- Staff will continue to assess their response, gather lessons learned and adjust accordingly moving forward.
- Staff will continue to monitor, report and advise Council on substantive operational and financial impacts of COVID-19.
- A year-end COVID-19 report will be provided to Council.

