

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
February 22, 2023



Regional Council

Thursday, 23 February 2023 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

The Government Relations team reviewed the Council agenda and engaged with relevant department staff.

8.1 Infrastructure Planning to Support Bill 23 Housing Targets (Presentation)

Summary:

- Oral presentation by Tara Buonpensiero, Acting Chief Planner and Director, Planning and Development Services and Anthony Parente, General Manager, Water and Wastewater.
- **Content not available at the time this presentation was prepared.**

Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The City of Brampton provided detailed comments to the province on its position in relation to Bill 23.
- City expressed a desire to work collaboratively and support for provincial policy priorities of increasing housing supply and affordability, streamlining housing approval processes, and identifying opportunities for improvements.
- The City also identified a need for provincial funding for soft and supporting infrastructure required to enable and support housing development, including transportation and roads, water and wastewater infrastructure, health care, etc.
- The City continues to work with the province in a collaborative way to ensure infrastructure funding aligns with the housing growth targets for Brampton.

8.2 The Role of the Region of Peel and Peel Housing Corporation in Peel's Affordable Housing System (For Information & Staff Presentation)

Summary:

- Provides Council with an overview of the role of the Region of Peel and Peel Housing Corporation in the affordable housing system.

Staff Comments (Planning):

- The Region's role as Service Manager is integral to delivering housing to low and moderate income households.
- With approximately 17% of Brampton residents living in core housing need (unaffordable, inadequate or unsuitable housing), staff recognize the growing need for more supportive housing, subsidized housing and affordable housing units in Brampton.
- Staff support the review of housing needs analysis and current service levels to support the growing housing needs of Brampton residents.
- As the Region is only able to meet approximately 30% of the need, additional funding, partnerships, collaboration and innovative approaches are required.

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

9.2 Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program Update (Recommendation)

Summary:

- In October, 2020, through a motion the Regional Council approved a 12-month residential Rat Control Rebate Pilot Program and a rodent abatement program on construction sites, with the Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program having been launched in March 2021. In March 2022, Council extended the program until November 30, 2022.
- Through this report regional staff recommend the program ends due to low uptake and associated program costs.

Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The staff recommendation to end the program suggests aligning efforts with Public Health’s existing work on pests.
- Item 20.1 on the agenda is a motion calling for the program to be further extended until December 31, 2023 citing the COVID-19 pandemic as a potential factor in the low resident participation.
- The motion also stipulates the “current program may not be meeting the needs of the community, but a modified program should be developed to proactively manage rat populations.”

13.3 Homelessness Prevention Program – Service Provider Agreements (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Regional staff is seeking Council approval to extend agreements valued at \$2,666,347 with existing service providers to continue providing services under the Homelessness Prevention Program.

Staff Comments (Community Services):

- Current agreements with some service providers under the Homelessness Prevention Program expire March 31, 2023.
- While staff support the report recommendations, the report lacks detail on how the remaining \$180,465 would be distributed.

Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendations.

13.4 Inclusionary Zoning Administration Update (For Information)

Summary:

- Work on the Inclusionary Zoning program administration is paused given the uncertainties of Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022.

Staff Comments (Planning):

- The City recognizes the skills and expertise of the Region in supporting the administration of Inclusionary Zoning in Brampton, with knowledge and experience in managing a wait list, matching residents to units and administering affordable community/subsidized housing.
- The City continues to work in collaboration with the Region of Peel in developing Brampton's first Inclusionary Zoning framework.
- City staff await further information coming from the new Inclusionary Zoning regulation (updates to O.Regulation 232/18), as outlined through Bill 23, and will provide an update City council advising of the changes to Inclusionary Zoning when more information is available.

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

15.1 Reaffirming City of Mississauga's Position on Independence (Motion - Mayor Crombie)

Summary:

- The motion reaffirms Mississauga Council's position that the City of Mississauga should become a single tier municipality, independent of the Region of Peel, maintaining the current municipal borders of the City of Mississauga and opposition to the amalgamation of the City of Mississauga with any other municipality.

Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The motion calls on the province to appoint facilitators and ensure Mississauga is part of the review process, while establishing a process for information and data collection and analysis.
- The City of Brampton Council has not yet taken a formal position on the provincial appointment of facilitator and regional review.
- City staff continue to monitor and provide updates related to Bill 39 and the anticipated appointment of provincial facilitators and the forthcoming review.



February 15, 2023: Major Investment Strengthens Ontario's End-to-End Electric Vehicle Supply Chain

- Magna International, one of the world's largest automotive suppliers, located in Brampton, announced \$471 million investment to expand its Ontario operations.
- Magna's investment includes opening of a new \$265 million EV battery enclosure facility in Brampton later this year.
 - Approximately 560 new jobs will be added in Brampton and to the surrounding region.
- Ontario is providing \$23.6 million in funding through *Invest Ontario*.



February 15, 2023: Ontario Releases 2022-23 Third Quarter Finances

- Real gross domestic product (GDP) estimated to have increased by 3.7 per cent in calendar year 2022.
- Projecting a deficit of \$6.5 billion in 2022-23.
- Overall program expense in 2022–23 is projected to be \$188.6 billion, \$3.4 billion higher than forecast in 2022.

Staff will monitor for further funding and policy announcements ahead of the 2023 Budget scheduled for March 31, 2023.



February 10, 2023: Funding for gun crime and gang violence prevention in the Region of Peel

- The Minister of Public Safety announced up to \$8.1 million from the Building Safer Communities Fund (BSCF) to prevent gun crime and gang violence in Peel.
- The Region will distribute the funding to community-led projects for young people involved in gangs or at risk of joining them.



Meeting with Brampton Members of Parliament (MPs)

- Meeting with Members of the Brampton City Council to discuss the City of Brampton's pre-budget submission and city priorities.
- Continues the productive working relationship between the two levels of government.
- Meeting details:
 - Date: February 24, 2023
 - Time: 12:30 PM
 - Location: City Hall



AMO's 2023 Pre-Budget Submission

Submission Highlights:

- Bill 23: work together on the implementation of legislative changes; clarity about the commitment to fully offset financial impacts from the legislation; work together to address legislative changes that have unintended consequences.
- Funding for critical supporting infrastructure.
- Province to take a leadership role and work with municipalities to address the homelessness crisis.
- Work with municipalities to find the fiscal and policy solutions that support economic growth and prosperity.



FCM's 2023 Pre-Budget Submission

New investments and immediate increase to the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF) totaling \$2 billion and at least \$1 billion/ year.

Predictable, up-front, allocation-based model for the **Housing Accelerator Fund**.

Invest in the **National Housing Co-Investment Fund** and **Rental Construction Financing Initiative** for more affordable rental supply.

Scale up the **Rapid Housing Initiative** and **Reaching Home** program.

Permanently double the **Canada Community Building Fund** to \$4.4 billion per year to renew core municipal infrastructure.

A new federal program for **water infrastructure**.

Launch the **Permanent Public Transit Fund** in 2023, and implement a comprehensive plan for inter-community transit in partnership with provinces and territories.

THANK YOU!

