

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
May 10, 2023



Regional Council

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

8.2 Climate Change Master Plan Progress Report 2022 (For Information)

Summary:

- The report provides the annual Region of Peel Climate Change Master Plan progress update

Staff Comments (Planning):

- This report, including funding is related to Regional corporate GHG emissions and Regional services. Consequently, the City of Brampton remains responsible for its corporate GHG emissions and City services as well as community emissions. The need remains for the City to build organizational capacity, identify funding mechanisms, plan innovative pilot projects and establish supportive policies and plans.
- With future population growth, the full implementation of Peel's Climate Change Master Plan will require increases to budget and staff capacity, the City also requires increased budget and staffing to implement CEERP, PREP, CCAP.
- The Region and the City track their own corporate GHG emissions, however there is no mechanism to track community emissions. There is a need for follow-up tracking to quantify progress in emissions reduction at the City level.
- Opportunity is identified for a greater role in the community working with area municipalities and community stakeholders to lead or support under resourced climate change actions or shared priorities, including Brampton initiated Centre for Community Energy Transformation and Peel Residential Energy Program.

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report

13.1 Affordable Housing: Investments Needed to Close the Gap (For Information)

Summary:

- The report provides an overview of core housing need and the investment needed to close or reduce the gap between need and current service levels - further discussion to take place at the scheduled education session.

Staff Comments (Planning):

- The City supports the ongoing advocacy to all levels of government to provide the necessary funding and supports to address the housing crisis and homelessness in Peel.
- A partnership model across all levels of government, as well as with the private sector and non-profit sector, is imperative in delivering the full mix of housing options to meet Brampton needs.
- The affordable housing system in Peel is currently only meeting 19 per cent of the need. It is estimated that it could take up to \$50 billion over the next ten years to meet 100 per cent of core housing need in Peel. An additional \$4 billion is required to simply continue to meet 19 per cent of need over the next ten years.
- The City recognizes its role in addressing housing affordability, and is committed to funding affordable housing through the Housing Catalyst Capital Project and work to develop a Community Improvement Plan for affordable housing, including purpose-built rental.

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report

13.2 Enhancing Supports for Street Homelessness (Recommendation)

Summary:

- This report maintains recommendation to replace the existing Welcoming Streets Pilot program with a re-designed place-based Regional Outreach program, while proposing interim, temporary solutions to enhance supports in Mississauga and around the Wilkinson shelter in Brampton.

Staff Comments (Community Services, Planning):

- The Welcoming Streets Pilot program launched in January 2022 and was evaluated in early 2023. The evaluation results were reported to Council on March 23, 2023. Staff further recommended that Council defer approving the creation of a place-based Outreach Program until May 11, 2023, to allow Council to consider the recommendation as part of a more comprehensive housing investment discussion. Staff support the new place-based approach.
- To prevent disruption in service in downtown Brampton, Council approved staff's recommendation to provide up to \$150,000 to the City so the existing Welcoming Streets program continue in downtown Brampton until the end of 2023.
- Regional staff recommend the Welcoming Streets Program be disbanded and replaced by a re-designed place-based Regional Outreach Program. The new and improved Regional Outreach Program enhancements will not be implemented until 2024. City of Brampton should be consulted when designing the new place-based approach.

Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

19.1 Discussion Regarding Correspondence Received at the March 9, 2023 Regional Council Meeting - International Students and the International Student Charter

Summary:

- Correspondence from the City of Brampton and a subsequent discussion item regarding Sheridan College International Students Summit and Charter.

Staff Comments (Planning):

- The City's Housing Team has been working alongside Sheridan College as one of the selected applicants to receive the Housing Catalyst Capital Project funding. The funds are proposed to be used to complete a comprehensive student need assessment study in collaboration with community partners to support the increased demand of housing for students in Brampton.
- Student Experience Charter will help to provide guidance on the work being conducted to support the provision of more student housing in the city, as well as provide a basis for where student housing should be located and how to provide the relevant supports to address the key elements heard through the discussions (e.g. mental health and addictions, financial stress, lack of culturally sensitive support, exploitation & violence, etc.).
- The Charter will also support the City in understanding the key needs of students as they study and settle in Brampton, ensuring the creation of equitable and complete communities for all.

20.1 Welcoming Streets Pilot Program in Cooksville, Malton and Port Credit (Motion)

Summary:

- Motion requesting funding to implement the Welcoming Streets Pilot Program in Cooksville, Malton and Port Credit in Mississauga.

Staff Comments (Community Services, Planning, Government Relations):

- The motion is related to item 13.2 Enhancing Supports for Street Homelessness (Recommendation).
- In light of the time it will take to implement the new and improved Regional Outreach Program enhancements, the motion requests \$750,000 to implement a Welcoming Streets pilot program, as is, in Cooksville, Malton and Port Credit.
- Given the City's experience in implementing the Welcoming Streets program in downtown Brampton, it would be difficult to implement the program in additional areas for the summer. At the same time the new outreach program is set to start in 2024.



May 5, 2023: Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant

- \$25.5 million over two years to help address the rise of hate incidents against religious and minority groups.
- *New Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant*
 - Provide up to \$10,000 to help religious groups, Indigenous communities and cultural communities to better protect and secure their facilities from hate-motivated incidents, graffiti, vandalism or other damage;
 - Funding can be used for things such as building upgrades, enhancing locks, installing cameras, training staff, completing security assessments, introducing safer cybersecurity measures, hiring short-term professional security personnel and making repairs.
- *Applications for the Anti-Hate Security and Prevention Grant will open in summer 2023.*

May 4, 2023: Third-Party Audit Process of Municipal Finances and Development Fees



- Announced start of the procurement process for third parties to conduct audits for the finances of six select municipalities including:
 - **City of Toronto, Peel Region, Mississauga, Caledon, Brampton, and Newmarket**
- Audits are to help ensure the province is ready to deliver on its goal of building 1.5 million homes by 2031 and facilitate a shared understanding of any potential or perceived impacts of the *More Homes Built Faster Act* including changes to development-related fees and charges.
- Once the selection process is complete, the audits would be conducted later this year.
- Audit intended outcomes:
 - Demonstrate how these municipalities have managed their funds, delivered services, and made decisions with regards to local infrastructure projects;
 - Help develop future provincial policies and programs supporting long-term municipal financial sustainability and housing-related infrastructure investments.

May 3, 2023: Tackling Organized Crime Networks and Auto Theft



- Announced \$51 million in new measures to help police identify and dismantle organized crime networks and address auto theft.
- Creation of an Organized Crime Towing and Auto Theft Team led by the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) to work with police services to identify, disrupt and dismantle organized crime networks participating in vehicle theft.
- New community safety grant that targets auto theft:
 - Starting this year, OPP, municipal and First Nations police services will be eligible to apply for funding for extra tools, supports and resources to fight and prevent auto theft in their communities.
- New Major Auto Theft Prosecution Response Team to provide dedicated legal and prosecutorial support to the OPP to prepare and prosecute complex cases.

Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023

- On April 6, 2023, the Province of Ontario introduced Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, which proposes significant changes to the provincial planning framework and increased support for renters in Ontario.
- The Province is soliciting comments to the proposed changes through 9 ERO and ORR postings which the City will be commenting on, with three different commenting deadlines.
- This report is the second of three reports that Staff are bringing to Council:
 - May 3rd – Comment Deadline of May 6th
 - May 10th – Comment Deadline of May 21st
 - May 24th – Comment Deadline of June 5, 2023



A detailed recommendation report regarding City comments on the proposed amendments through Bill 97 is attached



Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023 cont'd

- The attached recommendation report focuses on 5 of the ERO and ORR postings and City comments, with commenting deadlines of May 21st. The postings propose amendments to the *Planning Act*, *Municipal Act*, *City of Toronto Act*, and the *Residential Tenancies Act*.
- Some of the key proposed changes include:
 - Adding the provision of Site Plan Control permissions for developments of 10 or fewer units under certain conditions; and
 - Increased protections for tenants against various types of evictions such as protecting against bad faith renovation evictions.
- The final report with the June 5, 2023 commenting deadline will be brought to Council on May 24, 2023 and will focus on the proposal to integrate the current PPS and A Place To Grow into a new Provincial Planning Statement, including a review of the proposed approach to Implementation of the proposed Provincial Planning Statement

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THANK YOU!

