

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
June 7, 2023



Regional Council

Thursday, June 8, 2023 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

Staff have reviewed the Council agenda and reached out to department staff for comments.

9.1 Development Charge Policy – Place of Worship (For Information)

Summary:

- This report provides information as per Regional Council Resolution #2023-238 that staff report back to Council identifying differences between the development charges by-laws within Peel specific to their application to places of worship; and also that staff provide information and/or options that would allow for the Region to harmonize its approach to the calculation of Regional development charges applicable to places of worship with those of its local municipalities.

Staff Comments (Finance, Government Relations):

- The Regional staff provide four (4) options to harmonize Regional approach with local municipalities, with cost estimates ranging from \$500,000 to \$2 million.
- Any Regional Council decision will be made in the context of the forthcoming changes resulting from Bill 112.
- A decision by Council would have no financial impact to the City.

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

9.2 Statement of Development Charges Reserve Funds - Fiscal Year 2022 (Recommendation)

Summary:

- This staff report satisfies an annual statutory reporting requirement by providing the statement of development charges reserve funds for fiscal year 2022.

Staff Comments (Finance):

- Development Charges Act (DCA) requires that the Treasurer of the municipality provide to Council, annually, a financial statement relating to development charge by-laws and Reserve Funds.
- As of December 31, 2022 Region of Peel's DC Reserve Fund balances before capital commitments were \$93 million compared to City of Brampton's \$384 million. Balances after capital commitments were (\$2,091) million and \$70 million respectively.
- Region of Peel's significant negative Reserve Fund balances after capital commitments present significant risk with respect to the impacts of Bill 23 on capital program.

Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

9.4 External Consulting Services for Asset Retirement Obligations (ARO) Adoption – Document 2022-488N (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Deloitte LLP was awarded a contract for the supply of external consulting services for Phase 1 of the asset retirement obligation (ARO) adoption project.

Staff Comments (Finance):

- The Public Sector Accounting Standards (PSAS) 3280 – Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) requires public sector entities to set up a liability related to the legal obligation for retiring a tangible capital asset. This standard is effective for 2023 fiscal year end.
- Region of Peel staff is requesting additional funds for the existing contract with Deloitte LLP to assist with the implementation of this standard.
- The City of Brampton is in the process of implementing this standard. Most of the work is being done by City staff with limited engagement by KPMG LLP.

Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

9.5 Bill 112 – Managing Through the Transition (Recommendation)

Summary:

- Bill 112, The Hazel McCallion Act, if passed, will dissolve the Regional Municipality of Peel effective January 1, 2025. This report puts forward principles to guide the Regional staff through the transition period.

Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- Peel’s Executive Leadership Team developed principles for approaching the 2024 budget and existing workplans.
- Decisions are to be made in the public interest with regard for the municipal restructuring, ensuring value for money, high quality efficient services and that other municipalities are not unreasonably impacted.
- Bill 112 is in the final stages of the Legislative process and could receive Royal Assent this week.
- It is expected, once the bill becomes law, the Minister will name members of the Transition Board to facilitate the municipal restructuring – the Board is expected to be in place by end of July.
- The province has also announced financial audits to take place this year.

Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

9.6 William G. Davis Memorial Sculpture at Peel Art Gallery, Museum, and Archives (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The staff report seeks Council approval for a memorial sculpture in honour of the former Premier of Ontario, William (Bill) Davis to be installed on the grounds of the Peel Art Gallery, Museum, and Archives, and that the draft Public Art and Monuments Policy and Guidelines be approved.

Staff Comments (Cultural Services):

- On March 29, 2023, 12.2.2 City of Brampton Staff Report re: Preferred Site for William G. Davis Memorial Sculpture (Appendix II) was presented to City of Brampton Council. A motion to refer the report to the April 6 council meeting carried.
- Upon approval of the report at Regional Council, City of Brampton staff will formalize the Provincial Funding Agreement and issue a Call for Artist proposals.

Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

17.2 Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023, and Proposed Provincial Planning Statement (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The staff report seeks Council endorsement for staff comments and recommendations provided to the Province regarding Bill 97 and Proposed Provincial Planning Statement. The report also seeks direction for staff to provide further comment to the Province on Bill 97 and the proposed changes to the Planning Act, to request the deadline for refunding of planning fees be extended from July 1, 2023 to January 1, 2025, to align with proposed dissolution date in Bill 112.

Staff Comments (Planning):

- The Regional comments align with input provided by the City related to the Proposed Provincial Planning Statement.
- City staff support the Region's request for additional timing and extension of local municipal official plan review timelines for Peel until after full implementation of Bill 23, the proposed PPS and outcomes of Bill 112 are addressed.
- The City did not put forward comments regarding a request for change in deadline for refunding planning fees to January 2025, however, the City supports the Region's request to delay the refunding of planning fees date to the Peel dissolution timeline (January 1, 2025). This will support transition with the loss of regional planning authority.
- The City supports Region's comments on the need for Minister's Zoning Orders (MZOs) to conform to local official plans.

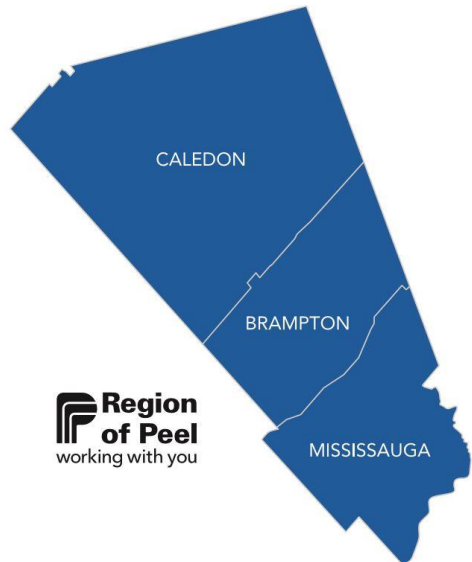
Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

Bill 112 – Status Update

Transition Board

- With this week being the last sitting week before the Legislature breaks for summer recess, it is expected the legislative process on the Bill will conclude this week and the Hazel McCallion Act will receive Royal Assent.
- Third reading of the Act began in the afternoon of Thursday June 1, the debate resumed on Monday June 5.
- On Wednesday May 31, the Legislature passed a time allocation motion which will result in Bill 112, Hazel McCallion Act, skipping the committee process.



Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023

- Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, passed third-reading.
- The Bill proposed significant changes to the provincial planning framework and increased support for renters in Ontario.
- The proposed changes amend the Planning Act introducing new Minister's Regulations. Other changes amend the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006; Municipal Act, 2001; City of Toronto Act, 2006; and Building Code Act, 1992 to protect tenants against evictions due to renovations, demolitions, conversions, and landlords' own uses.
- Further changes integrate the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) and A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe (APTG) into a single Provincial Planning Statement.



The City provided comments and recommendations to the Province.



The Legislature to Adjourn for Summer Recess

- Thursday June 8, 2023 is the last sitting day of the current Legislative session followed by summer recess.

Notable developments this week:

- Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act: passed third-reading
- Bill 112, Hazel McCallion Act: third-reading debate, possible vote
- Legislative committees are conducting reviews of the government's spending estimates for the 2023-24 fiscal year including health care, long-term care, infrastructure, finance and economic development.
- **The House will resume on Monday September 11, 2023.**



May 31, 2023:

New Category-Based Selection For Skilled Newcomers

The Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced the launch of category-based selection for Canada's economic immigration management system, Express Entry.

To meet Canada's changing economic and labour market needs, this year, category-based selection invitations will focus on candidates who have:

- a strong French language proficiency or work experience in the following fields:
- healthcare
- science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) professions
- trades, such as carpenters, plumbers and contractors
- transport
- agriculture and agri-food

THANK YOU!

