

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
September 13, 2023



### **Regional Council**

Thursday, 14 September 2023 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

### 8.2 Bill 112 – Update September 2023 (For Information)

#### Summary:

- The staff report provides the Regional Council with an update on impacts from Bill 112, and the onboarding process for the Transition Board.

#### Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The report provides an outline, including extensive supporting materials of the onboarding process for the Transition Board – term of the board has been extended to June 1, 2023.
- The report observes that a Municipal Financial Audits of Peel, Mississauga, Caledon, Brampton are expected to conclude at the end of 2023 and findings could be used to inform the work related to the restructuring and dissolution of Peel Region – a separate report on the municipal audit is scheduled for the regional council meeting on September 28, 2023.
- The report outlines the scale and provides insight into the service delivery model at the Region of Peel.
- Staff have worked on a detailed briefing note for council outlining the key information included in the report and associated supporting documentation.

#### Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

### 9.3 Building Safer Communities Fund (Recommendation)

#### Summary:

- The Region of Peel signed a 3-year, \$7.3 million agreement with Public Safety Canada (PSC) for funding through the Building Safer Communities Fund to help address gun and gang violence – due to uncertainty about transition of the program following the dissolution of Peel, PSC is now unwilling to sign back the agreement.

#### Staff Comments (Government Relations/Community Services):

- The regional staff recommend that the Regional Chair write to the federal Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness requesting a contribution agreement to March 31, 2026 that includes the full funding amount originally allocated to Peel Region from the federal Building Safer Communities Fund program; and adequate flexibility to carry over unspent funds or move funds between fiscal periods.
- Staff also recommend that in absence of an agreement with Ottawa beyond September 30, 2024, the region provide gap funding to the end of December 31, 2024 (\$0.7-\$0.9 million) to enable community agencies to plan programming that can continue uninterrupted until Peel dissolution is completed and a new framework is in place.
- City staff support the solutions proposed by regional staff recognizing the urgency for community agencies to implement initiatives to support youth gun and gang activity.

#### Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

### 11.1 Enhancing Community Investment Support for Peel Not-For-Profits (Recommendation)

#### Summary:

- The staff report recommends that funding to the Community Investment Program be increased for consideration in the 2024 budget by an additional \$3 million to help address increased demand and inflation within the non-profit sector, continued demand in food security, and programs supporting black and indigenous serving organizations.

#### Staff Comments (Community Services/Government Relations):

- City staff support the proposed enhancements, especially considering the rising demands on the not-for-profit agencies from Peel's cost of living crisis.
- A related delegation by Meghan Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer, The Mississauga Food Bank (Agenda item 7.3) provides the Regional Council with food bank use data and the growing poverty in Mississauga.

#### Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

### 11.2 Asylum Claimant Update (For Information)

#### Summary:

- The staff report provides Regional Council with a detailed update on the Asylum Claimant situation in Peel, the projected costs of the response and the pressures on the shelter system.

#### Staff Comments (Community Services/Government Relations):

- City staff continue to support the Region of Peel and the regions direction in response to asylum claimant situation.
- The Brampton Emergency Management Office is in regular communication with regional staff and will continue to track developments and be ready to mobilize a response if requested from the Region.

#### Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

### **20.1 Motion Regarding Bill C-233 - Kiera's Law**

#### Summary:

- As per the motion, the Region of Peel is to call on the federal government to ensure that changes introduced by Bill C-233 to strengthen protection for survivors of domestic violence and raise the level of education on domestic violence.
  - Moved by Councillor Dasko

### **20.2 Motion Regarding Delivery and Funding of Active Transportation Programs in the Region of Peel**

#### Summary:

- The Motion calls for continued delivery and funding of Active Transportation programs in the Region of Peel that support community groups, such as Bike Brampton allowing for delivery of programming and supporting services that promote active transpiration.
  - Moved by Councillor Santos, seconded by Councillor Reid



September 8, 2023



## FedDev Ontario invests over \$4.7 million in Brampton-based manufacturer

- The *Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario* and Minister of Diversity, Inclusion and Persons with Disabilities, Kamal Khera MP Brampton West announced \$4.7 million for *A. Berger Precision Ltd.*, to increase domestic production and create 15 jobs in machine operating and engineering.
- Through this investment, *A. Berger* will adopt new technologies to increase made-in-Canada production of larger, and more complex parts, as well as strengthen the company's footprint in North America.



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### Pre-Budget Submission



- FCM has submitted recommendations ahead of the Fall Economic Statement and Budget 2024.
- The five (5) recommendations are focused on securing a new framework that better links municipal resources with national economic and population growth—more accurately reflecting and resourcing the services that municipalities are now providing to Canadians directly in their communities.



THANK YOU!

