

Government Relations Matters

Committee Council
April 24, 2024



Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

8.2 The *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019* (For Information)

Summary:

- The *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*, which updates and replaces the *Police Services Act*, came into force on April 1, 2024, introducing new legislative requirements and administrative steps for Council.
 - Changes include modifications to the Peel Police Service Board's naming and composition, enhanced diversity considerations for Board appointments, and the need to update municipal diversity and safety plans.
- With the enactment of the new legislation, the historical policing agreement for the Town of Caledon with the Ontario Provincial Police, under the old *Police Services Act*, has ended, requiring new agreements under the *Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019*. However, no additional funds beyond the 2024 budget are needed this year for the OPP contract in Caledon.

Staff Comments (Community Services):

- Brampton Community Safety and Well-Being Office staff will participate in the Peel review and determine if revisions are needed to the Peel Community Safety and Well-being Plan. Adoption of the revised plan is required by July 1, 2025 to remain compliant.

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

9.1 Bill 185, *Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, 2024 and Implications for Peel Region (For Information)

9.2 Bill 185 – Changes to the *Development Charges Act*, 1997 (For Information)

Summary:

- Regional staff reports for items 9.1 and 9.2 were not published, as of April 22, 2024.

Staff Comments (Planning):

- *Bill 185, the Cut Red Tape to Build More Homes Act*, 2024 was introduced on April 10, 2024, and next steps to policy changes were introduced in 2023, through *Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act*.
- The City staff information report outlining proposed changes in Bill 185 was scheduled for April 22, 2024, Planning and Development Committee has been differed to April 24, 2024, Committee of Council as part of the Government Relations Update.
- A detailed staff report that will include the City's public consultation submissions will be presented to Council prior to May 10, 2024.

April 19, 2024

Innovation and Excellence Capital Project Award

- The Seniors Health and Wellness Village (SHWV) at Peel Manor in Brampton has won the Innovation and Excellence Capital Project Award at AdvantAge Ontario's Annual Conventions.
 - The SHWV is a modernized facility featuring a 177-bed long-term care centre, a Transitional Behavioural Support Unit, adult day services, respite care, dementia-focused primary care, specialized geriatric services, Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program, social care supports, lab work and diagnostics coordination.
 - It will also offer a variety of community spaces, such as a social enterprise operated café & shop, hair salon, resource centre, meeting spaces, greenspaces and more.



Seniors are the one of the fastest growing demographics in the Region. The SHWV at Peel Manor in Brampton represents an innovative, hub approach helping seniors age at home, while taking pressure off first responders, emergency rooms and hospitals.

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Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund



- The province is investing up to **\$200M** over three years to support Ontario's growing communities with new and revitalized local sport and recreation facilities across the province.
- Funding will be delivered through two streams:
 - Repairing and upgrading existing sport and recreation facilities into more accessible, state-of-the-art facilities that better suit the community's needs.
 - Building new and transformative sport and recreation facilities, including replacing existing facilities that have reached the end of their lifespan and are beyond repair.
- Applications will be open to municipalities, Indigenous communities, and non-profit organizations. More information about eligibility and application guidelines will be provided in **Summer 2024**.

City staff are currently awaiting more information on eligibility and application guidelines for this funding opportunity.

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2023-24 Gas Tax Funding

- The province is investing **\$380M** to help 102 municipalities improve local transit through the 2023-24 Gas Tax program.
 - The funding can be used to expand service hours, increase routes, purchase new vehicles and improve accessibility to increase transit ridership.
- The City of Brampton will be receiving **\$21,064,218**, as part of this initiative.



City staff note that the new funding amount represents a **30% increase** from 2022-2023 allocation amount (\$16,182,094).




2025 National Construction Codes (ERO #019-8316)

- The Canadian Board for Harmonized Construction Codes (CBHCC) is consulting on proposed changes for the 2025 national construction codes.
 - The proposed changes included in this public review address the National Construction Codes which consists of the following topics:
 1. Harmonization of Codes
 2. Climatic and Seismic Adjustments
 3. Accessibility and Adaptability
 4. Radon Gas Control
 5. Innovations in Construction Materials
 6. Environmental Sustainability Initiatives
 - Feedback collected will also serve as consultation for Ontario's 2026/27 Building Code.
- The comment period for the proposed changes was originally February 29, 2024 - April 14, 2024, but has been extended to **April 29, 2024**.

City staff have prepared a formal submission letter of City's behalf. Please refer to *Appendix I*.

Letter: Consultation Feedback on the 2025 National Construction Codes (ERO number 019-8316), *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 23

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April 18, 2024

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Sent via: Minister.MAH@ontario.ca

Re: Consultation Feedback on the 2025 National Construction Codes (ERO number [019-8316](#)), *Building Code Act, 1992*, S.O. 1992, c. 23

Dear Hon. Minister Calandra,

On behalf of the City of Brampton, I am writing to provide comments for the proposed regulatory changes outlined in the 2025 National Construction Codes consultation (ERO number 019-8316), which will inform the forthcoming updates to the Ontario Building Code (OBC).

As we anticipate the adoption of the updated OBC by January 1, 2025, it is imperative to understand the scope of changes being considered at the national level, as detailed in the National Building Code (NBC), National Energy Code (NEC), National Fire Code (NFC), and National Plumbing Code (NPC). These changes will significantly influence our local building regulations and practices in the subsequent 2026/2027 OBC update cycle.

Summary of Feedback:

- Harmonization of Codes:** The editorial changes proposed aim to harmonize the codes at a national level, ensuring consistency and clarity across jurisdictions. This effort is commendable as it facilitates a more streamlined regulatory environment for construction professionals and stakeholders.
- Climatic and Seismic Adjustments:** The addition of detailed climatic and seismic data, particularly the clarifications in Part 4 regarding structural design for buildings to withstand seismic and wind forces, is a critical update that supports our commitment to safety and resilience in building constructions.
- Accessibility and Adaptability:** The proposed modifications to enhance accessibility, visitability, and adaptability in dwelling units, including a diverse array of housing types such as single-family homes, secondary units, and multi-family buildings like duplexes and townhouses, are particularly noteworthy. These changes are aligned with our goals to create inclusive communities.
- Radon Gas Control:** The inclusion of radon gas control measures reflects a proactive approach to public health and safety, addressing emerging concerns about environmental hazards in residential and commercial buildings.

- Innovations in Construction Materials:** Recognizing the latest advancements in construction materials within the codes will enable the adoption of new technologies and methods that can improve building quality and efficiency.
- Environmental Sustainability Initiatives:** Perhaps most importantly, the introduction of new performance compliance standards for greenhouse gas emissions and the enhanced energy performance for all building types are steps forward in our collective efforts to achieve a 2030 net-zero target under the National Energy Code.


While these initiatives represent significant advancements, the City of Brampton acknowledges that understanding and implementing these changes will require comprehensive guidance from the provincial government. We recommend ongoing engagement and detailed informational support as we transition to the new standards.

Moreover, it is essential that our Building Division be adequately prepared to integrate these changes effectively. We suggest the province consider facilitating training and development sessions to ensure municipal teams across Ontario are well-equipped to manage these new requirements.

We look forward to the formal adoption of the updated OBC in 2025 and appreciate the opportunity to participate in this consultation process. Please feel free to reach out should you require further information or clarification on our feedback.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



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THANK YOU!

