Government Relations Matters

Committee Council April 24, 2024



Council



Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, April 25, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available here.

Council



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.
 - o 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.



Council



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.



Updates



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.



Provincial Government



Updates



April 18, 2024

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.



Provincial Government



Updates



April 19, 2024

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).



Provincial Government



Updates

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
 - 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**.

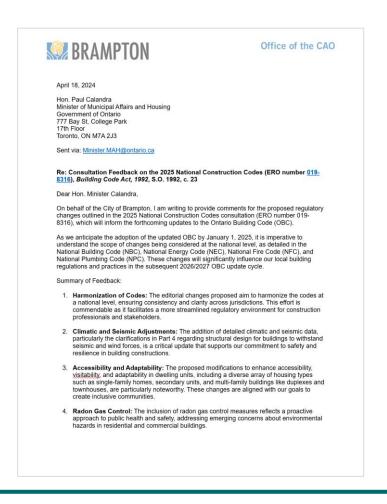
City staff have prepared a formal submission letter of City's behalf. Please refer to Appendix I.



Appendix I



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



5.	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.
6.	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.
that	e these initiatives represent significant advancements, the City of Brampton acknowledges understanding and implementing these changes will require comprehensive guidance from rovincial government. We recommend ongoing engagement and detailed informational ort as we transition to the new standards.
chan	over, it is essential that our Building Division be adequately prepared to integrate these ges effectively. We suggest the province consider facilitating training and development ons to ensure municipal teams across Ontario are well-equipped to manage these new rements.
oppo	book forward to the formal adoption of the updated OBC in 2025 and appreciate the rtunity to participate in this consultation process. Please feel free to reach out should you re further information or clarification on our feedback.
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