Wednesday, February 27, 2019

**Members Present:**
Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5  
Chair, Community Services Section
Vice-Chair, Corporate Services Section
(arrived late after 2nd recess – 1:14 p.m. – personal)
Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5  
Chair, Public Works and Engineering Section
Vice-Chair, Economic Development and Culture Section
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4  
(arrived at 9:33 a.m. – personal)
(arrived late after 1st recess – 11:14 a.m. – personal)
Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8  
Vice-Chair, Public Works and Engineering Section
(arrived late after 1st recess – 11:14 a.m. – personal)
(left at 12:12 p.m. – personal)
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10  
Chair, Economic Development and Culture Section
(arrived late after 1st recess – 11:11 a.m. – personal)
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8  
Vice-Chair, Community Services Section
(arrived late after 1st recess – 11:11 a.m. – personal)
(arrived late after 2nd recess – 1:14 p.m. – personal)
City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10  
Chair, Corporate Services Section

**Members Absent:**  
nil

**Staff Present:**
J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer
A. Meneses, Commissioner of Community Services
B. Zvaniga, Commissioner of Public Works and Engineering
R. Conard, Acting Commissioner of Planning and Development Services
J. Macintyre, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services
B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services
D. McClure, Acting Director of Economic Development and Culture
V. Rodo, Acting General Manager, Transit
D. Squires, City Solicitor, Corporate Services
P. Fay, City Clerk
C. Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk
S. Pacheco, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office
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The meeting was called to order at 9:31 a.m., recessed at 10:58 a.m., reconvened at 11:10 a.m., recessed again at 11:35 a.m. and moved into Closed Session at 11:39 a.m. At 12:07 p.m. Committee moved back into Open Session, recessed at 12:12 p.m., reconvened at 1:00 p.m. and adjourned at 1:51 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered.

CW098-2019 That the agenda for the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019 be approved, as amended, as follows:

To Add:


9.3.3. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Dhillon, re: Transit Pass Costs for Seniors.

13.1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

Carried

The following supplementary information was received by the City’s Clerk’s Office after the agenda was published. In accordance with the Procedure By-law, Committee approval was not required to add these items to the agenda.

1. Re. Item 7.2.3 – City of Brampton Response to Proposed Changes to The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017

(a) A correction on page 7.2.3-7 (third paragraph) is required to change the date of April 27, 2018 to April 26, 2017.

(b) Addition to Appendix A of Report 7.2.3 – Map – Location of Employment Lands Recommended for Conversion.

(c) Item 7.4.2 – Correspondence from Johanna R. Shapira, Wood Bull LLP, dated February 26, 2019, re: City of Brampton Response to Proposed Changes to The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017.
2. **Re. Item 11 – Government Relations Matters**

   11.2. Briefing Report from the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, re: **Government Relations Matters**.

3. **Re. Item 5.1 – Taxi Industry – Impact of Licensing Personal Transportation Companies**

   Correspondence from Joe Farrugia, Owner, Bram City Taxi, dated February 14, 2019

4. **Re. Item 5.2 – Request to Amend Animal Control By-law 261-93 – Section 13(2)**

   Correspondence from Vneet Farwaha, Representative, Flying Tippler Club of North America, dated February 27, 2019

2. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** – nil

3. **Consent**

   The following items listed with an asterisk (*) were considered to be routine and non-controversial by the Committee and were approved at one time.

   (7.2.1, 7.2.2, 8.3.1, 9.3.1)

4. **Announcements**

4.1. **Announcement – Recognition of Former Alderman John Shadrach, as part of Black History Month**

   Mayor Brown advised that Former Alderman John Shadrach was the first black Canadian elected to Brampton Council, and recognized his contributions to the Brampton community. Mayor Brown added that on February 28, 2019, a street sign named for John Shadrach will be presented to the Shadrach family at the closing celebrations for Black History Month. Mayor Brown presented a certificate to John Shadrach’s son, Gordon Shadrach.

   Mr. Shadrach expressed thanks to Members of Council for honouring his father’s legacy, and provided information on his father’s background, and his parents’ contributions to the Brampton community.
4.2. **Proclamation – Pink Shirt Day – February 27, 2019**

City Councillor Williams read the proclamation.

Regional Councillor Dhillon highlighted the importance of raising awareness about bullying.


City Councillor Whillans announced that ‘Ski Day 2019’ took place on February 26, 2019, at the Caledon Ski Club. Councillor Whillans provided information on fundraising efforts and advised that the proceeds from this event will help improve health care in Brampton.

City Councillor Bowman thanked Members of Council and staff for their participation and highlighted the importance of participating in fundraising events for the community.

5. **Delegations**

5.1. Delegation from Joe Farrugia, Owner, Bram City Taxi, re: **Taxi Industry – Impact of Licensing Personal Transportation Companies**.

Item 7.4.1 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

Joe Farrugia, Owner, Bram City Taxi, outlined his concerns regarding the impact of Personal Transportation Companies (PTC) on the taxi industry, noting that the industry has suffered significant financial losses. Mr. Farrugia provided a list of suggested amendments to taxi licensing requirements, to reduce the cost of operating a taxicab, and requested that the Taxicab Advisory Committee be re-established.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Removal of in-car surveillance cameras and emergency lights, and the potential impact on public safety
- Differences in licensing requirements for, and technology used by, the taxi industry and PTCs
- Indication that the City of Mississauga no longer requires taxis to be equipped with in-car surveillance cameras and emergency lights
- Costs associated with operating a taxicab in Brampton
- Opportunity for the taxi industry to change its business model and operate as a PTC
- Establishment of a new Taxicab Advisory Committee
The following motion was considered.

CW099-2019  1. That the delegation and correspondence from Joe Farrugia, Owner, Bram City Taxi, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: Taxi Industry – Impact of Licensing Personal Transportation Companies be received;

2. That the correspondence from Kuldip Dhillon, Taxi Industry Member, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: Request for Changes to Taxi Licensing Requirements to Mitigate Impact of Licensing Personal Transportation Companies be received; and

3. That the requests from the delegation, and as outlined in the subject correspondence, regarding changes to taxi licensing requirements, be referred to staff for review and a report back to a future Committee of Council meeting.

Carried

5.2. Delegation from Vneet Farwaha, Representative, Flying Tippler Club of North America, re: Request to Amend Animal Control By-law 261-93 – Section 13(2).

Vneet Farwaha provided information to Committee regarding the Flying Tippler Club of North America, and the rising popularity of pigeon racing. Ms. Farwaha outlined the need to update the Animal Control By-law, as it relates to the construction of pigeon coops, and requested that Section 13(2) of the by-law be amended as follows, in consideration of smaller residential lot sizes in Brampton:

“Each pigeon coop be only 10 feet away from any dwelling it is being constructed on or around, and that each pigeon coop be only 2 feet from each boundary line of the property on which it is located.”

In response to questions from Committee, Ms. Farwaha advised that:
- racing pigeons are raised as pets; they are not wild animals
- a petition for the proposed amendment is underway and will be submitted once complete

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:
- Number of pigeons permitted to be kept on each property
- Confirmation that there are no designated flying areas for racing pigeons

R. Conard, Acting Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, advised that there are provisions within the Zoning By-law, which will need to be considered in relation to the proposed amendment.
The following motion was considered.

CW100-2019 1. That the delegation from Vneet Farwaha, Representative, Flying Tippler Club of North America, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: Request to Amend Animal Control By-law 261-93 – Section 13(2) be received; and

2. That the delegation’s request to amend Section 13(2) of Animal Control By-law 261-93 be referred to staff for review and a report back to a future Committee of Council meeting.

Carried

6. Economic Development and Culture Section (Regional Councillor G. Dhillon, Chair)

6.1. Staff Presentations


Item 6.2.1 was brought forward and dealt with at this time.

T. Hunter, Manager, Sponsorship and Corporate Development, Economic Development and Culture, provided a presentation entitled “Sponsorship Strategy Update” and showed a promotional video.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Purpose for, and cost of, retaining a consultant for a digital advertising strategy
- Preliminary portfolio for naming rights and questions regarding the possibility of adding the City’s theatres to this list
- Indication that any revenue generated by sponsorship agreements will be directed to the appropriate operating department, unless otherwise directed by Council

The following motion was considered.

CW101-2019 1. That the presentation by T. Hunter, Manager, Sponsorship and Corporate Development, Economic Development and Culture, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: Sponsorship Strategy Update be received; and
2. That the report from D. McClure, Acting Director, Economic Development and Culture, dated February 11, 2019, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: **Sponsorship Strategy Update** be received;

3. That the updated Sponsorship Policy be approved; and

4. That the preliminary Sponsorship Asset Inventory List for Naming Rights be approved.

Carried

6.2. **Reports**


**Deal with under Item 6.1.1 – Recommendation CW101-2019**

6.2.2. Report from A. Meneses, Commissioner, Community Services, dated January 26, 2019, re: **New Asset Naming Policy**.

Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:
- The need to acknowledge recent, talented artists and reflect the City’s diversity in the naming of City assets
- Opportunity to re-brand the Lester B. Pearson Theatre, which is currently under renovation
- Information from staff regarding the process for naming City streets and parks

The following motion was considered.

CW102-2019 1. That the report from A. Meneses, Commissioner, Community Services, dated January 26, 2019, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: **New Asset Naming Policy** be received;

2. That the new Asset Naming Policy be approved, in the form attached as Appendix A to the subject report; and

3. That, subject to approval of the new Asset Naming Policy, the following Council policies be rescinded:
   a) Parks and Open Space Policy, 2017; and,
   b) Street Naming Policy, 2005.

Carried
6.3. Other/New Business

6.3.1. Update – Innovation and Post-Secondary Matters

No updates were provided at this meeting.

6.4. Correspondence – nil

6.5. Councillors Question Period – nil

6.6. Public Question Period – nil

7. Corporate Services Section
   (City Councillor H. Singh, Chair)

7.1. Staff Presentations – nil

7.2. Reports


CW103-2019 That the report from J. Macintyre, Director, Purchasing, dated February 1, 2019, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: Purchasing Activity Quarterly Report – 3rd and 4th Quarter 2018 be received.

Carried


CW104-2019 1. That the report from D. Smouter, Acting Director, Strategic Communications, dated January 29, 2019, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: Request for Limited Use of City Intellectual Property from Pomerleau Inc. be received;

2. That the request from Pomerleau Inc. for limited use of City intellectual property be approved; and
3. That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute a consent agreement with Pomerleau Inc. based on terms and conditions acceptable to the City Solicitor and the Director of Strategic Communications.

Carried


Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:

- Progress on the current Growth Plan intensification target of 40% by 2022
  - Indication from staff that this is a regional target, and municipal targets have yet to be defined by the Region of Peel
- Intent of the amendments to the Growth Plan
- Prescribed criteria to determine Provincially Significant Employment Zones (PSEZ) and the need for a mechanism to refine Employment Zone boundaries
- PSEZ identified in the City of Brampton
- Minimum density targets and an indication that reduced density targets may not facilitate transit servicing
- Previous Council approval of employment land use conversions through a formal Municipal Comprehensive Review (MCR) process
- City request to remove lands from the proposed PSEZ boundaries

The following amendment to the recommendations outlined in the staff report was introduced:

5. That the following bullet point be removed from the submission to be made:

"• The City of Brampton notes that the Brampton City Council approved on April 27th, 2018 a number of employment land use conversions through a formal MCR process, commenced under the 2006 Growth Plan by the City. Based on Council resolution PDC081-2017, the City requests that the subject lands, as shown in attached map, be removed from the proposed PSEZ boundaries."

D. Squires, City Solicitor, Corporate Services, suggested that Committee move into Closed Session to discuss the subject matter.

There was Committee consensus to bring forward and deal with Item 13.1 at this time.

The following motion was considered.
That Committee proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

13.1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

13.2. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Re. Item 7.2.3 – City of Brampton Response to Proposed Changes to The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017

Carried

In Open Session, the Chair reported on the status of matters considered in Closed Session, as follows:

- 13.1 – Committee considered this matter and no direction was given to staff in Closed Session
- 13.2 – Committee considered this matter and no direction was given to staff in Closed Session

The above-noted amendment was voted on and lost as follows:

5. That the following bullet point be removed from the submission to be made:

“The City of Brampton notes that the Brampton City Council approved on April 27th, 2018 a number of employment land use conversions through a formal MCR process, commenced under the 2006 Growth Plan by the City. Based on Council resolution PDC081-2017, the City requests that the subject lands, as shown in attached map, be removed from the proposed PSEZ boundaries.”

A recorded vote was requested and the amendment lost, as follows:

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The following motion was considered.

CW106-2019 1. That the report from B. Al-Hussaini, Policy Planner, Planning and Development Services, dated February 13, 2019, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: City of Brampton Response to Proposed Changes to The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017 – RM 24/2019 be received;

2. That the report and associated appendices be endorsed as the City of Brampton’s submission to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) regarding proposed changes to the Growth Plan;

3. That Appendix A of this report and Council resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing as an official response; and

4. That copies of this report and Council resolution be sent to the Region of Peel, the City of Mississauga, the Town of Caledon, and BILD for information.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried, as follows:

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Carried
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7.3. Other/New Business
7.3.1. Discussion at the request of Mayor Brown re: **Honorary City of Brampton Parade Commander – Henry F. Verschuren CD, Parade Commander, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 15.**

The following motion was considered.

CW107-2019  Whereas Henry F. Verschuren CD has been attending and participating in the City of Brampton’s Remembrance Day Services since the mid 1970s and took command of those services on behalf of the City of Brampton in 1997 as Parade Commander;

Whereas Mr. Verschuren later became a member of The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15, Brampton, in 2003, and was also appointed as their Parade Commander at that time, and also has an ongoing relationship with the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) for more than four decades, currently holding the position of Government and Community Liaison for The Regimental Association of the Lorne Scots;

Whereas Mr. Verschuren continues to engage the community to participate in Remembrance Day ceremonies, has helped establish new services such as candlelight vigils and memorial services for Vimy Ridge Day and Veterans of Foreign Service, and serves as a valuable advisor to the City of Brampton on Brampton’s Remembrance Day ceremonies and other veterans affairs matters; and

Whereas the City of Brampton has a strong relationship with the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15 and The Lorne Scots (Peel Dufferin and Halton Regiment);

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Henry F. Verschuren CD be formally named Honourary Parade Commander of the City of Brampton, for the purpose of City of Brampton Remembrance Day ceremonies and other veterans affairs events.

Carried

7.4. Correspondence

7.4.1. Correspondence from Kuldip Dhillon, Taxi Industry Member, re: **Request for Changes to Taxi Licensing Requirements to Mitigate Impact of Licensing Personal Transportation Companies.**

Dealt with under Item 5.1 – Recommendation CW099-2019

The following motion was considered.

CW108-2019 That the correspondence from Johanna R. Shapira, Wood Bull LLP, dated February 26, 2019, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: City of Brampton Response to Proposed Changes to The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017 be received.

Carried

7.5. Councillors Question Period – nil

7.6. Public Question Period – nil

8. Public Works and Engineering Section
(Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Chair)

8.1. Staff Presentations – nil

8.2. Reports – nil

8.3. Other/New Business

* 8.3.1. Minutes – Brampton School Traffic Safety Council – February 7, 2019


Carried

The recommendations were approved as follows:

SC015-2019 That the agenda for the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of February 7, 2019, be approved, as amended, to add the following items:
7.1 Correspondence from Regional Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon, re: **Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Rainstorm Road and Peter Robertson Boulevard – Great Lakes Public School, 285 Great Lakes Drive – Ward 9**

7.2 Correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, re: **Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Queen Mary Drive and Wanless Drive – St. Lucy Catholic School, 25 Kanata Road – Ward 6**

7.3 Correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, re: **Review Safety Concerns at the intersection of Bovaird Drive and Creditview Road – Jean Augustine Secondary School, 500 Elbern Markell Drive – Ward 5**

11.1 Discussion at the request of Councillor Charmaine Williams, re: **Root Causes of Traffic Congestion around School Sites**

11.2. Update from City Clerk’s Office staff, re: **Michael Lobraico, Member of Committee**

**SC016-2019**

1. That the correspondence from Regional Councillor Gurpreet Dhillon, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of February, 2019 November 15, 2018, re: **Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Rainstorm Road and Peter Robertson Boulevard – Great Lakes Public School, 285 Great Lakes Drive – Ward 9** be received; and,

2. That a site inspection be undertaken.

**SC017-2019**

1. That the correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of February 7, 2019, re: **Review Safety Concerns and Request for Crossing Guard at the intersection of Queen Mary Drive and Wanless Drive - St. Lucy Catholic School, 25 Kanata Road – Ward 6**, be received; and,

2. That a site inspection be undertaken before September 2019.
SC018-2019 1. That the correspondence from Anna Gentile, Student Transportation of Peel Region, to the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting of February 7, 2019, re: Review Safety Concerns at the intersection of Bovaird Drive and Creditview Road - Jean Augustine Secondary School, 500 Elbern Markell Drive – Ward 5 be received; and,

2. That a site inspection be undertaken at a future date.

SC019-2019 That the Brampton School Traffic Safety Council meeting do now adjourn to meet again on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 9:30 a.m.

8.4. Correspondence – nil

8.5. Councillors Question Period – nil

8.6. Public Question Period – nil

9. Community Services Section (Regional Councillor R. Santos, Chair)

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Community Services Section were not present at this time in the meeting.

A procedural motion to appoint Regional Councillor Palleschi as Acting Chair, Community Services, was voted on and lost.

A procedural motion to appoint Regional Councillor Vicente as Acting Chair, Community Services, was voted on and carried.

9.1. Staff Presentations – nil

9.2. Reports – nil

9.3. Other/New Business

9.3.1. Minutes – Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee – February 7, 2019
CW110-2019 That the Minutes of the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee Meeting of February 7, 2019, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, Recommendations SHF007-2019 to SHF010-2019, be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

The recommendations were approved as follows:

SHF007-2019 That the agenda for the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee Meeting of February 7, 2019 be approved, as printed and circulated.

SHF008-2019 1. That the minutes of the Event Sub-Committee Meeting of January 30, 2019 to the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee meeting of February 7, 2019, be received; and

2. That arrangements be made by the staff of Special Events office to hire the live artist for the 2019 Induction Ceremony; and,

3. That the focal point of the artwork to be undertaken and produced by the artist feature the Lorna Bissel fountain with the Rose Theatre in the background.

SHF009-2019 1. That the update by Teri Bommer, Coordinator, Sport Liaison, Community Services, to the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee meeting of February 7, 2019, re: Completion of Amendments to Sports Hall of Fame Constitution, be received; and

2. That the changes to the Constitution be reflected in all future documents relating to the Sports Hall of Fame.

SHF010-2019 That the Brampton Sports Hall of Fame Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Thursday, March 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

9.3.2. Discussion at the request of City Councillor Williams, re: Gun Violence in Brampton and Peel.

The following motion was introduced.

Whereas residents of Brampton are concerned about gun crime and suicide deaths by gun;
Whereas it is understood that the Peel Regional Police Service will hold a gun amnesty in May of 2019; and

Whereas it is understood that fewer guns in a community result in fewer gun injuries and deaths;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that Brampton City Council direct the Acting Chief Administrative Officer to find the adequate sum of monies from contingency to compensate Brampton residents who participate in the planned gun amnesty;

That residents be given a sum of $100 for each firearm surrendered to a maximum of 3 totaling $300;

That the Acting Chief Administrative Officer coordinate efforts with the Chief of Police in order to promote the gun amnesty and buy back program; and

That the Acting Chief Administrative Officer prepare a report in the aftermath of the amnesty to report on its relative success and that such report be presented to Council by the end of the fourth quarter of 2019.

The following motion was considered.

CW111-2019 That the following motion be referred to staff for review, in consultation with the Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police, and a report back to a future meeting:

Whereas residents of Brampton are concerned about gun crime and suicide deaths by gun;

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That the Acting Chief Administrative Officer prepare a report in the aftermath of the amnesty to report on its relative success and that such report be presented to Council by the end of the fourth quarter of 2019.

Carried

Later in the meeting, a motion to re-open Item 9.3.2 was introduced, voted on, and lost, as the required two-thirds majority vote was not achieved.

9.3.3. Discussion at the request of Regional Councillor Dhillon, re: Transit Pass Costs for Seniors.

The following motion was introduced.

Whereas affordability has become a major challenge for many senior residents in Brampton, through increased insurance rates, property taxes, cost of living and gas prices;

Whereas more than half of Peel Region residents are now low income earners;

Whereas Peel’s senior population (65+) is increasing at almost three times the rate of Canada’s senior population and by 2018 Peel’s senior population will top 200k and by 2031 1.64 million;

Whereas many of our seniors are currently dependent on OAS or their CPP, making it difficult to spend on full fare transit passes;

Whereas due to health concerns many seniors are not able to drive, and are reliant on transit to visit hospitals and doctors;

Whereas the need for active living in Peel has become necessary with diabetes affecting 1 in 7 Peel residents;

Whereas research has shown the positive impact when seniors socialize, and strategies should be in place to reduce isolation to encourage positive mental and emotional wellbeing;

Whereas only 100-140 seniors are eligible for the Region of Peel’s transit subsidy to the City of Brampton; and
Whereas The City of Brampton has been a leader in meeting seniors’ transit needs,

Therefore Be It Resolved That:

1. Staff be directed to determine the financial, operating and administrative impact of offering a monthly Brampton Transit pass for seniors who are residents of Brampton at:
   a) a cost of $15 per month; and
   b) a zero cost; and


Committee discussion took place with respect to the following:
- The need to ensure transit is accessibility for seniors
- Benefits of reducing transit costs for seniors
- Questions regarding connections between Brampton Transit and other transit services (e.g. MiWay, Transhelp), and clarification from staff that Brampton cannot dictate fares for other transit services
- Suggestion that reduced fares also be considered for persons with disabilities

The following friendly amendment to the motion was introduced and accepted by the mover.

3. Those with disabilities also be considered by staff for reduced Brampton Transit fares.

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows:

CW112-2019 Whereas affordability has become a major challenge for many senior residents in Brampton, through increased insurance rates, property taxes, cost of living and gas prices;

Whereas more than half of Peel Region residents are now low income earners;

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1. Staff be directed to determine the financial, operating and administrative impact of offering a monthly Brampton Transit pass for seniors who are residents of Brampton at:
   a) a cost of $15 per month; and
   b) a zero cost; and

2. Staff report back to Committee of Council on March 20, 2019; and

3. Those with disabilities also be considered by staff for reduced Brampton Transit fares.

A recorded vote was requested and the motion carried, as follows:

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Carried
9 Yeas
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1 Absent

9.4. Correspondence – nil
9.5. **Councillors Question Period**

1. In response to a question from City Councillor Williams regarding Item 9.3.2 (Gun Violence in Brampton and Peel), J. Pittari, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, clarified the direction staff will be undertaking in regard to the subject motion.

9.6. **Public Question Period**

Sylvia Roberts, resident of Brampton, asked whether the report requested in Item 9.3.3 (Transit Pass Costs for Seniors) will consider the long-term costs of reducing transit fares for seniors and methods to prevent fare evasion.

Committee advised that staff will report back on these matters.

10. **Referred Matters List – nil**

11. **Government Relations Matters**


M. Hoy, Environmental Planner, Public Works and Engineering, responded to questions from Committee with respect to the City's draft response on this matter, including the listing of species on the Species at Risk in Ontario List and the role of local conservation authorities.

The following motion was considered.


Carried

11.2. Briefing Report from the Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, re: *Government Relations Matters*. 
The following motion was considered.

CW113-2019 That the briefing report from L. Rubin-Vaughan, Manager, Government Relations and Public Policy, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, to the Committee of Council Meeting of February 27, 2019, re: Government Relations Matters be received.

Carried

12. Public Question Period – nil

13. Closed Session

13.1. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

13.2. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Re. Item 7.2.3 – City of Brampton Response to Proposed Changes to The Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017

See Item 7.2.3 – Recommendation CW105-2019

14. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, a Point of Personal Privilege was raised by City Councillor Williams. The Chair provided permission for the Point of Personal Privilege. City Councillor Williams advised Committee that she intended to present a second motion in relation to Item 9.3.2 (Gun Violence in Brampton and Peel), and indicated that she would introduce this motion at the March 6, 2019 Council Meeting.

The following motion was considered.

CW114-2019 That the Committee of Council do now adjourn to meet again on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon, Chair
Economic Development and Culture Section

City Councillor H. Singh, Chair
Corporate Services Section

Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Chair
Public Works and Engineering Section

Regional Councillor P. Vicente, Acting Chair
Community Services Section