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**CITY OF BRAMPTON APPOINTS ADDITIONAL
REGIONAL COUNCILLOR AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS**

BRAMPTON, ON: At a special meeting held yesterday, Brampton City Council voted to appoint City Councillor Sandra Hames (Wards 7 & 8) to serve as Brampton’s additional Regional Councillor on Peel Regional Council for the 2010-2014 term of office.

“It’s an honour to have been chosen by my colleagues for this important position,” says Councillor Hames. “Bramptonians needs strong voices at the Regional level to ensure that our community gets its fair share, and I intend to advocate clearly and decisively for the people of Brampton in my new role as Regional Councillor.”

In 2005, legislation passed by the Government of Ontario granted an additional seat at Peel Regional Council to the City of Brampton. At that time, Brampton City Council approved a process to appoint the additional Regional Councillor from among the five elected City Councillors. The 2010-14 term of office marks the second time that Brampton City Council will employ this process for appointing the additional Regional Councillor.

Councillor Hames will take the Oath of Office as a Regional Councillor at Peel Regional Council’s Inaugural Meeting on December 9, 2010.

City of Brampton Committee Appointments

The following Standing Committee appointments were also made at yesterday’s meeting of Council:

Standing Committee	Chair	Vice-Chair
By-laws and Licensing Section	Grant Gibson	Elaine Moore
Community Services Section	Vicky Dhillon	John Sanderson
Corporate and Finance Section	Gael Miles	Paul Palleschi
Works and Transportation Section	John Sprovieri	Sanderson
Economic Development and Communications Section	Gael Miles	Sandra Hames
Committee of Council – Budget	Gael Miles	
Planning, Design and Development Committee	Paul Palleschi	Vicky Dhillon

Background

In 2005, the Government of Ontario passed Bill 186, which granted the City of Brampton one additional representative at Peel Regional Council as of the 2006 municipal election. This decision was contrary to the recommendations of the provincially-appointed independent facilitator, Judge George Adams, whose report called for Brampton to receive an additional five seats at Regional Council in order to achieve a fair balance between Brampton's growing population and its political representation at the regional level.

As such, Brampton City Council passed the by-law to implement this process as required under Bill 186.

Section 4(6) of the *Regional Municipality of Peel Act, 2005 (Bill 186)* authorized Brampton City Council to determine the manner of selecting the additional Regional Councillor by Dec. 31, 2005.

To gather feedback from the community on this process, Brampton City Council held a public workshop on Sept. 12, 2005, and a public town hall meeting on Sept. 26, 2005.

Brampton City Council concluded that candidates for the extra Regional Council position would be limited to elected City Councillors, and that Council would vote to appoint one City Councillor to take on the additional role of Regional Councillor.

Brampton is currently represented by seven members on Peel Regional Council: the Mayor and six Regional Councillors.

About Brampton: The 11th largest city in Canada, Brampton has a successful, well-diversified economy and is home to more than 8,000 businesses. The City continues to retain a Triple 'A' credit rating by Standard & Poor's, reflecting its successful economy and debt-free position. Brampton celebrates its diverse population that represents people from more than 175 distinct ethnic backgrounds who speak more than 70 different languages. Offering more than 6,000 acres of parkland, Brampton takes pride in being known as the Flower City of Canada. Brampton has been designated as an International Safe Community by the World Health Organization. For more information visit www.brampton.ca

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