Wednesday, April 22, 2020
1:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers – 4th Floor with Electronic Participation

Closed Session following (See Item 21)
Boardroom CH-6A – 6th Floor
(Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001)

Members:
Mayor P. Brown
Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5 (Acting Mayor – June)
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6 (Acting Mayor – May)
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4 (Acting Mayor – April)
Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10

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Note: Meeting information is also available in alternate formats upon request.

Notice:

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Members of the public may watch the meeting live from the City of Brampton website at:
https://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/meetings-agendas/Pages/Welcome.aspx

Correspondence related to agenda business to be considered at the Special Meeting may be submitted via email to the City Clerk at cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca up until the start of the meeting.

During the Special Meeting, the public may submit questions regarding decisions made at the meeting via email to the City Clerk at cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca, to be introduced during the Public Question Period section of the meeting.
1. **Approval of Agenda**

   Note: The City Clerk will conduct a roll call at the start of the meeting.

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

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**
   3.1. Minutes – City Council – Special Meeting – April 8, 2020
   3.2. Minutes – City Council – Regular Meeting – April 15, 2020

4. **Consent Motion**

   All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Council and will be approved by one resolution. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests it in which case the item will be removed from the consent resolution and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

   (nil)

5. **Announcements** (2 minutes maximum)

6. **Government Relations Matters**

   To be received

7. **Delegations** (5 minutes maximum)
   7.1. Possible Written Delegations re: Proposed Procedure By-law Amendment with regard to Electronic Committee Meetings.

   See Item 9.3 and By-law 67-2020

   Note: Public Notice regarding this matter was published on the City’s website on April 16, 2020.

   Note: Correspondence (written delegations) related to this item may be submitted via email to the City Clerk at cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca
8. **Reports from the Head of Council**


9. **Reports of Corporate Officials**

   **Office of the Chief Administrative Officer**

   **Community Services**

   **Corporate Services**

       
       Note: To be distributed prior to the meeting

   **Legislative Services**

   9.2. Staff Report re: Options for Relief to the Taxi Industry and other Mobile Licensees (RM 24/2020).
       
       **Recommendation**

   9.3. Staff Report re: Procedure By-law Amendment – Expanding Use of Electronic Meetings During an Emergency to Committee and Tribunal Meetings (R 94/2020).
       
       See Delegation Item 7.1 and By-law 67-2020
       
       **Recommendation**

   **Planning and Development Services**

   **Public Works and Engineering**

   9.4. Staff Report re: Storm Water Fee Deferral.
       
       Note: To be distributed prior to the meeting
10. **Reports of Accountability Officers**

11. **Committee Reports**

12. **Unfinished Business**

13. **Correspondence**


14. **Resolutions**

15. **Notices of Motion**

16. **Petitions**

17. **Other Business/New Business**

17.1. **Referred Matters List**

Note: In accordance with the Procedure By-law and Council Resolution, the Referred Matters List will be published quarterly on a meeting agenda for reference and consideration. A copy of the current [Referred Matters List](#) for Council and its committees, including original and updated reporting dates, is publicly available on the City’s website.

18. **Procurement Matters**

19. **Public Question Period**

15 Minute Limit (regarding any decision made at this meeting)

During the meeting, the public may submit questions regarding decisions made at the meeting via email to the City Clerk at [cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca](mailto:cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca), to be introduced during the Public Question Period section of the meeting.
20. **By-laws**

20.1. 61-2020 To appoint municipal by-law enforcement officers and to repeal By-law 20-2020

20.2. 62-2020 To appoint officers to enforce parking on private property and to repeal By-Law 31-2020

20.3. 63-2020 To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Iceland Poppy Trail) – Ward 2

20.4. 64-2020 To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Conestoga Drive and Sandalwood Parkway) – Ward 2

20.5. 65-2020 To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Lagerfeld Drive) – Ward 6

20.6. 66-2020 To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Hurontario Street) – Ward 4

20.7. 67-2020 To amend Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended – expanding use of electronic meetings during an emergency to committee and tribunal meetings (See Item 9.3)

21. **Closed Session**

Note: A separate package regarding this agenda item is provided to Members of Council and senior staff only.

21.1. Minutes – Closed Session – City Council – April 8, 2020

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

21.3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board

21.4. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board
21.5. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal matter

22. Confirming By-law

22.1. To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2020

23. Adjournment

Next Meetings: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Special Meeting

Members Present in Chambers:
Mayor P. Brown

Members Present via Electronic Meeting Participation:
Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4
Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4 (arrived at 1:02 p.m. – personal – connectivity issue)
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10 (arrived after closed session 2:36 p.m. – personal – connectivity issue)

Members Absent: nil

Staff Present:
D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer
J. Pittari, Commissioner, Legislative Services
J. Raina, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
D. Boyce, Acting Commissioner, Community Services
B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services
A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit
A. Parsons, Director, Planning and Development Services
D. Soos, Acting City Solicitor, Legislative Services
P. Fay, City Clerk
C. Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk
T. Brenton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office
Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting public gatherings of more than 5 people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Special Council meeting was limited to Members of Council and essential City staff only. Physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during this special meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 p.m. and recessed at 1:10 p.m. Council reconvened at 1:24 p.m. and recessed again at 1:28 p.m. Council moved into Closed Session at 1:42 p.m. and recessed at 2:26 p.m. Council reconvened in Open Session at 2:34 p.m. and adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

1. **Approval of the Agenda**

As this special meeting of Brampton City Council was conducted with electronic participation by Members of Council, the meeting started with the City Clerk calling the roll for attendance at the meeting, as follows:

Members present during roll call: Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Whillans, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Bowman, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Williams, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Dhillon, Mayor Brown

Members absent during roll call: Councillor Singh

Mayor Brown outlined the purpose of the Special Council Meeting to consider statutory required and/or time sensitive matters related to the City’s response to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency and other City business as deemed necessary by the Mayor, Council or the Chief Administrative Officer.

Council consideration took place with respect to proposed amendments to the agenda.

The following motion was considered.

C096-2020 Moved by City Councillor Whillans
Seconded by City Councillor Bowman

That the agenda for the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be approved as amended, as follows:

**To add the following matters to Item 1.1:**

- Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Palleschi re: **Medical Waste**;

- Discussion Item at the request of City Councillor Williams re: **International ‘Medical Graduates’**;
To add the following item:

6.10. Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Vicente re: **Taxi Industry**; and,

To add the following Closed Session items:

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

11.4. Labour relations or employee negotiations.

A recorded vote was taken, with the results as follows:

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Carried
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1 Absent

The following item, listed on the agenda for distribution prior to the meeting, was published on the City’s web portal on April 7, 2020:

6.6. **Staff Report re: Regulation and Enforcement of Physical Distancing during the COVID-19 Emergency.**

The following was received by the City Clerk’s Office after the agenda was published and related to published items on the agenda (Council approval was not required for addition of these items in accordance with Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended):

8.2. **E-mail correspondence from Premier Doug Ford, in response to Mayor Brown, re: Supporting Small Businesses in the City of Brampton.**

The Mayor provided an update on the City’s response to the COVID-19 emergency, which included actions taken to enforce physical distancing.

The following motion was considered.

C097-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi
Seconded by Regional Councillor Dhillon

That the update from Mayor Brown re: COVID-19 Emergency, to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received.

Carried

A motion moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi, and seconded by Regional Councillor Fortini, regarding the illegal dumping of hazardous materials was introduced, with the operative clause as follows:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that any persons convicted under the Refuse and Dumping By-Law for the improper disposal of these items be fined for the illegal dumping of hazardous materials.

Councillor Palleschi outlined the purpose of the motion.

Councillor Palleschi also outlined concerns on a related matter regarding donation bins at commercial plazas throughout the City that are overflowing with household goods as well as garbage.

Council consideration of the motion included:
- proposed amendment to include issues regarding overflowing donation bins
- indication of the mover’s preference to not include this matter in the motion
- request that staff:
  - report back on the potential for a temporary ban on donation bins on private property and potential fines for offenders
  - contact the Region of Peel regarding potential locations for the bins on an interim basis
  - seek comments on this matter from the Economic Support Task Force

The motion was considered as follows.

C098-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi
Seconded by Regional Councillor Fortini
WHEREAS Section 127 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended (“Municipal Act”) permits a local municipality to require owners and occupants to clean and clear land, not including buildings; (By-law 321-2009);

WHEREAS No person shall: (a) place Refuse or Graffiti, or (b) permit Refuse or Graffiti to be placed, upon Private Property without the consent of the Owner of the property. (By-law 321-2009);

WHEREAS No person shall: (a) place Refuse or Graffiti, or (b) permit Refuse or Graffiti to be placed, upon the property of the City or its Local Public Bodies or agencies, the property of the Regional Municipality of Peel or its Local Public Bodies or agencies, the property of Credit Valley Conservation or the property of the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, without the written consent of the Owner. (By-Law 321-2009);

WHEREAS during these unprecedented times of COVID-19, the dumping of gloves, masks, and sanitizer wipes on private or public property poses a direct health threat;

WHEREAS the Region of Peel and the City of Brampton have declared a State of Emergency to protect the health and safety of all residents;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any persons convicted under the Refuse and Dumping By-Law for the improper disposal of these items be fined for the illegal dumping of hazardous materials.

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Carried
11 Yeas
0 Nays
0 Absent
A motion, moved by City Councillor Williams and seconded by Mayor Brown, regarding international medical graduates was introduced, with the operative clauses as follows:

Therefore be it resolved that Brampton City Council endorse the letters written by Mayor Brown and Councillor Williams;

And further direct the City Clerk to forward this motion to the Mayor and Councillors of all cities and towns in Ontario with a request that they consider endorsing this motion and writing the same or similar letters to the Ontario Minister of Health and the Premier of Ontario.

Mayor Brown and Councillor Williams outlined the purpose of the motion, and provided information on measures taken by the Province with respect to international medical graduates.

Council Members expressed varying opinions in support of and opposition to the actions outlined in the motion.

An amendment was proposed by Regional Councillor Fortini to remove the reference to doctors per capita in Italy. The mover and seconder of the motion accepted the amendment, and indicated this reference would be replaced with doctors per capita in Germany.

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

C099-2020 Moved by City Councillor Williams
Seconded by Mayor Brown

Whereas, the world-wide COVID-19 Pandemic has been declared by the World Health Organization, and

Whereas, the City of Brampton declared a healthcare emergency in 2019, and

Whereas, Ontario and Canada have thousands of foreign-trained, Canadian qualified, doctors who have been denied the right to practice medicine here. It is estimated that there are 7,000 foreign trained doctors in Ontario, and

Whereas, Canada lags behind other industrialized nations when it comes to the number of doctors per capita including, Germany which has 4.1 doctors per 1,000, Norway which has 4.8 doctors per 1,000 and Canada only has 2.7 for 1000 people, and
Whereas, we need all qualified foreign trained doctors on the front lines, not on the side lines, and

Whereas, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario has announced the opportunity for International Medical Graduates (IMGs) to be licensed for a period of only 30 days, and

Whereas, IMGs have informed us that the 30-day license is impractical and the process still blocks the path for Canadian qualified, foreign-trained, doctors from seeking a license, and

Whereas, over 1700 qualified doctors applied for a job and only 350 of them were given hospital residencies for no other reason than they graduated from a provincially recognized medical school outside of Canada, and

Whereas, Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown and City Councillor Charmaine Williams have written letters to the Ontario Minister of Health and the Premier of Ontario asking for immediate changes to the licensing regulations:

Therefore be it resolved that Brampton City Council endorse the letters written by Mayor Brown and Councillor Williams;

And further direct the City Clerk to forward this motion to the Mayor and Councillors of all cities and towns in Ontario with a request that they consider endorsing this motion and writing the same or similar letters to the Ontario Minister of Health and the Premier of Ontario.

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Carried
8 Yeas
3 Nays
0 Absent
2. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

1. Regional Councillor Vicente declared verbally, and filed with the City Clerk a Statement of Disclosure of Interest with respect to Item 6.9 (Allocation of Façade Improvement Grant for 249 Main Street North) as he owns a home directly across from the subject property. Councillor Vicente noted his conflict was declared in an abundance of caution.

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**

3.1. **Minutes – City Council – Regular Meeting – March 11, 2020**

The following motion was considered.

C100-2020 Moved by City Councillor Bowman
Seconde dy City Councillor Whillans

1. That the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of March 11, 2020**, to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be adopted as published and circulated; and,

2. That the **Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of March 25, 2020**, to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be adopted as published and circulated.

A recorded vote was taken, with the results as follows:

- **Yea**
  - Santos
  - Vicente
  - Whillans
  - Palleschi
  - Bowman
  - Medeiros
  - Williams
  - Fortini
  - Singh
  - Dhillon
  - Mayor

- **Nay**
  - nil

- **Absent**
  - nil

Carried
11 Yeas
0 Nays
0 Absent
3.2. Minutes – City Council – Special Meeting – March 25, 2020

A correction was noted to the spelling of Councillor Singh’s name on page 7 of the subject minutes.

Dealt with under Item 3.1 – Resolution C100-2020

4. Consent

Item 7.1 was added to consent.

The following motion was considered.

C101-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente
Seconded by Regional Councillor Fortini

That Council hereby approves the following items and that the various Officials of the Corporation are hereby authorized and directed to take such action as may be necessary to give effect of the recommendations as contained therein:

6.3. 1. That the report titled: Request to Begin Procurement - Cottrelle Boulevard Extension between Goreway Drive and Humberwest Parkway – Ward 8 (Agenda.NET Item: R62/2020, File: IA.A 07-3212-221), to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020 be received; and

2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement for the Cottrelle Boulevard Extension between Goreway Drive and Humberwest Parkway.

6.4. 1. That the report titled: Request to Begin Procurement to Replace the Creditview Road culvert over Credit River Tributary and six pedestrian bridges – Wards 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 (Agenda.Net Number: R 64/2020, File: 18-3115-261), to the Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received; and,

2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to begin procurement to replace the Creditview Road culvert over Credit River Tributary and six pedestrian bridges

6.5. 1. That the report titled: Request to Begin Procurement – Hiring of a General Contractor for the Chinguacousy Wellness Centre Renovation – Ward 9 (R54/2020), to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received;
2. That the Purchasing Agent be authorized to commence the procurement to hire a General Contractor for the Chinguacousy Wellness Centre Renovation; and

3. That the appropriate City staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

7.1. 1. That the Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting of March 10, 2020, to the Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received; and,

2. That Recommendations AU001-2020 to AU007-2020 be approved, as outlined in the subject minutes.

Carried

5. **Delegations**

5.1. Possible Written Delegations re: Proposed User Fees By-law Amendment with regard to Legal Services Fees.

See Item 6.2 and By-law 56-2020

The Mayor announced that public notice regarding this matter was given on the City’s web portal on April 2, 2020, for which written delegations could be submitted.

Peter Fay, City Clerk, confirmed that no delegation requests were received for this meeting.

6. **Reports**


See By-law 55-2020

In response to a question from Council with respect to the duration of Brampton’s deferral for property tax payments in comparison to other municipalities, the Mayor noted that staff would provide a report on the financial ramifications of the COVID-19 emergency for consideration at a future meeting.
The following motion was considered.

C102-2020 Moved by City Councillor Singh
Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

1. That the report titled: **By-Law to Establish Tax Ratios for 2020** (R66/2020) to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received; and,

2. That By-law 55-2020 be enacted to authorize the following tax ratios for the purpose of establishing tax rates:
   - 1.0000 for the residential property class
   - 1.7050 for the multi-residential property class
   - 1.0000 for the new multi-residential property class
   - 1.2971 for the commercial property class
   - 1.4700 for the industrial property class
   - 0.9239 for the pipeline property class
   - 0.25 for the farm class, and
   - 0.25 for the managed forest class.

   Carried

6.2. Staff Report re: **Housekeeping Amendment to User Fee By-law 380-2003 (R 95/2020)**.

See By-law 56-2020

The following motion was considered.

C103-2020 Moved by City Councillor Singh
Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

1. That the report titled: **Housekeeping Amendment to User Fee By-law 380- 2003**, to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received; and

2. That User Fee By-law 380-2003, as amended, be further amended to include Legal Services Fees, as attached to this report as Appendix 1, within Schedule B, Corporate Services Fees/Charges, of the by-law.

   Carried

**Dealt with under Consent Resolution C101-2020**

6.4. Staff Report re: Request to Begin Procurement to Replace the Creditview Road Culvert over Credit River Tributary and Six Pedestrian Bridges – Wards # 2, 3, 4, 6, and 7 (R 64/2020).

**Dealt with under Consent Resolution C101-2020**

6.5. Staff Report re: Request to Begin Procurement – Hiring of a General Contractor for the Chinguacousy Wellness Centre Renovation (R 54/2020).

**Dealt with under Consent Resolution C101-2020**


The following motion was considered.

C104-2020  Moved by City Councillor Singh  
Seconded by Regional Councillor Santos

1. That the report titled: Regulation and Enforcement of Physical Distancing during the COVID-19 Emergency, to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received; and,

2. That Council endorse the Brampton COVID-19 Emergency Measures By-law established in accordance with section 4 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act to prohibit certain activities and regulate physical distancing during the COVID-19 Emergency consistent with and in support of the directions of Peel Public Health and the Provincial Orders also enacted under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.

Carried
6.7. **Waive/Defer Monthly Rent for Not-For-Profit and Small For-Profit City Tenants.**

At the request of Mayor Brown, David Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer, outlined the following housekeeping amendments to the recommendations in the staff report:

- remove "not-for-profit and" from Clause 2
- remove "upon confirmation of the inability to access the Federal support programs" from Clause 3

In response to a question from Council with respect to timeline outlined in the staff recommendations, the Mayor noted that, if required, Council could reconsider this timeline at a future meeting.

The following motion was considered.

C105-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Santos
Seconded by City Councillor Williams

1. That the report titled: **Waive/Defer Monthly Rent for Not-For-Profit and Small For-Profit City Tenants**, to the Special City Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received; and

2. That the City of Brampton defer monthly rent payments for small for-profit tenants within City owned facilities for three (3) months (April to June 2020); and

3. That the City of Brampton waive monthly rent payments for three (3) months (April to June 2020) for not-for-profit tenants in City owned facilities.

Carried

6.8. **Discussion Item at the Request of Councillor Singh re: Afghan Minorities.**

A motion, moved by Mayor Brown and seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros was introduced, with the operative clause as follows:

Therefore, be it resolved, that Mayor Patrick Brown writes on behalf of Council to advocate the Prime Minister and Minister of Immigration to establish a direct sponsorship program for Afghan Hindus and Sikhs and to expedite the files of 40 families that have already been submitted for private sponsorship;

Mayor Brown and Councillor Medeiros outlined the purpose of the motion.
Council consideration of the motion included:
- intent of the motion as it relates to Council’s position on religious freedom
- correction to the reference to “IS” in Whereas Clauses 2 and 3 to read “ISIS”
- proposed amendments accepted by the mover and seconder:
  o additional whereas clause to recognize that all Afghans are in a high risk situation
  o additional operative clause to share Council’s resolution with municipalities across Ontario

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

C106-2020  Moved by Mayor Brown
           Seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros

Whereas over 200 000 Sikhs lived in Afghanistan in the 1980s and now that population has fallen to around 1000 Sikhs and Hindus;

Whereas on July 01, 2018, 19 Sikhs were killed in a suicide bomb attack by the Islamic State (ISIS) in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, including the candidate for Parliament, Avtar Singh Khalsa;

Whereas on March 25, 2020, 25 Sikh men, women and children were killed in a terrorist attack by the Islamic State (ISIS) in Kabul, Afghanistan; and

Whereas indeed all Afghans are in a high risk situation;

Whereas the days immediately following the March 25, 20020 attack Sikhs in Afghanistan were subject to bomb attacks during funeral processions and were given an ultimatum to immediately leave Afghanistan or face death;

Whereas Brampton is home to a large Sikh and Hindu population and many residents and organizations have advocated for Afghan Sikhs and Hindus;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Mayor Patrick Brown writes on behalf of Council to advocate the Prime Minister and Minister of Immigration to establish a direct sponsorship program for Afghan Hindus and Sikhs and to expedite the files of 40 families that have already been submitted for private sponsorship;

And further that this resolution be shared with municipalities across Ontario.

Carried
6.9. **Discussion item re: Allocation of Façade Improvement Grant for 249 Main Street North** (File: FA18-003).

Note: Regional Councillor Vicente declared verbally, and filed with the City Clerk a Statement of Disclosure of Interest with respect to this item, and did not participate in Council’s consideration of this matter.

The following motion was considered.

C107-2020  Moved by Regional Councillor Santos  Seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros

WHEREAS Council at its meeting of September 12, 2018 approved a Façade Improvement Grant (File: FA18-003) and a Building Improvement Grant (File: BU18-004) in the amount of $50,000 each for 249 Main Street North (Resolution C249-2018 and Recommendation PDC108-2018).

AND WHEREAS, the proposed works involved the restoration and conservation of the building, which is a designated heritage resource, and converting it to commercial uses.

AND WHEREAS, the owner has completed the works approved under the Façade Improvement Grant and supplied invoices confirming that the total cost of the works exceeds $100,000, which is the amount required to be eligible for the payment of the full $50,000 matching grant under the Façade Improvement Program Implementation Guidelines. The works under the Building Improvement Grant have not been completed.

AND WHEREAS, City staff has conducted a site visit that confirmed that the façade improvement work was completed and that the costs identified in the invoices supplied by the applicant are reasonable.

AND WHEREAS, following the completion of the facade improvement works, the owner decided to use the building for residential purposes rather than commercial uses.

AND WHEREAS, while the types of works eligible for grants as set out in the Façade Improvement Program Implementation Guidelines are limited to improvements to commercial or mixed-use buildings, the completed works contribute to revitalizing Downtown Brampton by restoring a designated heritage resource and would benefit the building if it were to be converted to a commercial use in the future.

**IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED** that Staff be directed to proceed with the payment of the Façade Improvement Grant under application FA18-003 in the amount of $50,000 for the property at 249 Main Street North.

Carried
Discussion Item at the request of Regional Councillor Vicente re: Taxi Industry.

A motion, moved by Regional Councillor Vicente and seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi, was introduced, with the operative clause as follows:

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Brampton consider ways to provide relief to the Taxi Industry and that staff report back to the next meeting of Council with options for Council’s consideration.

Councillor Vicente and Councillor Palleschi outlined the purpose of the motion in response to concerns they received from the Taxi industry.

Staff responded to questions from Council with respect to challenges being faced by those in the Taxi and other mobile industries, and suggested an amendment to the motion to include all mobile licensees.

The mover of the motion indicated support for the proposed amendment.

The motion, as amended, was considered as follows.

C108-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Vicente
Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

Whereas the City of Brampton declared a state of emergency on March 24, 2020, and

Whereas it was a significant step in supporting the Province of Ontario’s and Region of Peel’s efforts to help contain the spread of COVID-19 through physical and social distancing, and

Whereas the Taxi Industry is facing a major decrease in fares and income and are reducing the number of call centre staff and cars, and

Whereas the Taxi Industry’s income has been reduced by approximately 80 per cent and

Whereas the City of Brampton Mayor’s Economic Support Task Force is working to establish ways to support businesses in Brampton, particularly using measures that are within the City of Brampton’s control;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Brampton consider ways to provide relief to the Taxi Industry, and mobile licensees more broadly, and that staff report back to the next meeting of Council with options for Council’s consideration.

Carried
7. **Committee Reports**

7.1. **Minutes – Audit Committee – March 10, 2020**

*Dealt with under Consent Resolution C101-2020*

The recommendations were approved as follows.

AU001-2020 That the agenda for the Audit Committee Meeting of March 10, 2020 be approved, as amended, to add the following item:

5.4. Staff Report re: **Data Centre Audit – Corporate Services**

AU002-2020 That the report titled **Status of Management Action Plans – December 31, 2019** to the Audit Committee Meeting of March 10, 2020, be received.

AU003-2020 That the report titled **Corporate Fraud Prevention Hotline Update** to the Audit Committee Meeting of March 10, 2020, be received.

AU004-2020 That the report titled **Internal Audit Work Plan – 2020** to the Audit Committee Meeting of March 10, 2020, be received.

AU005-2020 That the report titled **Data Centre Audit – Corporate Services** to the Audit Committee Meeting of March 10, 2020, be received.

AU006-2020 That Committee proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

10.1. The security of the property of the municipality or local board

AU007-2020 That the Audit Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. or at the call of the Chair.

8. **Correspondence**

8.1. Correspondence from Kristina Romasco, Chair, and Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, dated March 26, 2020, re: **COVID-19 Emergency**.
Item 8.2 was brought forward and dealt with at this time

The following motion was considered.

C109-2020  Moved by City Councillor Williams
Seconded by Regional Councillor Fortini

That the following correspondence, to the Special Council Meeting of April 8, 2020, be received:

1. Kristina Romasco, Chair, and Suzy Godefroy, Executive Director, Downtown Brampton BIA, dated March 26, 2020

2. E-mail correspondence from Premier Doug Ford, in response to Mayor Brown, re: **Supporting Small Businesses in the City of Brampton**.

Carried

8.2. E-mail correspondence from Premier Doug Ford, in response to Mayor Brown, re: **Supporting Small Businesses in the City of Brampton**.

**Dealt with under Item 8.1 – Resolution C109-2020**

9. **Public Question Period**

During the special meeting, the public was given the opportunity to submit questions via e-mail to the City Clerk’s Office regarding any decisions made at this meeting.

No questions from the public were received for this meeting.

10. **By-laws**

The following motion was considered.

C110-2020  Moved by City Councillor Bowman
Seconded by City Councillor Whillans

That By-laws 55- 2020 to 58-2020, before Council at its Special Meeting of April 8, 2020, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, and signed by the Mayor and City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto.
55-2020  To establish tax ratios for the Year 2020 (See Item 6.1)

56-2020  To amend User Fee By-law 380-2003, as amended – Legal Services fees (See Item 6.2)

57-2020  To prevent the application of part lot control to part of Registered Plan 43M-2032 – northwest corner of Remembrance Road and Creditview Road – Ward 6 (PLC-2020-0008)

58-2029  To prevent the application of part lot control to part of Registered Plan 43M-2058 – south of Mayfield Road and west of Chinguacousy Road – Ward 6 (PLC-2020)

Carried

11. **Closed Session**

Note: Council agreed to vary the order of business and considered Closed Session matters after Approval of Agenda.

The following motion was considered.

C111-2020  Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi
    Seconded by Regional Councillor Dhillon

    That Council proceed into Closed Session to discuss matters pertaining to the following:

11.1. Minutes – Closed Session – Audit Committee – March 10, 2020

11.2. Minutes – Closed Session – City Council – March 11, 2020

11.3. Proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board

11.4. Labour relations or employee negotiations

A recorded vote was taken, with the results as follows:

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Members present during roll call: Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Whillans, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Bowman, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Williams, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Dhillon, Mayor Brown

Members absent during roll call: Councillor Singh

Note: In Open Session, the City Clerk reported on Closed Session matters as follows:

- 11.1. these minutes were considered by Council in Closed Session (see Resolution C112-2020 below)
- 11.2. these minutes were considered by Council in Closed Session (see Resolution C112-2020 below)
- 11.3. this item was considered by Council in Closed Session and no direction was given to staff with respect to this matter
- 11.4. this item was considered by Council in Closed Session and no direction was given to staff with respect to this matter

The following motion was considered with respect to the Closed Session minutes (Items 11.1 and 11.2).

C112-2020  Moved by Regional Councillor Medeiros
Seconded by City Councillor Bowman

That the following Closed Session minutes be acknowledged and the directions outlined within be confirmed:

11.1. Minutes – Closed Session – Audit Committee – March 10, 2020
11.2. Minutes – Closed Session – City Council – March 11, 2020

Carried
12. **Confirming By-law**

The following motion was considered.

**C113-2020** Moved by Regional Councillor Fortini  
Seconded by City Councillor Williams

That the following by-law before Council at its Special Meeting of April 8, 2020, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, and signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

59-2020 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Special Meeting held on April 8, 2020  
Carried

13. **Adjournment**

Council discussion took place with respect to the frequency of Council meetings during the COVID-19 emergency.

Members were polled for their preference for weekly or bi-weekly meetings, with the majority preferring weekly meetings.

The following motion was considered.

**C114-2020** Moved by Regional Councillor Fortini  
Seconded by City Councillor Williams

That Council do now adjourn to meet again for a Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.  
Carried

__________________________________  P. Brown, Mayor

__________________________________  P. Fay, City Clerk
Wednesday, April 15, 2020

Members Present in Chambers:
Mayor P. Brown

Members Present via Electronic Meeting Participation:
Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5
Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6
Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4
Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10
City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4 (arrived at 1:11 p.m. – personal – connectivity issue)
City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8
City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10

Members Absent: nil

Staff Present:
D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer
R. Forward, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services
J. Pittari, Commissioner, Legislative Services
J. Raina, Commissioner, Public Works and Engineering
D. Boyce, Acting Commissioner, Community Services
C. Barnett, Director, Economic Development and Culture
B. Boyes, Fire Chief, Fire and Emergency Services
A. Milojevic, General Manager, Transit
D. Soos, Acting City Solicitor, Legislative Services
P. Morrison, Director, Enforcement and By-law Services,
   Legislative Services
A. Normand, Manager, Emergency Measures, Fire and
   Emergency Services
P. Fay, City Clerk
C. Gravlev, Deputy City Clerk
T. Brenton, Legislative Coordinator, City Clerk’s Office
Note: In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting public gatherings of more than 5 people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Council meeting was limited to Members of Council and essential City staff only. Physical distancing was maintained in Council Chambers at all times during the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m. and adjourned at 2:11 p.m.

1. **Approval of Agenda**

As this meeting of Brampton City Council was conducted with electronic participation by Members of Council, the meeting started with the City Clerk calling the roll for attendance at the meeting, as follows:

Members present during roll call: Councillor Santos, Councillor Vicente, Councillor Whillans, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Williams, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Singh, Councillor Dhillon, Mayor Brown

Members absent during roll call: Councillor Bowman

Mayor Brown outlined the purpose of the meeting to consider statutorily-required and/or time-sensitive matters related to the City’s response to the ongoing COVID-19 emergency and other City business as deemed necessary by the Mayor, Council or the Chief Administrative Officer.

Council discussion took place with respect to proposed amendments to the agenda.

The following motion was considered.

C115-2020  Moved by Regional Councillor Santos
Seconded by Regional Councillor Vicente

That the agenda for the Regular Council Meeting of April 15, 2020, be approved as amended, as follows:

**To add:**

8.2. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Palleschi re: Government Relations.

8.3. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Dhillon, re: Technology for Electronic Meetings.

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

3. **Adoption of the Minutes** – nil

4. **Consent Motion** – nil

5. **Announcements** – nil

6. **Government Relations Matters**

   See Item 8.2 below.

7. **Delegations** – nil

8. **Reports from the Head of Council**


   Mayor Brown provided an update on the City’s response to the COVID-19 emergency, which included results to date for enforcement of physical distancing, cancellation of events up to and including July 1, 2020, outreach to the Province of Ontario requesting that Transit employees be added to the list of priority groups for proactive testing, and response from the Federal Government regarding credit card interest rates.

   Council discussion took place with respect to the following matters.

   - **Task Forces:**
     - request that invitations for meetings of the task forces be sent to all Members of Council and their assistants
     - reminder about quorum requirements as they relate to participation in meetings by Members
     - clarification that the purpose for this request is to provide Members with the opportunity to listen to the meetings, and not for their direct participation
     - availability and publication of minutes
     - varying opinions about publication of the minutes on the task force web pages
     - request that the minutes be sent to all Members for their reference

   - **Enforcement of Physical Distancing:**
possibility of releasing the names of citizens who received tickets for violations of the physical distancing order
- details from staff regarding Freedom of Information and prosecutorial requirements
- advisory that staff will provide aggregate information to Council regarding the numbers and types of violations issued
- examples from Members of Council regarding violations in their Wards

**Technology for Electronic Meetings:**
- request that staff explore alternate technologies for electronic Council meetings
- indication that staff is conducting research on alternate meeting technologies and will report back to Council in this regard

**Community Gardens:**
- request for information on this initiative
- confirmation from Mayor Brown that information will be provided to Members by April 17, 2020

**Service Brampton (311) Inquiries:**
- 311 messaging as it relates to complaints about non-essential businesses operating illegally
- questions about jurisdiction for enforcement of these complaints and information from staff in response
- details from staff with respect to the City’s partnerships with the Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police for enforcement of violations
- request that 311 staff log and redirect calls on matters not within the City’s jurisdiction, and advise the caller accordingly in an effort to assist them with their enquiry

**Advance Brampton Fund:**
- advisory and details from Regional Councillor Vicente regarding the deferral of the Advance Brampton Fund, including the monthly Micro Projects Stream, for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency
- indication that any questions received from the community should be directed to staff in Economic Development

The following motion was considered.

C116-2020  Moved by City Councillor Whillans
Seconded by Regional Councillor Palleschi

That the update from Mayor Brown re: **COVID-19 Emergency**, to the Council Meeting of April 15, 2020, be received.

Carried
8.2. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Palleschi re: Government Relations.

Regional Councillor Palleschi outlined his position with respect to the need for Council to receive regular updates on Government relations matters, and introduced a motion for this purpose.

The motion was considered as follows.

C117-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Palleschi
Seconded by City Councillor Bowman

WHEREAS an effective government relations strategy is key to the City of Brampton;

WHEREAS it is important for Council to be informed on matters relating to all levels of Government to be able to make informed decisions;

THEREFORE be it resolved that moving forward staff present a report on Government Relations Matters at each Council meeting.

A recorded vote was requested, with the results as follows.

Yea Nay Absent
Santos nil nil
Vicente nil nil
Whillans nil nil
Palleschi nil nil
Bowman nil nil
Medeiros nil nil
Williams nil nil
Fortini nil nil
Singh nil nil
Dhillon nil nil
Mayor Carried

11 Yeas
0 Nays
0 Absent

8.3. Discussion Item at the Request of Regional Councillor Dhillon, re: Technology for Electronic Meetings.

Note: Discussion on this matter took place under Item 8.1.
9. **Reports of Corporate Officials** – nil

10. **Reports of Accountability Officers** – nil

11. **Committee Reports** – nil

12. **Unfinished Business** – nil

13. **Correspondence** – nil

14. **Resolutions** – nil

15. **Notices of Motion** – nil

16. **Petitions** – nil

17. **Other Business/New Business** – nil

18. **Procurement Matters** – nil

19. **Public Question Period**

   The public was given the opportunity to submit questions via e-mail to the City Clerk’s Office regarding any decisions made at this meeting.

   Peter Fay, City Clerk, confirmed that no questions were submitted regarding decisions made at this meeting.

20. **By-laws** – nil

21. **Closed Session** – nil

22. **Confirming By-law**
The following motion was considered.

C118-2020 Moved by City Councillor Bowman
Seconded by Regional Councillor Medeiros

That the following by-law before Council at its Regular Meeting of April 15, 2020, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, and signed by the Mayor and the City Clerk, and the Corporate Seal affixed thereto:

61-2020 To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2020

Carried

24. **Adjournment**

The following motion was considered.

C119-2020 Moved by Regional Councillor Fortini
Seconded by City Councillor Williams

That Council do now adjourn to meet again for a Regular Meeting of Council on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. or at the call of the Mayor.

Carried

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P. Brown, Mayor

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P. Fay, City Clerk
Recommendations:

1. That the report from Gurdeep Kaur, Director, Corporate Projects, Policy & Liaise dated April 17, 2020, to the Special Meeting of Council of April 22, 2020 re: “Government Relations Matters” be received;

OVERVIEW

This memo serves to update the Mayor and members of Council on government relations matters from federal and provincial governments covering the time period: April 13, 2020 - April 17, 2020.

UPDATE: On April 16, 2020, the federal government expressed interest in shovel-ready projects. At the City level we have started to gather our shovel-ready projects list and this will allow us to be ready with our funding asks.

SUMMARY:

This memo summarizes briefings on Government Relations matters.

1. COVID-19 Emergency Response Act

- Enables the federal government’s package of relief measures for individuals and businesses.
- Provide eligible small employers (including small businesses and co-operative corporations) eligible for the small business deduction, unincorporated employers, certain partnerships, non-profit organizations and charities a temporary wage subsidy for a period of three months.
- Temporarily providing the Minister of Finance with more flexibility to determine Business Development Bank of Canada’s capital limit, allowing it to provide
further financial support to Canadian businesses when they need it to support businesses.
- Temporarily providing the Minister of Finance with more flexibility in setting Export Development Canada’s capital and liability limits – as well as the Canada Account limit – and expanding EDC’s ability to engage in domestic financial transactions so that it can more effectively deliver financial and credit insurance support to affected Canadian businesses.
- Amends the Farm Credit Canada (FCC) Act to temporarily provide the Minister of Finance with the flexibility to set the limit on the amounts that may be paid by the Minister of Finance to FCC out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund to ensure continued availability of credit to businesses in the agriculture and agri-food sector.

2. Covid-19 Action Plan for Long Term Care Homes

- Mobilizing all resources to protect most vulnerable at out LTC homes
- Going further in testing, surveillance and supports for staff
- Screening all symptomatic residents and staff as well as asymptomatic contacts
- Involving ‘hospital based, rapid response teams’ to help assist with controlling and limiting outbreaks
- Getting PPE to LTC homes within 24 hours
- If working in more than one home, employees will be able to take a leave of absence while Province is working with Federal government on a solution
- Working with public health units to ensure necessary supports
- Identifying available resources for 190 homes that submitted staff requests
- Focusing on prevention for homes that currently do not have outbreaks
  - Restricted non-essential visits
  - Measures include moving residents to other facilities to ensure safe, and sufficient social distancing
  - Utilizing Provincial and Federal job matching and HR portals to ensure sufficient staffing levels are in place
- These measures enhance and build measures already in place

Federal Measures Update:

UPDATE: CERB

3. Expanding the eligibility criteria to make it more inclusive to include:
   - Allowing self-employed and others to earn $1000/month while receiving CERB
   - Workers who recently ran out of EI
• Seasonal workers who are unable to find work
• Post-secondary students and commercial rent support coming soon
• Essential workers will receive a boost to their wages if they make less than $2500/month

4. **Wellness Together Canada (Mental Health Portal)**
   • Living through a pandemic is difficult; Canadians need tools to help them
   • There is an [online portal](#) or COVID app to access mental health resources
   • Options include: online peer community; self-help resources; options for connecting with a professional through chat or video

**Other provinces and territories:**

5. **Military Support** - Quebec, and Nunavut will receive support as requested

**World news:**

G7 - Canada will work with other leaders to help with a coordinated global response.

6. **Bank of Canada – Fiscal Update:**

• The Bank of Canada today maintained its target for the overnight rate at 0.25 percent
  • The next announcement on the overnight rate target is scheduled for June 3, 2020
• announcing today the development of a new Provincial Bond Purchase Program of up to $50 billion, to supplement its Provincial Money Market Purchase Program
• announcing a new Corporate Bond Purchase Program, in which the Bank will acquire up to a total of $10 billion in investment grade corporate bonds
• Effective immediately: temporarily increasing the amount of Treasury Bills the Bank acquires at auctions to up to 40 percent
• Bank will continue to purchase at least $5 billion in Government of Canada securities per week (*previously announced*)
• The Bank is further enhancing its term repo facility to permit funding for up to 24 months

7. **COVID-19 Economic Impact**
• Seeing a sudden and deep contraction in economic activity and employment worldwide
• The sudden halt in global activity will be followed by regional recoveries at different times
• The Bank scenarios suggests the level of real activity down 1-3% in the first quarter of 2020, and will be 15-30% lower in the second quarter (comparing to fourth-quarter 2019)

8. **Support for Energy and Petroleum Sector:**
   • For industry mostly located in Alberta, Saskatchewan, BC, Newfoundland and Labrador
   • The industry includes 4,500 businesses impacted by oil price crash and COVID-19
   • **$1.7 billion to clean up orphan and abandoned wells in Alberta, Saskatchewan and BC**
   • This creates immediate jobs and supports government’s environmental goals
     • These wells present risks for environment and our health
     • In Alberta alone 5,200 jobs will be sustained
     • **$750 million Emission Reduction Fund**
     • Focused on reduction of pollution from methane through research and innovation
     • $75 million for offshore industry in Alberts, Saskatchewan and Newfoundland and Labrador
     • This will help maintain 10,000 jobs across Canada
     • Repayable loans for industry to protect jobs and enable further emissions reduction through investment in technology

**Provincial updates:**

9. **Auto Insurance: April 16, 2020 (Mayors letter for this particular item)**
   • Ontario government has announced auto insurance companies to provide temporary insurance premium rebates to drivers during the COVID-19 pandemic
   • Province has amended a regulation under the *Insurance Act* to ease the financial pressure on working people and families during this public health crisis.
   • By amending this regulation insurance companies would be able to provide auto insurance premium rebates to consumers for up to 12 months after the declared emergency has ended
• Ontario is the first jurisdiction in Canada to remove existing restrictions on auto insurers

10. Support for Essential Workers
• An emergency order offering child care for essential workers, News Release for April 17, 2020
• This includes LTC workers, personal support workers, power workers, water and wastewater workers among others
• In discussions with the Federal government on supports for LTC workers

11. Education:
• The government made a commitment to parents and students, ensuring kids can continue their education
• Announcing a partnership between Apple and Rogers and school boards
• Providing iPads, connectivity and other digital learning resources
• Over 100,000 iPads are being distributed across the Province
• Ensuring access to high speed internet, all high schools will have high speed internet in September
• Access to resources through the Learn at Home portal

12. COVID-19 Modeling:
• Premier updated modeling figures on Monday, April 20, 2020.

• Cities running a deficit- specifically Toronto. Premier Ford stated Minister of Finance has been working on a plan and also on the same token they have been in Conversations with Mayor Tory. (BC Allowed for Cities to run deficits)

13. Arts Industry:
• **NEW**: $500 million for Heritage Canada to support arts industry – Emergency Supports Fund for Heritage and Arts Industry
• Support for artists and arts industry that have been hard hit by this crisis
  • Wage supports and funding for arts organization facing liquidity problems
  • To be administered by Heritage Canada and supported by Canada Council for the Arts

14. Assistance for Quebec:
• App. 125 members of Canadian armed forces with medical training will be providing support to CHSLD (LTC homes)
• Bell Canada has donated 120 million N-95 masks

Additional Information:
15. B.C first province in Canada that allow cities to run deficits

- B.C is allowing cities to run deficits – something that is prohibited across the country – as a way of coping with massive budget holes created by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Minister Selina Robinson announced that cities in her province will be given permission to maintain a deficit for this year and that cities will have to bring their books back into balance by end of 2021.
- The province will allow cities to borrow from their internal capital reserves for five years at 0%.

16. FPT First Ministers Call:

- The First Ministers held a teleconference the evening of April 16th. Key discussions included:
  - financially help low-income workers who provide essential services
  - intention to introduce the Canadian Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance Program for small businesses
  - Need to ensure long-term care facilities have the resources to protect the health and well-being of their residents and workers.

Small Business updates:

1. **Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance**:

- Assistance for small businesses for rent expenses in April, May, June
- The program would provide loans, including forgivable loans, to commercial property owners who in turn will lower or forgo the rent of small.
- Need to work with Provinces and Territories as commercial rents are under their jurisdiction
- More details coming soon.
- This measure relate to the letter sent by the Mayor to the Premier and Minister Phillips on April 1st requesting rental assistance for small businesses.

2. **COVID-19 Emergency Response Act**:

- Enables the federal government’s package of relief measures for individuals and businesses.
- Provide eligible small employers (including small businesses and co-operative corporations) eligible for the small business deduction, unincorporated employers, certain partnerships, non-profit organizations and charities a temporary wage subsidy for a period of three months.
• Temporarily providing the Minister of Finance with more flexibility to determine Business Development Bank of Canada’s capital limit, allowing it to provide further financial support to Canadian businesses when they need it to support businesses.
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3. Avoiding Layoffs:

Extending work-sharing programs

• Provides EI benefits to workers who agree to reduce their normal working hours.
• These measures extend the duration of Work-Sharing agreements by an additional 38 weeks, for a total of 76 weeks.
• Temporary Special Measures are effective March 15, 2020 to March 14, 2021.
• Businesses are eligible to apply if they are experiencing a downturn in business activity related to the global outbreak of COVID-19, and have:
  o Work-sharing agreements signed between March 15, 2020 and March 13, 2021
  o Work-sharing agreements that began, or ended between March 15, 2020 and March 14, 2021; and
  o Work-sharing agreements that ended between June 23, 2019, and March 14, 2020 and are in their mandatory cooling-off period.
• The mandatory waiting period has also been waived so that employers with a recently expired agreement may immediately apply for a new agreement, without waiting between applications and ease Recovery Plan requirements for the duration of the WS agreement.
• Applications can be submitted by email, and should be done 30 days in advance of when you want the temporary special measure to begin.

4. Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy:

• Legislation to enable the previously announced wage subsidy was passed on Saturday, April 11th.
• This wage subsidy is available through the CRA portal
• Original eligibility criteria was 30% in lost revenues, however some companies might not have been around for a year, there may be high growth companies that
need assistance too, and NFP and Charities are seeing the needs for services but donations are not coming in.

- Recognize that not all businesses are alike, therefore we have announced and proposed new details to address the realities of this situation
  - Proposing that for March the revenue test will be 15% - businesses can show a decline of 15% in the month of March.
  - Revenue test for April and May will be a 30% drop in revenue
  - Two possible benchmarks for employers: compare revenues of same period last year or use average of revenues from Jan and Feb of this year and compare to March and April.
- Funds will be available within 6 weeks. Businesses will have to reapply monthly.
- Will be backdated to March 15 2020.
- Up to 75% of wages for the first $58,700 of employee’s salary will be covered, up to a maximum of $847 per week per employee. This amount is based on the maximum earnings qualified for under CPP.
- Qualifying businesses include businesses of various sizes and the hospitality, not for profit and charity sectors which aren't publically funded. Subsidy applies to small, big as well as charities and Not-For Profits.
- Business owners will need to attest that a business owner is trying their best to pay the remaining 25% - system will be flexible because it may not be possible in all situations
- This is a high trust system and severe penalties will be applied to any fraudulent actors
- Culture sector which may be receiving funding from the government are eligible for the wage subsidy.
- The delay in securing an agreement on the legislation can impact the application process timelines

5. **Canada Business Loans, Credits and Deferrals**

**UPDATE: Canada Emergency Business Account:**

- Part of the Business Credit Availability Program. Business Applications opened April 9th through CRA’s My Business Account.
- Businesses will be able to go through banks, financial institutions and credit unions for these government backed loans.
- $40,000 loans, with up to 25% to a maximum of $10,000 forgiven if the loan is paid on or before December 31, 2022.
- To date, 195,000 loans have been processed, totaling $7.5billion in loans
- Expanding the CEBA by increasing support by decreasing the payroll threshold
- **Businesses with $20,000-$1.5 million in total payroll in 2019 will now be eligible** (was previously $50K - $1 million)
- Money to cover operational costs and other needs
Loan Guarantee for SMEs:
- Part of the Business Credit Availability Program.
- EDC will guarantee new operating credit and cash flow term loans that financial institutions extend to SMEs, up to $6.25M.
- Total cap for this new loan program will be a total of $20B for export sector and domestic companies.

Co-Lending Program for SMEs:
- Part of the Business Credit Availability Program.
- Will bring the BDC together with financial institutions to co-lend term loans to SMEs for their operational cash flow requirements.
- Eligible businesses may obtain credit amounts up to $6.25M BDCs portion of this program is up to $5M maximum per loan.
- Eligible financial institutions will conduct the underwriting and manage the interface with their customers.
- Potential for lending for this program will be $20B.

Deferring Taxes
- Businesses can defer payment of any income tax that become owing on or after March 18th until after August 31, 2020 without penalty.
- Businesses will have until June to remit GST and HST, plus duties and taxes imports fees.
- CRA will not contact small or medium businesses to initiate any GST/HST or Income Tax audits over the next four weeks.

Launch and Insure Mortgage Purchase Program
- Minister of Finance announced amendments to mortgage insurance eligibility criteria to support launch of Insured Mortgage Purchase Program (IMPP) and CMHC’s March 20th announcement on program details.
- Effective March 24, 2020, the following low loan-to-value mortgages funded prior to the date of this announcement, March 20, 2020, are eligible for government-guaranteed insurance:
  - Low loan-to-value mortgages with a maximum amortization term up to 30 years commencing from when the loan was funded.
  - Low loan-to-value mortgages whose purpose includes the purchase of a property, subsequent renewal of such a loan, or refinancing.

These changes will not apply to low loan-to-value mortgage loans funded on or after March 20, 2020.
Farm Credit Canada

- Opening up $5B in additional credit capacity in support of producers, agribusinesses, and food processors. This will offer increased flexibility to farmers who face cashflow issues and to processors who are impacted by lost sales, helping them remain financially strong during this difficult time.
- Eligible farmers who have an outstanding Advance Payments Program (APP) loan due on or before April 30 will receive a Stay of Default, allowing them an additional six months to repay the loan.
- Applicable farmers who still have interest-free loans outstanding will have the opportunity to apply for an additional $100,000 interest-free portion for 2020-2021, as long as their total APP advances remain under the $1 million cap.

Canada’s Plan to Mobilize Industry to Fight COVID-19 (announcement) and Related Measures

- The Plan allows companies already producing respirators, masks, etc to scale up production and support companies who will retool facilities to shift production to medical supplies.
- Refocus Canada’s existing industrial and innovation programs, by adding to their mandate a requirement that they prioritize the fight against COVID-19. This includes:
  - the Strategic Innovation Fund to deliver direct support to Canadian companies for large-scale projects
  - National Research Council of Canada to expedite research and development with small and medium-sized enterprises
  - Innovation Superclusters to tap into a national network of 1,800 members, and Innovative Solutions Canada to help companies commercialize products more quickly
- Plan will also help mobilize innovation programs for promising projects
- Objective is to build domestic capacity.

Procurement Call to Action to Canadian Industry

- Complimentary to the Plan to Mobilize Industry, the Government is coordinating requests for supplies, and leading a consolidated procurement process.
- Public Services and Procurement Canada published call to action on buyandsell.gc.ca - to provide info on goods and services including quantities in stock. Promoted to industry associations and to parliamentarians.
- Government of Canada has signed letters of intent with Medicom (Montreal), Spartan (Ottawa), and Thornhill Medical (Toronto) to provide medical and protective equipment.

6. Support for Vaccine Development in Canada:
• $192 million in new projects that will be prioritized under the new Strategic Innovation Fund COVID-19 stream to deliver direct support to Canadian companies for large-scale projects including:
  o AbCellera, a Vancouver-based biotech company.
  o Medicago, a Quebec City-based company
  o Funding for the University of Saskatchewan’s Vaccine and Infectious Disease Organization – International Vaccine Centre (VIDO-InterVac),
  o Investing in National Research Council to upgrade its Human Health Therapeutics facility in Montréal to develop,
  o Support for BlueDot, a Toronto-based digital health firm, with a first-of-its-kind global early warning technology for infectious diseases. Technology will be leveraged to model and track spread of the virus.

7. **Next Generation Manufacturing Supercluster:**

• $50M has been made available in funding for members of the Next Generation Manufacturing Supercluster to scale-up new, in-demand technologies, equipment, and medical products.
• Existing Manufacturing Supercluster will lead the work on mobilizing Canadian manufacturing industry.

8. **Canadian Business Resilience Network :**

• Canadian Chambers launched in partnership with government support for businesses of all sizes to help drive economic recovery.

9. **Mental Health Supports:**

• On-line peer community to talk, share and support others
• Texting, calling, video link for sessions with a professional Provincial Business Support Measures

10. **Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee:**

• The Province announced a new Cabinet Committee to be chaired by Minister of Finance, and whose membership includes Min. Sarkaria (Brampton)
• The committee will be focussed on:
  • job creation
  • opportunities for growth
  • protecting province from future threats
• The Committee will be consulting with a variety of people and stakeholders to assess impact of COVID on the economy and provide action plan to move forward. This will include business associations, chambers of commerce, municipal leaders, corporate leaders, small business owners and entrepreneurs.
• To ensure Ontario comes out of this crisis ready for the economy to grow again as soon as it is safe. But the timing of reopening Ontario’s will be informed by health experts and nest practices

11. **Essential Services and Businesses and Related Measures:**

• Only workplaces deemed essential will be allowed to stay open.
• This has been downsized to 44. These include:
  o Supply chains;
  o Retail (i.e. grocery stores, supermarkets, convenience stores and markets, beer/wine);
  o Gas stations;
  o Restaurants (for delivery only) and hotels;
  o Banks and telecommunications;
  o Transportation (i.e. taxis, transit);
  o Manufacturers; and
  o Essential Construction (i.e. hospitals and transportation projects, residential projects already underway)

• Questions about what will be opened or impacts to business and employment, call Stop the Spread Business Information Line at 1-888-444-3659

**Temporary Measures to Support Bars, Restaurants and Alcohol Retailers**

• Licensed restaurants and bars in Ontario may sell alcohol with food takeout and delivery orders between the hours of 9:00 am and 11:00 pm.
• This measure is effective immediately.
• All active liquor licensees may immediately begin offering this service if they choose and there is no application process or fee required.

**Ontario Together Platform**

• The Province announced the launch of a new portal on the Province’s website, [Ontario Together](#) to assist in mobilizing Ontario’s manufacturing sector to retool in order to produce various essential products including ventilators, masks and swabs.
• Business and manufacturing community can submit proposals for the government to procure required goods and services.
• The website also directs businesses and manufacturers to the federal government’s [buyandsell.gc.ca](#) website for federal procurement needs.

12. **Ontario Together Fund (Innovative Solutions):**

• The fund provides $50 million to support companies retool, build capacity or adopt the technological changes needed to produce supplies and equipment for hospitals, long-term care homes and other critical public services.
• This represents one-time funding to support these efforts
• Submissions are made online.


• Cutting taxes by $355 million for about 57,000 employers through a proposed temporary increase to the **Employer Health Tax (EHT)** exemption;
• Providing $1.9 billion in **new financial relief by the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB)** allowing employers to defer payments for a period of six months.
• Providing a five-month interest and penalty-free period to make payments for the majority of provincially administered taxes, providing $6 billion in relief to help support Ontario businesses when they need it the most;
• Beginning April 1, 2020 and for 5 months after, penalties and interest will not apply to Ontario’s businesses that miss any filling or remittance deadlines under select provincially administered taxes:
• **Making electricity bills more affordable for eligible residential, farm and small business consumers** through a $1.5 billion increase in electricity cost relief compared to the **2019 Budget**.
• Supporting the timely delivery of critical food and supplies by amending a regulation that restricted delivery trucks from operating during off-peak hours.

14. **Reduced Electricity Rates**

• For a period up to 45 days to compensate for higher consumption as people work from home or remain in self-isolation, as well as to help those who may have lost their jobs.
• Starting today, rates will be lowered to the current off-peak rate of 10.1 cents per kilowatt hour.
• The Ontario Energy Board will also extend the current ban on electricity disconnection for households and small businesses that fail to pay their utility bills to July 31.
• The Province estimates small businesses will save $150 and farms will save more than $300.

15. **Support for Trucking Sector:**

• Province announced that it would be providing more safe places for rest stops for truck drivers in addition to keeping all 23 On Routes open for take-out, grab and go and drive-through services, including washrooms with enhanced cleaning.
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Proposed Procedure By-law Amendment
to enable Council Committees to
Meet Electronically During an Emergency

Pursuant to By-law 160-2004, as amended, take notice that at its Meeting on
Wednesday, April 22, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., City Council will consider, among other items:

1) a by-law to amend the Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, to enable Council committees to meet electronically during an emergency.

In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders restricting public gatherings and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Special Council meeting will be limited to Members of Council and essential City staff only.

Anyone interested in addressing City Council at this Special Meeting may file a written submission by email to City Clerk at cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca, by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday April 21st, 2020.

A copy of the related staff report and proposed by-law amendment is available from the City Clerk’s Office, or may be viewed on the City’s website www.brampton.ca, as of Friday, April 17th.

In the event that City Council chooses to refer or defer consideration of either of these matters, no further public notice will be given.


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Date: 2020-04-14

Subject: Options for Relief to the Taxi Industry and other Mobile Licensees (RM 24/2020)

Contact: Paul Morrison, Director, Enforcement and By-law Services
James Bisson, Manager, Licensing Enforcement

Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: Options for Relief to the Taxi Industry and other Mobile Licensees (RM 24/2020), ALL WARDS, to the Special Council Meeting of April 22, 2020, be received; and,

2. That Council direct staff on which of the options they would like staff to implement so that amendments to Mobile Licensing By-Law, 67-2014 can be brought forward to the next Council meeting to be enacted by Council; and,

3. That Council authorize Staff to take all action necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

Overview:

- This Report addresses the options for Council to consider to provide relief to the taxi industry and other mobile licensees issued by Enforcement and By-law Services Division.

- On March 24, 2020, the provincial government enacted Ontario Regulation 82/20 Order Under Subsection 7.0.2 (4) — Closure Of Places Of Non-essential Businesses under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, this regulation ordered non-essential businesses to close.

- Although many of the licensees fall under the essential businesses, the demand for these businesses dropped due to the call for social distancing, and the closure of offices and non-essential businesses. Many drivers also stopped working to prevent coming in contact with the virus.

- The federal and provincial governments have recognized that many
businesses have either closed or have had a reduction in revenue and have created a number of programs to assist them.

- This report outlines six options for Council regarding relief to the taxi industry and the other mobiles businesses licensed by the City.

  - Deferral of expiry dates to provide additional time for the licensees to pay the fees.
  - Reduction of licence fee by the number of months the emergency order is in place keeping non-essential businesses closed.
  - Permitting motor vehicles with a model year of 2010 to remain on the road as registered taxis until May 2021;
  - permit the extensions in 2020 to require only one safety standard certificate as opposed to two.
  - Removing the fee for model year extensions and filing of leases.
  - Not charging late renewal fees for 2020 on any licence renewed past the expiry date.

- any one or a combination of options may be implemented by Council.

**Background:**
On March 16, 2020, in response to the outbreak of COVID-19 and protecting the health and safety of our community the City closed City Hall, all City facilities and Public Events initially for a period of 3 weeks. In consultation with Peel Public Health, the City has extended this closure to May 31, 2020. This closure is subject to change and will depend on best advice provided by the Peel Medical Officer of Health and the Province’s Medical Officer of Health.

The closure of City facilities has an impact on the renewal of Mobile Licensing By-law renewals. The Mobile Licensing By-law requires all licensee’s to renew their licences yearly for vehicles and up to every 2 years for driver/operators.

At the time of the closure, staff were processing the renewals of refreshment vehicles, expiring March 30, 2020, and were preparing for the renewal of driving school vehicles, expiring April 30, 2020.

On March 16, staff contacted the taxi brokers, Driving Schools and Refreshment Vehicle Commissaries and informed them that our offices were closed and that any licence that
expired during the closure would not be enforced until 30 days after the re-opening of our offices. That communication was based on the 3 week initial closure.

As City facilities have remained closed, Enforcement staff have continued with the non-enforcement of licences and are developing alternative ways to renew licences in a contact free manner, as well as looking at alternative dates for licence renewal. The chart below shows the number of licences to be renewed along with the current expiry date.

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<td>Driving School Vehicles</td>
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On April 8, 2020, Council passed the following resolution:

Item 6.10 re Taxi Industry:

Moved by: Councillor Paul Vicente
Seconded by: Councillor Michael Palleschi

Whereas the City of Brampton declared a state of emergency on March 24, 2020, and

Whereas it was a significant step in supporting the Province of Ontario’s and Region of Peel’s efforts to help contain the spread of COVID-19 through physical and social distancing, and

Whereas the Taxi Industry is facing a major decrease in fares and income and are reducing the number of call centre staff and cars, and

Whereas the Taxi Industry’s income has been reduced by approximately 80 per cent and

Whereas the City of Brampton Mayor’s Economic Support Task Force is working to establish ways to support businesses in Brampton, particularly using measures that are within the City of Brampton’s control;

Therefore be it resolved that the City of Brampton consider ways to provide relief to the Taxi Industry, and mobile licenses more broadly, and that Staff report back to the next meeting of Council with options for Council’s consideration.
This report addresses the resolution and provides options for relief to the taxi industry and the other businesses licensed under the Mobile Licensing By-law.

Current Situation:

On March 24, 2020, the provincial government enacted Ontario Regulation 82/20 Order Under Subsection 7.0.2 (4) — Closure Of Places Of Non-essential Businesses under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, this regulation ordered non-essential businesses to close. The regulation identified essential businesses that were permitted to remain in operation, which includes the transportation providers.

Although many of the licensees fall under the essential businesses, the demand for these businesses dropped due to the call for social distancing, and the closure of offices and non-essential businesses. In the case of the taxi industry many drivers stopped working to prevent coming in contact with the virus.

On April 3, 2020, in partnership with Finance, Enforcement and By-law Services along with the Clerks Office developed a mechanism to allow for mobile and stationary business licenses to be paid over the phone using credit cards while adhering to audit standards and risk management. To date, nine (9) Driving School Instructor Vehicle licences have been processed, with inquiries from 16 other plate holders looking to renew their licences. Additionally, staff received interest from the towing industry to obtain new licences and to change vehicles for their fleet. This would be similar to the needs of the taxi industry.

The federal and provincial governments have recognized that many businesses have either closed or have had a reduction in revenue and have created a number of programs to assist them. The full list of these programs is attached to this report as Appendix 1.

Some of the provincial and federal programs that would assist the mobile businesses are as follows;

- Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) - $2,000 a month for up to 4 months to eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19.
- New Wage Subsidies Available | A 75% wage subsidy for qualifying businesses, for up to 3 months, retroactive to March 15, to help businesses keep and return workers to the payroll.
- The Canada Emergency Business Account | A new loan program that will provide interest-free loans of up to $40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits, to help cover operating costs temporarily.
- Wage Subsidy | Eligible small employers will receive a wage subsidy for a period of three months. This is equal to 10% of the remuneration paid during that period, up to a maximum subsidy of $1,375 per employee and $25,000 per employer.
Small Business Loan | Low-interest loans up to $100,000 if your business has been generating revenues for at least 24 months.

The Manager of Licensing Enforcement reached out to the four taxi brokers in Brampton to get an understanding on how their businesses were coping under the pandemic. Information was received that many of the taxi operators were not working and in general the number of vehicles operating had been reduced from 383 down to 75-100 vehicles on a daily basis. The Brokers stated that demand for service had dropped and that they were keeping up with the ridership requests. Unfortunately, due to the drop in demand, the brokerages had laid off many of their office staff. Economic Development was contacted and provided the brokerage contact information to reach out and provide any assistance they could and pass along information on government programs to assist small businesses.

On April 6, 2020, a member of the taxi industry requested council consideration to reduce fees in addition to having vehicles slated to being decommissioned in 2020 be allowed to remain in operation for one additional year.

**Options to provide relief for the Mobile Businesses**

Option 1- Deferral of expiry dates
Provide the effected businesses additional time to renew their licences. The chart below provides the suggested renewal dates.

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This option is similar to the deferral of municipal, provincial and federal taxes by providing some additional time to renew while the businesses return to work.

Option 2- Reduction of Licence Fees
Due to the closure of businesses during the Emergency Orders, consideration could be made to reduce fees by the number of months the Emergency Orders to keep non-essential businesses closed are in place. The initial Order was enacted on March 24, 2020 and has now been extended to May 12, 2020. This date is subject to extension by the Premier. Staff have already renewed a number of licences prior to the issuance of the order. Those who have renewed have paid the full licence fee. To be fair to those businesses that have already renewed staff suggest that any discount to fees for this licence year be applied to the next renewal to those individuals who have already renewed. Consideration was given to refunding however; each refund had a staffing cost of $75.00 per transaction. At present we have processed approximately 400...
licences, the total cost to refunding would be $30,000.00. The chart below shows the impact of a two month reduction and a three month reduction to the licence fees.

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**Option 3- Model Year Extensions**

Our records indicate that there are 12 taxis that are model year 2010. Under the By-law these vehicles would need to be replaced with a model year of 2014 or newer. Staff would not have an issue if the 2010 model year vehicles were permitted to operate until 2021 given an inspection for general fitness.

**Option 4- Safety Standard Certificates**

Additionally, we have 124 vehicles of model year (2010-2013) that require two safety standard certificates for the year. Staff could permit the extensions in 2020 to require only one safety standard certificate as opposed to two.

**Option 5- Extension Fees and Lease Fees**

Staff recognize that the taxi industry have additional costs for filing a lease and the cost for model year extensions.

In consideration of the loss the industry has seen, council could consider the removal of the fee for model year extensions and for filing a lease for 2020. The impact would be approximately $17,000.00.

**Option 6- Late Fee**

Staff also recommend that the late renewal fee of $56.00 not be applied for any licence renewed after the expiry date in 2020 in recognition of the issues faced by the licensees.
The Federal and Provincial governments have developed programs which compensate businesses and independent contractors during this pandemic. The mobile businesses should be encouraged to apply for these programs to help offset business losses.

For Councils consideration, any one or a combination of options may be implemented. There is an impact to the City operating budget for any of the options removing or reducing fees collected for the various licence categories and this sets a precedence for other licences and permits issued by other divisions. A By-law amendment would be required for any of the options chosen.

**Corporate Implications:**

By implementing any option for reduced fees would set a precedence for other licences or permits issued by other divisions across the city. This would lead to further revenues/financial implications.

**Financial Implications:**

The total impact for reducing the licence fees and eliminating the collection of some of the fees would be approximately $208,000.00 for the Enforcement Division alone.

**Term of Council Priorities:**
This report achieves the Strategic Plan Priority of Good Government by contributing to the Strategic Initiative of Continued Financial Stability and it promotes transparency in the reporting of the City’s financial affairs.

This report fulfils the Council Priority of a Well-Run City through continuously improving the day-to-day operation of the corporation by streamlining service delivery while providing a safe and functional licensing experience to the small business operators providing mobile services to the residents in the City.

**Conclusion:**
This report outlines the Federal and Provincial governments programs which compensate small businesses and independent contractors during this pandemic. The mobile businesses licensed by the City should be encouraged to apply for these programs to help offset business losses.

Staff have provided options for Council regarding relief the mobiles businesses licensed by the City. These options include the deferral of licence renewals to later in the year and the option of reducing the licence fee for one year by the number of months the Emergency Order is in place closing non-essential businesses in Ontario and the removal of the late renewal fee.

The report also provides additional options for Council to consider for the taxi industry by permitting motor vehicles with a model year of 2010 to remain on the road until May
2021; removing the fee for model year extensions and filing of leases and requiring only one safety standard certificate for any operator requesting a model year extension.

**Attachments:** Appendix 1 - Economic Resources for Canadian Businesses

Report authored by: James Bisson, Manager, Licensing Enforcement, Enforcement and By-law Services, Legislative Services
Economic Resources for Canadian Businesses

- **Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)** - $2,000 a month for up to 4 months to eligible workers who have lost their income due to COVID-19.
- **New Wage Subsidies Available** | A 75% wage subsidy for qualifying businesses, for up to 3 months, retroactive to March 15, to help businesses keep and return workers to the payroll.
- **The Canada Emergency Business Account** | A new loan program that will provide interest-free loans of up to $40,000 to small businesses and not-for-profits, to help cover operating costs temporarily.
- **City of Brampton provides a tax deferral** and waives penalties for 5 months
- **Wage Subsidy** | Eligible small employers will receive a wage subsidy for a period of three months. This is equal to 10% of the remuneration paid during that period, up to a maximum subsidy of $1,375 per employee and $25,000 per employer.
- **Defer Tax Filing** | Businesses can defer the payment of any income tax amounts that become owing on or after today and before September 2020. The government will not initiate any GST/HST or Income Tax audits for the next four weeks.
- **Emergency Care Benefit** | Up to $900 bi-weekly, for up to 15 weeks for workers who need to stay home due to illness, parents who need to take care of children, or those taking care of a sick family member.
- **Small Business Loan** | Low-interest loans up to $100,000 if your business has been generating revenues for at least 24 months.
- **Purchase Order Financing** | Cover up to 90% of the purchase order amount to ease cash flow to your suppliers.
- **Work-Sharing Program** | Worksharing is an adjustment program designed to help employers and employees avoid layoffs when there is a temporary reduction in normal business levels.
- **EDC | Export Development Canada** | Under the federal government’s new Business Credit Availability Program (BCAP), Export Development Canada (EDC) and the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC) can now provide more than $10 billion of additional financing to customers facing economic challenges caused by COVID-19.
- **The Canadian Federation of Independent Businesses (CFIB) | Small Business Help Centre - COVID19**
- **COVID-19 Freelance Artist Resources and Funding**
- **NGen announced $50 million in Supercluster funding** to support companies responding to the COVID-19 by building a Canadian supply of essential equipment and products.
- **The Canadian Franchise Association | Resources for Dealing with COVID-19**
- **Restaurants Canada | Food Services & Operators Updates and Resources**
- **What Canadian Exporters Need to Know about COVID-19**
Date: 2020-03-30

Subject: Procedure By-law Amendment - Expanding Use of Electronic Meetings During an Emergency to Committee and Tribunal Meetings

Contact: Peter Fay, City Clerk, 905-874-2172

Recommendations:

1. That the report titled: Procedure By-law Amendment - Expanding Use of Electronic Meetings During an Emergency to Committee and Tribunal Meetings, to the City Council Meeting of April 22, 2020, be received; and

2. That amendments to Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, be enacted as set out in the form attached as Appendix 1 hereto to expand electronic meetings to be held during a period of a declared emergency to committees as defined in the Procedure By-law; and

3. That the Council-approved Emergency Electronic Meeting Protocol, as adapted for specific meetings, be applied to any electronic meeting held in conjunction with the amendments to Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, enacted under paragraph 2 of this Recommendation; and

4. That amendments to the Emergency Electronic Meeting Protocol specific to a committee be permitted to be made by a simple majority vote of such committee, to accommodate an effective and efficient meeting, so long as any such amendments are consistent with the intent of the Procedure By-law and do not directly conflict with the Procedure By-law, or are contrary to any prevailing Provincial legislation or orders.

Overview:

- This report recommends allowing committees as defined in the Procedure By-law to convene electronic meetings during a declared emergency, as is currently permitted for City Council.
Background:

On March 25, 2020, City Council enacted amendments to its Procedure By-law to allow for full electronic meetings during a defined emergency, in accordance with the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 (Bill 187).

The current amended Procedure By-law only permits City Council, during a regular or special meeting, to meet electronically. Given the prolonged timelines for physical distancing and public gathering restrictions currently contemplated with the current COVID-19 emergency, it is appropriate to recommend amending the Procedure By-law to allow for the possibility of holding an electronic meeting by our City committees, where deemed practical and expedient.

Current Situation:

As with the current provisions of the Procedure By-law, and prevailing legislation, the invocation of an electronic meeting would only be permitted during an emergency that exists in all or part of the municipality and has been declared by the Head of Council, or the Province, under sections 4 or 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management Act, including the current COVID-19 public health emergency.

The proposed amendment will provide for a regular meeting or special meeting of a Council-established committee (including Standing Committee or other such committee established by Council resolution and/or by-law), to be conducted by an electronic means during an emergency, in accordance with the Procedure By-law and the Emergency Electronic Meeting Protocol, as may be approved by Council and adapted for the specific committee, where such meeting is deemed necessary by the CAO, responsible Department Head and City Clerk, in consultation with the Committee Chair(s).

For the time being, these provisions should only be used for electronic meetings of Council-established committees where the majority of the membership includes Members of Council (i.e., Planning and Development Committee, Committee of Council, Budget Committee, Audit Committee, Governance and Council Operations Committee). Further consideration for enabling other Council-established committees and tribunals to convene electronic meetings will occur as more information about the COVID-19 emergency duration becomes available.

During the current COVID-19 emergency, meetings will need to be supported and managed from the Council Chambers, or Committee Room CH-4A, in order to facilitate live streaming of the meeting, thereby enabling public access and observation. In-person public attendance is currently prohibited given the public gathering restrictions in place. To balance the open meeting and public access provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001, as well as permit public, media and non-essential staff access, the following provisions have been developed:
• public, media and non-essential staff observation through live-stream video posting, and playback availability;
• acceptance of public correspondence regarding specific meeting business via email submitted to the City Clerk via cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca;
• subject to technical accommodation and practicality, allowance for limited electronic public delegations during meetings, to receive public comment and input during a meeting, as required by legislation; and
• public question period regarding decisions made at the meeting, to be submitted to the City Clerk and to be read during the public question period portion of the agenda.

Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

There are no financial implications from the recommended Procedure By-law amendments. Accommodating electronic participation for Council and Committee meetings, with available technology, can be managed within the 2020 Operating Budget.

Other Implications: nil

Term of Council Priorities:

This report achieves the Term of Council Priority of ‘Brampton as a Well-run City’ by ensuring City Council and its committees can continue to meet, make decisions and operate during the current COVID-19 emergency, in order to effectively serve the citizens and businesses of the City during this time of crisis.

Conclusion:

This report recommends expanding the electronic meeting accommodations within the Procedure By-law, during a defined emergency to include Council-established committees as defined in the Procedure By-law, where deemed appropriate.

Authored by: Peter Fay, City Clerk, City Clerk’s Office, Legislative Services

Reviewed and Approved by: Joseph Pittari, Commissioner, Legislative Services

Submitted by: David Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer

Attachments: Appendix 1 - A By-law to amend Procedure By-law 160-2004 to permit Electronic Meetings during a period of Emergency to include Council-established committees

Report authored by: Peter Fay, City Clerk, City Clerk’s Office, Legislative Services
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF BRAMPTON

By-law Number ____- 2020

A By-law to amend Procedure By-law 160-2004 to permit application of Electronic Meetings during a period of Emergency to include Council-established committees

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, section 238 provides that a municipality shall establish a procedure by-law to govern meetings;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Brampton has enacted Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended;

AND WHEREAS on March 19, 2020 the Province of Ontario enacted the Municipal Emergency Act, 2020 to amend the Municipal Act, 2001, to enact section 238 (3.3) and 238 (3.4) to permit meetings to be held electronically during an emergency declared pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter E. 9;

AND WHEREAS the World Health Organization has declared a worldwide pandemic regarding the Novel Coronavirus 19 (COVID-19);

AND WHEREAS on March 17, 2020 a Declaration of Emergency was made by the Province of Ontario pursuant to section 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act related to COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS on March 24, 2020 a Declaration of Emergency was made by the Brampton Head of Council pursuant to section 4.0 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act related to COVID-19;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has enacted emergency legislation pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, prohibiting all organized public events and social gatherings of over five people due to COVID-19;
AND WHEREAS The Council of the Corporation of the City of Brampton considers the protection of the health and safety of the public to be a paramount concern, and has suspended the operations of all City facilities and services, other than those deemed essential for the welfare of the citizens of Brampton during the COVID-19 emergency;

AND WHEREAS The Corporation of the City of Brampton considers it desirable to be able to be able to hold Council and committee meetings electronically during the COVID-19 emergency, as may be appropriate;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton ENACTS as follows:

1. That Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

   a) Deleting and replacing Section 22.2 with the following:

      22.2 Electronic Meetings – A regular meeting or special meeting of Council may be conducted by Electronic Meeting during an Emergency, in accordance with this Section and any Emergency Electronic Meeting Protocol as may be approved by Council, and a committee meeting may be conducted by Electronic Meeting in accordance with any Council approved Emergency Electronic Meeting Protocol as may be adapted by the specific committee, provided such committee meeting is deemed necessary by the CAO, responsible Department Head and City Clerk, in consultation with the Committee Chair(s).

   b) Deleting and replacing Section 22.5 with the following:

      22.5 Delegations – An Electronic Meeting may include in-person or electronic public delegations where practical, and where impractical only by way of electronic submission received in advance of the meeting, which shall be submitted to the City Clerk’s Office at cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca prior to the start of the Electronic Meeting, and shall be provided to Members at the meeting.

2. This By-law is enacted accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended, and Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, and shall hereby come into effect as of the date and time of its passing.

ENACTED and PASSED this day of April, 2020.

Approved as to form.

[Signature]

[Date]
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__________________________________  Patrick Brown, Mayor

__________________________________  Peter Fay, City Clerk

Approved as to content.

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Dear Mr. Ballantine:

RE: Proposed regulatory matters pertaining to community benefits authority under the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, and the Building Code Act (ERO Number: 019-1406)

The City of Brampton (the “City”) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and feedback on the proposed regulatory matters pertaining to the new community benefits authority as it applies to the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, and the Building Code Act. The City’s review and comments are limited only to the official documentation issued by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) on February 20, 2020, through the Environmental Registry of Ontario website (the “ERO”).

In addition to the ERO, the City is also taking the verbal advice of MMAH staff to submit comments on the Ontario Regulation 454/19 which came into force on January 1, 2020. The key comments are categorized into the 6 main components described below with detailed policy-specific comments included as Appendix A.

Please note, these comments are provided as City staff comments in order to meet Ministry commenting timelines. This commenting letter is also included on the April 22 City Council meeting agenda for Council consideration, and any supplementary Council comments and/or Resolution will be provided to the Ministry on or immediately after April 22, 2020.

1. Consider varying community benefits charge percentages based on land use

   Firstly, the City was encouraged to hear from MMAH staff during the conference call held on February 28, 2020, that the Community Benefits Charge (CBC) is not considered to be a tax, but rather a charge. We trust that the MMAH received a legal opinion that demonstrates the relationship between the value of the land and the increase in need for service (e.g. the nexus test).

   City staff have conducted an analysis of the financial impact resulting from the proposed CBC percentages, and whether or not the City would remain revenue neutral, as per
Minister Clark’s assurances. From our analysis, it is clear that there will be "winners" and "losers," if the proposed regulations were to pass in their currently proposed form.

A largely greenfield lower-tier municipality in which ground-related units are the predominant built form could potentially achieve revenue neutrality. The reality, especially in the GTA, is that most municipalities, including Brampton, are encouraging and requiring intensification as directed by Provincial policy, including the Growth Plan.

This proposal poses significant fiscal challenges to municipalities issuing building permits for high density residential development. Our analysis shows that the CBC percentage would need to be upwards of 45% in order to achieve revenue neutrality for this type of project. The significant delta between the proposed cap of 10% and what our analysis shows, is extremely concerning. Municipalities would need to turn to the tax base to fund parkland acquisitions that were previously funded from the CIL reserve. As the City approaches the imminent build-out of its remaining greenfield lands, Brampton will be unable to stay whole and if the proposed regulations are not altered as set out below, the City will need to adjust for the anticipated revenue losses and decline in parkland supply and service levels that will result from a high density-only scenario.

The 10% cap is to be imposed on all forms of development in the current proposal, and Brampton’s view is that it is unfair to achieve revenue neutrality by applying the upper limits of the cap to all types of development (be it non-residential, low density and high density residential). This places an undue burden on, for example, the non-residential sector, to make up for the lost revenue from high density residential development. While we appreciate the 10% is the maximum and municipalities have the discretion to charge less, we do not have the ability to charge more on other land uses that are not paying their “share”.

The City recommends the Province consider the following proposal:

- up to a 10% cap on low density residential development;
- up to a 10% cap on all non-residential development;
- up to a 25% cap on high density residential development; and
- Province pledges to review the percentage caps after a period of time to ensure revenue neutrality.

2. Allow municipalities to require dedication of parkland in satisfaction of a CBC

The City is extremely concerned with the proposed wording under the second option of acquiring land needed to build new parks. The proposed wording being, “If both a developer and municipality agree, a developer could provide land for parks (rather than a payment).”

Brampton strongly urges the Province to leave the decision to require parkland with the municipality. Should municipalities lose control over the application of parkland dedication, this would completely undermine the City’s ability to implement the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and its overall long-term strategy to deliver adequate
parkland, as well as jeopardize the City’s planning initiatives. On any given development application, a developer is concerned with site specific matters. This differs greatly from the goals of a municipality, one of which is city building and ensuring the creation of complete communities. Municipalities are in the best position to determine what is beneficial for the community as a whole, on a City-wide basis, and not solely on a plan-by-plan basis.

If this proposal is adopted, the only mechanism a municipality could utilize to require the conveyance of parkland where no draft plan of subdivision approval is required would be through expropriation. The City is concerned that this could result in longer approval times and would add to the costs of development.

The City recommends the Province consider the following proposal:

- Municipalities be authorized to require dedication of parkland to satisfy a CBC, subject to appropriate Official Plan policies.

3. **Allow for the continuation of all soft services to be funded by development charges**

The continued inclusion of Public Libraries, Parks Development and Recreation within the Development Charges Act, 1997 (DC Act) is a positive change. This provides a level of funding certainty for these services. With respect to the removal of the 10% deduction, this is also a welcomed amendment to the legislation. While the soft services are still subject to the 10-year historic service level limitation, this proposal will ease the pressure that was formerly placed on the property tax base when funding growth-related capital infrastructure.

However, Finance staff still have concerns with the proposed funding framework for the remaining “soft services” (e.g. Animal Control, Parking, Planning-related studies) through the CBC. Brampton feels that the maximum CBC caps prescribed in the regulation will not ensure revenue neutrality for the “soft services” which are intended to be funded through the CBC.

The City recommends the Province consider the following proposal:

- Keep the CBC solely dedicated to the collection of funds for parkland acquisitions; and
- Allow for the recovery of all “soft services” through development charges.

4. **Extend timeline to enact CBC by-laws to ensure smooth transition**

The current one year transition to the CBC after the regulation comes into effect is too short. To put this into context, there are over 200 municipalities in the Province that levy DCs, with only two properly qualified municipal finance consulting firms. As such, there is no conceivable way these two firms could assist 200 municipalities to enact CBC by-laws in one year.
As a reminder, when the DC Act was amended in 1997, the Province allowed for a two year timeline for municipalities to pass new DC by-laws.

The City recommends the Province consider the following proposal:

- Extend the timeline to transition to be the later of:
  - two years after the proclamation of the Regulation, or
  - expiration of each municipality’s current DC By-law.

5. Area rating of the CBC By-law

Under the proposed framework, CBCs are only permitted to be levied on a City-wide basis. While the imposition of CBCs needs to be further examined by the City and its consultants through the development of the CBC Strategy, Brampton is looking for flexibility on area-rating, similar to what is contained in the DC Act with respect to area-specific DC by-laws.

The City recommends the Province consider the following proposal:

- Allow municipalities the flexibility to impose the CBC by-law on a City-wide, or area-specific basis.

6. Difficulties encountered since the implementation of O.Reg 454/19

a) The City encountered a situation in which the developer wished to make the full DC payment at the point of building permit issuance for a rental building. However, the language in section 26.1 (3) of the DC Act states: "A development charge referred to in subsection (1) shall be paid in equal annual instalments beginning on the earlier of the date of the issuance of a permit under the Building Code Act, 1992 authorizing occupation of the building and the date the building is first occupied..." Due to the word "shall", execution of pre-payment agreements was required. This cost the applicant more time and money, ultimately slowing down the construction of rental units.

The City recommends the Province consider the following proposal:

- Amend the word "shall" to "may" to allow for the full payment of the development charges at the time of permit issuance, should both parties consent.
- Alternatively, payment in full at the time of permit issuance could be at the developer’s option.

b) Per the new Section 26.2 of the DC Act, the City encountered an instance with respect to a site plan application. The developer specifically retracted his site plan agreement and applied for a "new" site plan, solely for the purpose of freezing the DCs payable. For reference, the City indexes its DC rates on February 1 and August 1 of each year. The developer retracted his site plan application during the last week of January. We do not believe that this was the spirit of the DC Act Amendment.
The City recommends the Province consider the following proposal:

- Prohibit re-application for rezoning and site plan approval if an application for a similar development was already submitted prior to January 1, 2020.

c) The Building Code Act should be amended to ensure that the payment of DCs is applicable law upon occupancy. This is in reference to the 6 to 21-year deferral payments on institutional and rental buildings. Currently, there is no mechanism to withhold the issuance of the occupancy permit if the first installment of the DCs haven't been paid. Division C, Part 1, Subsection 1.3.3 of the Regulations to the Building Code Act, the "Occupancy of Buildings", should be amended. This subsection contains the prescriptive requirements for the occupancy of the buildings and currently, if inspections are passed, the CBO is required to issue an occupancy permit regardless of whether deferred DCs have been paid.

The City recommends the Province consider the following proposal:

- Add language into Subsection 1.3.3., similar to what is already in Section 8(2)(a) of the BCA, which requires payment of DCs that are subject to deferral, prior to the issuance of an occupancy permit. For example, add the following provision:

  “1.3.3.1. Occupancy Permit — General

(1) Prior to the chief building official or a person designated by the chief building official issuing a permit authorizing occupation of the building or part of it; Development Charges that have been subject to a deferral shall be paid for that part of the building subject to occupancy.”

Summary

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide feedback on MMAH’s important proposed regulations. We trust our comments and recommendations herein will be taken into serious consideration as part of the consultation process.

The City’s detailed comments are attached as Appendix A.

With regards,

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Brampton, ON L6Y 4R2

Attachments:
Appendix A: Detailed Comments on the ERO Number: 019-1406
13.1-6

Appendix A
City of Brampton Detailed Response to the Proposed Regulatory Matters Pertaining to Community Benefits Authority Under the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act, and the Building Code Act
ERO: 019-1406

1. Required Content of a Community Benefits Charge Strategy

The City of Brampton (the “City”) generally supports the proposal with regards to the content of a Community Benefits Strategy (the "Strategy"). In step with a Development Charges (DC) Background Study, it is important to demonstrate the nexus between the need for the service in relation to development. There is concern that any planning direction provided in advance of the OP Review may be premature, and subject to change once the City's land use policies are updated. Need for provisions within the regulations that allow for periodic updates to the strategy to align with city-wide planning initiatives and conformity exercises. The City is unsure if a Community Benefits Charge (CBC) By-law will be managed similarly to a DC By-law and can be re-enacted every 5 years. If not, it will be difficult for the City to anticipate the necessary demand of community services.

Overall, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) is the City's guiding document on how the City's parkland provision is planned and implemented. Current supply service level ratios have been calculated based on available parkland (ha) per 1,000 people. By acknowledging the City of Brampton’s anticipated growth a recommended supply target ratio has been also established based on a forecasted population to determine projected surplus and deficiencies.

An update to the PRMP is recommended after five years (2022) given the rate of change in Brampton’s population and the ongoing evolution of trends affecting the parks and recreation sector. The timing of the Strategy would need to align with the DC By-law, PRMP, and the growth scenarios of the 2040 Official Plan.

With respect to the Strategy itself, the City recommends the Province to consider the following proposal:

- Confirm that the CBC Strategy be reviewed at a minimum of every 5 years
- Confirm that the Parks Plan is envisioned by the Ministry be similar to what has been historically included in the "Capital Program/Plan" which are contained in a Development Charges Study (e.g. - a high level overview of the parkland parcel in which the City intends to purchase), which is backed by the City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan.
- Remove the requirement from bullet point #4 to demonstrate if parkland is "planned to increase, decrease or stay the same". City of Brampton staff do not see the merit in expressing this in the Strategy.
- Allow municipalities the flexibility to impose the CBC by-law on a uniform, City-wide basis, or area-specific. While this still needs to be further examined, City of Brampton is requesting that the imposition of the CBC be similar to the DC Act in which area-specific by-law could exist.
- Allow municipalities the flexibility to frame and create the Strategy in a form that meets its needs while meeting the require content.
- The PRMP recognizes the anticipated growth and demonstrates a clear need for parkland in the municipality. With that said there needs to be an amended approach to dealing with parkland
through greenfield development versus redevelopment in intensification areas. Not all areas can be treated the same when considering availability of land, cost, and park type to be delivered.

2. **Services Eligible to Be Funded Through Development Charges**

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However, Brampton still has concerns with the proposed funding framework for the remaining “soft services” (e.g. Animal Control, Parking, Planning-related studies) through the CBC. Brampton’s position is that the maximum CBC caps prescribed in the regulation will not ensure revenue neutrality for the “soft services” which are intended to be funded through the CBC.

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3. **Percentage of Land Value for Determining a Maximum Community Benefits Charge**

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Under a CBC by-law, the amount of the benefit is predetermined based on the value of the land, without considering the extent of the impact a proposed intensification development would cause in a specific community. For municipalities that are now built-out and are experiencing significant intensification, it will be a substantial loss. The impacts for Brampton may not be apparent over the short term, but might be significant over the medium-long term once the City starts experiencing more intensification. Under the CBC By-law, the City has to prepare a strategy to anticipate the type and need of community benefits that will be needed. It may not be possible during the preparation of the strategy to anticipate all the benefits and where they will be needed.

City staff have conducted an analysis of the financial impact resulting from the proposed CBC percentages, and whether or not the City would remain revenue neutral, as per Minister Clark’s assurances. From our analysis, it is clear that there will be "winners" and "losers," if the proposed regulations were to pass in their currently proposed form.

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4. **Timeline to Transition to the New Community Benefits Charge Regime**

The current one year transition to the CBC after the regulation comes into effect is too short. To put this into context, there are over 200 municipalities in the Province that levy DCs, with only two properly qualified municipal finance consulting firms. As such, there is no conceivable way these two firms could assist 200 municipalities to enact CBC by-laws in one year.

As a reminder, when the DC Act was amended in 1997, the Province allowed for a two year timeline for municipalities to pass new DC by-laws.

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City of Brampton

Appendix A: Detailed Response to Proposed Regulation - ERO #019-1406
5. **Community Benefits Charge By-law Notice**

The notice provisions proposed in the ERO posting mirror those set out in the DC Act. As such, municipalities with DCs will be able to leverage existing processes while transitioning to the new CBC regime. The City of Brampton sees no significant issue with the community benefits charge by-law notice provisions as written.

6. **Minimum Interest Rate for Community Benefits Charge Refunds Where a By-law Has Been Successfully Appealed**

City of Brampton staff understand that by making the CBC by-laws appealable, processes need to be established to allow for refunds of by-laws which have been successfully appealed. Brampton staff see no significant issues with the proposed minimum interest rate for community benefits charge refunds where a by-law has been successfully appealed.

7. **Building Code Applicable Law**

The City of Brampton supports the proposal to amend the Building Code to add the community benefits charge authority to the list of applicable law. This amendment is a housekeeping item that enables the mechanism for ensuring the payment of community benefits charges prior to the issuance of a building permit. Brampton supports the change as it ensures payments to municipalities are made promptly.
Date: 2020-04-15

Subject: COVID-19 Financial Status Update

Contact: Nash Damer, Senior Manager, Financial Planning and Analytics
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Recommendations:

1. That the report from Nash Damer, Senior Manager, Financial Planning and Analytics, dated April 15, 2020, to the Special Meeting of Council of April 22, 2020 re: “COVID-19 Financial Status Update” be received;

2. That the Federal and Provincial governments be requested to support the City of Brampton’s current and future efforts to recover from the impacts of COVID-19 through:
   a. Providing municipalities with an operating grant to help meet the financial impacts resulting from the COVID-19 crisis as well as enable the quick return to normal service levels in the period following the crisis.
   b. Streamlining and accelerating the approval of ICIP project applications previously submitted by the City of Brampton in order to ensure readiness for the immediate start of these projects following the crisis.
   c. Increasing the funding amounts to municipalities through new and existing infrastructure-building programs including gas tax funding in order to stimulate the local economic recovery in late 2020 and in 2021.

Overview:

- Recognizing the critical leading role the City plays in Canada’s response to the most serious global health threat in over a century, complete budget adherence will be relegated to a lower priority while ensuring continued financial viability and oversight remain essential for the City to be able to meet this monumental challenge.
This report summarizes the estimated financial impact and financial management efforts required to support the City's response to COVID-19 and ensure continued financial viability throughout and following the crisis period.

As the situation is dynamic and the duration and magnitude of the impact on the economy continues to develop, the financial impact to the City cannot be fully quantified with high certainty at this time.

Given the currently available information and operational measures approved by Council to date, staff have developed a number of high-level financial impact scenarios based on three different potential dates to end Physical Distancing measures of July 1st 2020, October 1st 2020 and January 1st 2021.

Reflecting projected revenue losses, additional cost pressures and projected cost savings due to reduced service levels and other factors, the 2020 year-end operating budget deficits are estimated at $44.7 million for the July 2020 scenario, $51.2 million for the October 2020 scenario and $55.0 million for the January 2021 scenario equivalent to 5.9% to 7.3% variance to budget.

The City maintains a General Rate Stabilization (GRS) reserve non-committed balance of $71.8 million that is specifically meant for use in extraordinary situations such as the one we are currently in. In a scenario where the City were to fund the total projected impacts in 2020 from the GRS, it would reduce the balance in the reserve to between 24% to 38% of the target in 2020 that will remain available for further future risk mitigation.

In addition, a number of mitigating measures are being pursued by staff to reduce the projected operating budget impacts including intensified advocacy efforts to quantify and accelerate COVID-19 support from higher-level governments as well as the possible consideration to reallocate capital funding to support operations.

Decline in user fee revenues is the primary financial impact driver, which is largely concentrated in the areas of Transit and Recreation Services as a result of City decisions to suspend collection of Transit fares and close Recreation facilities and Community centers.

The City’s reserve positions reflect years of sensible and farsighted Council direction and prudent fiscal management policies that allow the City to enter into this crisis with a solid balance sheet and strong liquidity position. Within the limits of current projections, this will allow
the City to endure the estimated cash flow strains and meet its obligations during this period.

- Financial impacts to future years are not possible to quantify at this point and as such are not part of this report. However, it is clear that all forms of Federal and Provincial support funding will provide relief on possible future implications to property tax increases needed to rebuild City’s reserve balances to pre COVID-19 levels.

- City staff are working closely with neighboring municipalities and municipal associations, to share and coordinate our approach in managing the financial impacts of COVID-19. This includes joint advocacy efforts for relief and stimulus support from the Provincial and Federal governments as reflected in the recommendations section in this report.

Background:

On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization officially declared the outbreak of novel coronavirus virus, COVID-19, a pandemic. This has resulted in governments worldwide, including the Canadian, Ontario and local Regional government, enacting emergency measures to combat the spread of the virus. The City of Brampton (the City) declared a state of emergency on March 24. This declaration provided support to the City’s ongoing emergency response efforts by allowing more flexibility and speed.

Led by the Mayor and Council, the City of Brampton stepped up to the challenge with wide reaching actions in support of the Province of Ontario’s and Region of Peel’s efforts to help contain the spread of COVID-19 and to reduce the impacts to its community. Appendix A provides a summary of City of Brampton Response to COVID-19.

As part of its response efforts, Council approved a number of necessary measures that had impacts to City finances with examples of the more financially significant including the suspension of transit fare collection, suspension of service delivery at its facilities and community centers as well as stepped up measures to implement the recommended public health measures across the corporation.

Due to a history of prudent financial management guided by Council's well-balanced approach to growth management, the City is well positioned financially to handle the
stresses of the COVID-19 response as projected at this point. This is especially true in terms of the ability to handle the operational cash flow demands during this period.

In the long term and in order to maintain City’s ability to withstand further future implications of COVID-19 or other future economic stresses and to reduce future impacts to its residents and support the local economy to bounce back to its pre COVID-19 levels; support from the Provincial and Federal government levels is essential.

**Current Situation:**

The developing situation is dynamic and the duration and magnitude of the impact to the economy and the financial effect on City financials cannot be fully determined at this time.

Staff have developed three high-level scenarios driven by possible dates to end Physical Distancing measures that provide an indication of a range of financial impacts on cash flows and budgets.

All underlying assumptions about City operational measures used in building the three scenarios have already been announced and approved by Council. No assumptions pending future City Council, Regional, Provincial or Federal decisions have been used.

**Overview of Financial Impacts to the City:**

Decline in user fee revenues is the primary financial impact driver which is largely concentrated in the areas of Transit and Recreation Services, as a result of City decisions to suspend collection of Transit fares and close Recreational facilities.

Approximately 66% of Operating Budget revenues are received through Property Tax Collections. At this point, this revenue stream is considered minimally impacted on a full annual budgetary basis, as the impacts are limited to foregone late payment penalties and interest charges estimated at approximately $1 million a month, as a result of the City temporarily suspending these charges.

Offsetting the impacts of revenue declines, a number of accompanying operating cost savings are forecasted in specific departments and across the City. These include cost savings due to Transit service level reductions on a number of city routes and suspension of service delivery at City facilities. Other savings include fuel price savings, administrative support savings and overtime as well as the recently announced temporary suspension of employment of part-time, temporary/casual, and seasonal staff members in non-essential and non-critical services.

Furthermore, Provincial and Regional decisions have been made to reduce property tax transfers to the Region and to the School Boards which will significantly help manage the short term cash flow impacts to the City.
# 2020 Year End Projected Variances Summary

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**MAJOR FACTORS:**

1. Transit reduced revenues 38,322 55,650 66,942
2. Recreation reduced revenues 15,730 22,314 28,210
3. Tax Penalty reduced revenue 6,406 6,406 6,406
4. POA reduced revenues 4,800 7,400 7,400
5. Investment income loss 2,207 2,207 2,207
6. Ride Sharing reduced revenue 1,600 1,600 1,600
7. Culture Services reduced revenue 1,000 1,300 2,300
8. Various other impacts (14,448) (26,373) (35,899)
9. Labour Savings (10,900) (19,347) (24,413)

* Projections do not account for potential offsetting support grants or other future potential mitigation measures discussed in this report

** The main mitigation measures under consideration include support funding from higher level governments, utilization of the GRS reserve balance as well as possible reallocation of property tax supported capital funding to operations

**Financial mitigation measures:**

Recognizing the importance of securing relief and stimulus support from the Provincial and Federal governments, staff through our Government Relations group have been intensifying their efforts in this regard and at this point remain positive about their ability to secure needed support funding from higher government levels.

Furthermore, the City is working in close coordination with the neighbouring municipalities and with the Region to share and coordinate our approach to managing the financial impacts of the current situation. This includes a joint advocacy effort for relief support from higher level governments at the Provincial and Federal levels.

More specifically to Transit, the City is part of the coordinated advocacy effort through FCM/CUTA to secure funding to compensate for lost Transit revenues and other costs related to COVID-19.
The City may in the future also consider a number of financial management measures that upon Council direction may be deemed necessary in case of further prolonged suspension of operations.

These include the postponement and/or cancellation of capital projects and redirection of portions of property tax supported funding to support operations as needed. In the 2020 budget, $84 million property tax revenues are collected to fund portions of the capital program.

From a cash management perspective, the City maintains over $1 billion of liquid assets (cash and investments), largely comprised of unspent approved capital funds, as well as discretionary and obligatory Reserve Fund balances, which can be accessed on a temporary basis to fund short term cash flow deficiencies, if necessary.

Given the current assessment of the situation, these additional measures are not considered necessary at this time and hence have not been recommended in this report.

Assumptions underlying the financial impact projections:

Since the onset of the crisis, staff have been monitoring and assessing the potential financial impacts to the City. Various operating expenditures and revenues are expected to be impacted. Key expected variances (both favourable and unfavourable), for the July 1st scenario which is projecting a net $44.7 million deficit, are outlined below. Scenarios have been developed using assumptions detailed in Appendix C.

Transit:

Assuming an end of Physical Distancing measures date of July 1st for City employees, Transit would return to a normal schedule from the reduced one currently in place. Were that to occur, revenues would still be severely impacted as follows:

2. Gradual return of ridership for the balance of the year: revenues below budget by approximately $16 million for the balance of the year.

The Provincial Gas Tax is assumed to be equal to budget. In total, this would result in a budget shortfall of approximately $22 million.

The City never experienced anything like the impact of this pandemic on service and ridership for this extended and still undetermined timeframe. Consequently, there is nothing that can be used as any sort of a guide. Ridership, employment levels and pricing in the general economy are all impossible to assess. Once there is a return to
normal, staff will begin to have information upon which these estimates and forecasts can be refined.

Recreation:
Closure of all recreation facilities will result in lost revenues, forecasted at $15.7 million. The lost revenues are a result of closures, cancellation, and reduced revenues for the rest of the year.

Tax Penalty:
Due to the COVID-19 economic impact, tax penalty fees will not be collected until August 2020. This will result in $6.4 million in lost revenue.

POA Courts:
Provincial Offences Act (POA) Courts are forecasting revenue loss of $4.8 million, due to fewer tickets being issued, a temporary closure of the courts and revenue deferrals to future years.

Investment Income:
Investment income is impacted by a lower return on investment driven primarily by drop in average investment balance as a result of increased operational cash demands; resulting in $2.2 million in reduced income.

Ride Sharing:
Revenue loss is projected at $1.6 million due to decreased demand in ridesharing.

Culture Services:
Performing Arts events at City facilities including the Rose Theatre will not be rescheduled before the end of June and will result in a loss of revenue totaling $1.2 million.

Various Impacts:
The COVID-19 situation has resulted in several buildings/facilities being closed. These closures will result in savings of:
- $2.6 million in utilities
- $2 million in preventative/demand maintenance
- $1.6 million in contracted services (security, cleaning services, and park and tree maintenance)
- $4 million in Transit from diesel fuel due to lower usage and prices
- $3 million in reduced PRESTO commission costs, and
- $1 million in lower bus maintenance costs.
Labour Savings:

As a result of COVID-19, the corporation will experience labour savings. Temporary suspension of employment of part-time, temporary/casual, and seasonal staff members in non-essential and non-critical services has been implemented. Savings are estimated at $17.9 million mainly due to:
- $9 million in Recreation part-time labour and vacancy savings
- $8 million in Transit staff vacancy savings and reduced overtime costs

These labour savings were offset by $7 million due to:
- $5.7 million in lost capital recoveries
- $1.3 million contingency for Brampton Fire and Emergency Services to maintain front-line staffing requirements depending on the severity of the pandemic.

Reserve and reserve fund balances and liquidity considerations:

As mentioned in the mitigation measures section of this report, through Council direction and historically prudent fiscal management practices, the City has a rather strong liquidity position of cash and a fairly liquid investments portfolio that can allow it to sustain operations and meet the cash demands on temporary basis during this crisis period. Deferred Revenues aid in this regard as they represent a major component of Obligatory Reserve balances such as Development Charges, Cash in Lieu of Parkland and Federal Gas Tax Reserves which can be borrowed from in the short term if deemed necessary.

This is in addition to an unutilized line of credit of $50 million with a competitive interest rate that can be utilized as needed during this period.

For longer-term utilization of funds, the City has approximately $250 million in discretionary reserves (net of commitments) that can be accessed to further maintain operations if deemed necessary. This includes a General Rate Stabilization (GRS) reserve balance of $71.8 million (net of commitments) that is maintained specifically for use in extraordinary situations such as the one we are currently in.

Council has established a GRS reserve balance target at 10% of the annual approved operating budget. The 2020 Operating Budget has been approved at $754 million, resulting in a GRS reserve target of $75.4 million. The table below provides Council with projected 2020 year-end GRS balances in the event that the GRS reserve becomes the primary funding source of the currently projected financial impacts, based on the various COVID-19 scenarios:
General Rate Stabilization Reserve (GRS) - Projected Year End Impacts of COVID-19

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**Term of Council Priorities and Living the Mosaic - 2040:**

This report achieves the Term of Council priority of Brampton is a Well-Run City, by practicing proactive management of the City’s fiscal situation, adapting service delivery, managing our assets and leveraging partnerships for collaboration.

**Conclusion:**

In response to COVID-19, staff have assessed a number of high-level financial impact scenarios driven by possible end dates to the Physical Distancing measures to indicate the range of possible impacts to City finances in 2020. A summary of current and future potential mitigation measures was provided. Given the financial strength of the City going into the COVID-19 crisis, the City is well positioned to sustain itself based on the current projections throughout this period but to reduce the long-term impacts to the City and its residents, securing support from the Provincial and Federal government levels is essential.

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1. **Regular Communications**: Since March 11, approximately 30 pieces of communications have been issued to the media to disseminate to the public. This included Service and Information Updates, Media Releases (MR) and Statements from the City on Council decisions, City facility closures, health and safety information and changes to programs and services. This also included information about Brampton Transit service change for reallocation of additional resources to some of Brampton Transit’s busier routes as we continue to limit bus loads to half seated capacity to support physical distancing practices. All SIUs, Media Releases and Statements have been translated into top 10 languages spoken in Brampton, plus French. These are available on the City website. A full list of MR has been provided at the end of this document.

2. **Multilingual Communications**

   *Translation Projects*
   1. 18 Media Release (*11 languages)
   2. 13 Service and Information Updates (*11 languages)
   3. 3 Posters: Youth Taskforce, Senior Taskforce, Property Tax Deferral (*11 languages)
   4. Property Tax Ad: 1 (various sizes) * (4 languages)
   5. Property Tax Social Media Tiles: * (4 languages)
   6. Physical Distancing By-law Tile in Punjabi (*11 languages)

   *Advertisements – Ethnic Media*
   1. Tele Town Hall 1: Advertised on 5 radio stations
   2. Tele Town Hall 2: Advertised on 6 radio station
   3. Tele Town Hall 3: Advertised on 6 radio stations
   4. Safety before sunshine: weekend announcements on 4 radio stations
   5. Property Tax Deferral: 5 radio and 4 TV stations
   6. Generic Ad: 5 Print/online
   7. Tele Town Hall (Small Business, Seniors & General): Advertised on 4 stations
   8. Physical Distancing Punjabi Ad: Advertised on 3 radio stations, will begin advertising on 3 TV stations
   9. Physical Distancing e-paper/print Ad in 11 languages and 12 outlets (pending)

3. **State of Emergency Declared by Mayor**: On March 24, Mayor Patrick Brown declared a State of Emergency in the City of Brampton in accordance with the City’s Emergency Management Plan. This was a significant step in supporting the Province of Ontario’s and Region of Peel’s efforts to help contain the spread of COVID-19. This declaration supports the City’s ongoing emergency response efforts by allowing more flexibility and speed as we take action to help prevent the impacts of COVID-19.

4. **Dedicated Website**: The City created a specific website www.brampton.ca/covid19 to serve as a comprehensive source of the latest updates for the community and partners at various levels of government. Topic-specific FAQs were included and updated on a regular basis. As the need for greater engagement arose, the City transitioned the webpage into an
engagement platform, allowing for more flexibility to conduct surveys direction off the site, and with additional user-friendly features available for use as required.

5. **Special Task Forces Established by Mayor:** Between March 17 to 20, Mayor Patrick Brown announced the introduction of four Support Task Forces Announced help residents and businesses get through this pandemic: [Economic Support, Social Support, Seniors Support, Youth Support](#). Each Task Force is co-chaired by two Councillors and along with the support of a team comprising staff members, they provide resources, information and collaborative support that residents and businesses need to overcome challenges.

6. **Telephone Town Halls (TTH) with Community Partners:** Since March 18, the City has hosted a weekly 1.5 hour Telephone Town Hall along with representatives from Peel Region Public Health, Peel Regional Police, William Osler Health System, Peel Regional Paramedics and Brampton Fire & Emergency Services. More than 100,000 callers (random selection basis) and thousands more who signed up to participate, hear updates and have their questions answered. Audio recordings of the TTH are posted on the City website for public reference. Anyone wishing to participate in this may sign up using the [online form](#) on the City website.

7. **Social Media Collateral:** Social media is one of the many channels the City uses to communicate with residents and businesses. Through YouTube, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, the City has actively kept its social followers updated and engaged. Key topics include information about park closures, social distancing rules, how to report by-law violations, process for tax deferrals and others. These channels were also used for two-way engagement such as the Mayor’s Live Instagram Chats with youth, and as a medium to answer questions and get feedback.

8. **Emergency Measures By-law Ramps up Enforcement:** On March 31, [City Council approved](#) the [Brampton COVID-19 Emergency Measures By-law](#) to help protect the health and safety of residents. The new by-law prohibits certain activities and regulates physical distancing to help contain the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Individuals not adhering to physical distancing regulation can be fined a minimum of $500 and maximum of up to $100,000 for each offence. Residents are advised to call 311 to report a non-compliant business, the use of City-owned facilities that are closed (other than essential services) or gatherings of more than five people. If residents wish to report a non-compliant food establishment such as a bar or restaurant, they are to report to Peel Public Health at 905.799.7700.

9. **Five-Month Tax Deferral Option:** On March 31, the City [announced it would waive the interest and late fees on property tax payments](#) for residents and businesses for a five-month period from March 18 to August 19. Should anyone choose to defer their taxes, they were required to contact the City by April 15, to cancel any postdated cheques (by calling 311) or withdraw from pre-authorized payment plan (by filling the [online form](#)). All deferred taxes must be paid by August 19 either as a lump sum or in smaller instalments (no minimum amount) to avoid interest or penalties.

10. **Three-Month Rent Deferral for City Tenants:** To support small businesses and non-profit organizations that rent out City facilities, the City [announced](#) on April 1 it will defer their rent payments for a period of three months, and waive payments for its non-profit tenants who
are unable to access new Federal programs for a period of 3 months. This relief will support more than half of the City’s 81 tenants. The waiving of rent for three months for all non-profit organizations within City-owned buildings would cost the City $202,000, a move that will provide temporary relief to community organizations, helping them cope in challenging times.

11. **City Facilities Closure:** While the initial closure of City facilities was for a three-week period, it was later extended based on guidance from Peel Public Health and for the safety of our residents and employees. City Hall, Recreation and Community Centres and Brampton Library branches will remain closed until further notice to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. The 24-hour lobby at City Hall (near the elevator, parking ticket machine and cheque drop box) will remain open and be frequently monitored for anyone wanted to drop off their property tax payment cheques.

12. **Parks and Playgrounds Closure:** On March 26, the City announced the closure of all 500+ parks in Brampton to the public, until further notice, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. This includes playgrounds, leash-free dog parks, all outdoor sports facilities and outdoor fitness equipment and picnic shelters. Signage indicating park closures were installed at City parks the following week. These closures are aligned with Peel Public Health’s direction to residents to practice physical distancing and avoid gatherings in public settings. Residents should contact the City’s Security Services to report an issue at 905.874.2111.

13. **Cemeteries Closure:** Effective, Wednesday, April 8 all City of Brampton cemeteries will be closed, until further notice, to ensure the health and safety of residents and staff. Essential services, such burials and at-need burial plot sales, will continue to be provided by appointment only. Residents are asked to call 905.874.2997 to make an appointment. Signage will be posted outside all Brampton cemeteries to advise residents of the closures.

14. **Request for increased physician capacity:** At its meeting on April 8, Brampton City Council approved direction to help increase local healthcare capacity by supporting qualified, foreign-trained doctors in their request to work on the frontlines during the COVID-19 emergency.

15. **City Events Cancelled:** All City festivals, events, performances and community event permits for events at City facilities and performing arts centres, including The Rose, are cancelled until July 1, 2020, inclusive, in response to COVID-19. This decision includes city-led events celebrating dates of national significance such as Victoria Day, Canada Day and National Indigenous Peoples Day. The City is considering alternate digital options for residents to celebrate these events as a community with physical distancing practices in mind. The City is also considering alternate arrangements for the Brampton Farmers’ Market.

16. **Interim Bike Lanes:** To help protect the health and safety of residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Brampton is implementing interim bike lanes along the Vodden Street corridor. These interim bike lanes will provide an alternative cycling option to recreational trails for residents, and allow cyclists to maintain physical distancing. As of Saturday, April 18, the City is temporarily closing off curb lanes to vehicular traffic along the following sections of road and repurposing the lanes for bicycle use only:
   - Vodden Street – Ken Whillans Drive to Howden Boulevard
   - Howden Boulevard – Vodden Street to Central Park Drive
These sections of road are a part of the planned East-West Cycling Corridor connection as proposed in the Active Transportation Master Plan.

17. **Backyard Garden Program**: On April 16th the City of Brampton launched the Backyard Garden Program, a new eco-friendly initiative to help support food security in our city, and encourage residents to get active at home during the COVID-19 emergency. The City of Brampton is the first municipality in Canada to launch a citywide initiative to support residents in growing their own gardens in response to COVID-19.

18. **Advocacy**
   - March 31 – Letter from Mayor to Provincial Finance Minister advocating for insurance companies to lower car insurance during COVID-19
   - March 31 – Letter from Mayor to Federal and Provincial Finance Ministers re: mandating credit card companies to lower interest rates during COVID-19
   - April 1 – Letter from Mayor to Premier re: rent relief measures for businesses
   - April 7 – Letter from Mayor to Minister of Health requesting that Foreign trained, Canadian qualified physicians be able to work on frontlines to support healthcare capacity shortages in Ontario hospitals.
   - April 15 – Letter from Mayor to Premier and Minister of Health requesting Transit Operators be included on list of COVID-19 Priority Testing Groups
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List of Media Releases, SIUs and Statements

1. March 11 - City of Brampton health and safety measures against COVID-19
2. March 12 - City of Brampton takes additional health and safety measures
3. March 13 - City Hall and facilities closed, events and programming cancelled.
4. March 16 - 24-hour retail delivery allowance in Region of Peel
5. March 16 - Bars, restaurants to cease in-person service
7. March 17 - City of Brampton Announces Mayor's COVID-19 Economic Support and Social Support Task Forces
8. March 18 - City of Brampton announces Mayor's COVID-19 Seniors Support Task Force
9. Media releases March 19, 20, 30, April 4, 7 - Regular updates on Transit Service changes
10. March 20 - City of Brampton announces Mayor’s COVID-19 Youth Support Task Force
11. March 21 - Deferral of Taxes if requested - 5 Months (Aug 19)
12. March 24 - City of Brampton Statement on confirmed Brampton Transit COVID-19 case
13. March 24 - State of Emergency Declared by Mayor
14. March 25 - City of Brampton COVID-19 response update: Special Council Meeting outcomes
15. March 26 - City of Brampton closes all parks
16. March 27 - Brampton City Hall and facilities closure extended until further notice in response to COVID-19
17. March 30 - Changes to Brampton Transit service in response to COVID-19 effective March 31
18. March 31 - City of Brampton enacts Emergency Measures by-law to enforce physical distancing
19. April 1 - City of Brampton provides rent relief to tenants and non-profit organizations in City-owned facilities in response to COVID-19
20. April 2 - Changes to Brampton Transit service in response to COVID-19 effective April 4
21. April 3 - City of Brampton statement on second confirmed Brampton Transit COVID-19 case
22. April 7 - City of Brampton to close all cemeteries in response to COVID-19
23. April 7 – Changes to Brampton Transit Service in response to COVID-19 effective April 13 and Good Friday service details
25. April 8 – Brampton requests support for increased physician capacity during COVID-19 emergency
26. April 10 – City of Brampton statement on third confirmed Brampton Transit COVID-19 case
27. April 12 - City of Brampton statement on fourth confirmed Brampton Transit COVID-19 case
28. April 15 – City of Brampton Festivals and Events cancelled until July 1 inclusive in response to COVID-19
29. April 16 – City of Brampton announces first citywide Backyard Garden Program in Canada in response to COVID-19
30. April 16 - Changes to Brampton Transit service in response to COVID-19 effective April 17
31. April 17 - Extended City closures and cancellations result in temporary suspension of employment in non-essential services
32. April 17 - City implements interim bike lanes to promote safe active transportation opportunities during COVID-19 pandemic
## Appendix B: Reserve and Reserve Fund Balances ($000s)

### As at March 31, 2020

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<td>($5,633)</td>
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<td>Res # 89 - Dedicated Gas Tax Reserve</td>
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<td>$548,211</td>
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* Deferred revenues represent a major component of Obligatory Reserves such as Development Charges, Cash in Lieu of Parkland and Federal Gas Tax Reserves.*
APPENDIX C: FINANCIAL IMPACT PROJECTION ASSUMPTIONS

The following assumptions were used to prepare the three high-level COVID-19 financial impact scenarios:

**Labour Assumptions:**

- All vacant positions would remain vacant until end of year (excluding positions approved by CAO) in all 3 scenarios. Public Works and Engineering plans on hiring upon Physical Distancing measures end only in the July 1st, 2020 scenario with a 3-month delay to fill the positions.

- All seasonal part-time staff (recreation/parks/crossing crossed) would be hired based on programming requirements in each scenario (Jan. 1, 2021 scenario assumes no part time staff)

- Library part-time hours would be reduced to weekly minimum in accordance with collective agreement and vacant positions would remain unfilled until end of year.

- This forecast does not include any estimated increase in Transit labour related to additional 80/60 hrs of sick bank time for frontline Transit FT and PT staff.

- Staff chargebacks on capital projects will be recovered based on the scenario:

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<th>Capital Works</th>
<th>Jul 1, 20</th>
<th>Oct 1, 20</th>
<th>Jan 1, 21</th>
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<td>Information Technology</td>
<td>60%</td>
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<td>Capital Works</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>64%</td>
<td>89%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Building, Design and Construction</td>
<td>35%</td>
<td>48%</td>
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**Revenue assumptions:**

- Recreation, Theatres, and Libraries would generate no revenue up to the scenario date. After opening, a staggered revenue stream is anticipated as the public will be cautious about returning to shared facilities and potential provincial regulation on shared spaces or larger gatherings.

- Transit would operate at reduced service (modified Saturday/Sunday Service) and collect no fares up to the scenario date. It is assumed that Provincial gas tax revenues will match budget.

- POA revenue projections are based on court house opening on May 29th, 2020:
Other assumptions:

- All facilities (excluding Fire stations and Transit), recreation centres, parks, theatres, and libraries would remain closed up to the scenario date. The closures would result in savings due to reduced demand for utilities, fuel, preventative/demand maintenance, contracted services, materials, and other various accounts.

- Culture Services will continue with a reduced alternative programming that will result in $300,000 savings when accounting for saving offsets from loss of sponsorships/fees.

- Additional costs directly related to COVID-19 have been included under General Government
Date: 2020-04-20

File: 

Subject: INFORMATION REPORT
Brampton Stormwater Charge Deferral

Contact: Michael Heralall, Senior Manager, Environment, 905-874-3585, Michael.Heralall@brampton.ca

Recommendations:

1. That the report from Michael Heralall, Senior Manager, Environment, dated April 20, 2020 to the City Council Meeting of April 22, 2020 re: “Brampton Stormwater Charge Deferral”, be received.

Overview:

- The City of Brampton Stormwater Charge will become effective on June 1, 2020.

- The Stormwater Charge will be collected through the Region of Peel water/wastewater bill, as is currently done for the City of Mississauga's stormwater charges.

- Most Brampton property owners receive a water/wastewater bill approximately every 3 months, and will see the first Stormwater Charges on their water bill beginning in August 2020.

- The Region of Peel has deferred payment of water/wastewater bills due April 1 – June 30 for 91 days as a COVID-19 economic relief measure. This resulted in the automatic deferral of payment of the Mississauga stormwater charges as well for the same period.

- Should the Region of Peel of Peel decide to extend the duration of this economic relief measure by deferring water bills that would be payable between July 1 – September 30, this would automatically defer payment of the first Brampton Stormwater Charges as well.
Background:

The Brampton Stormwater Charge, as approved by Council in June 2019 with implementation in 2020, is being introduced to respond to persistent underfunding for maintenance, rehabilitation, renewal, replacement and asset management of the City’s $1.2 billion of stormwater infrastructure.

The Stormwater Charge will be billed and collected on the Region of Peel’s water/wastewater bill, which takes advantage of existing processes and efficiencies in place at the Region for managing stormwater charges for the City of Mississauga. The City is currently working with the Region of Peel to prepare their billing systems to accommodate the Brampton Stormwater Charge.

Current Situation:

The effective date of the Stormwater Charge is proposed to be June 1, 2020. Key scheduled milestones are:

- Pre-implementation notice #1 via water bill insert: sent February, 2020
- Pre-implementation notice #2 via water bill insert: to be sent May, 2020
- Effective Date of the Stormwater Charge (via By-law to Council): June 1, 2020
- Delivery of first bills: August 2020 (to be included on Region of Peel water bill)

Table 1: Typical Stormwater Charges (billed in four instalments)

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<th>Property type</th>
<th>Size</th>
<th>Annual Charge</th>
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<tr>
<td>Residential single detached home</td>
<td>185 m² (2000 sq. ft)</td>
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<td>Small commercial property</td>
<td>600 m²</td>
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<td>Typical commercial plaza</td>
<td>38,000 m²</td>
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COVID-19 Impacts

The emergence of COVID-19 and its resulting public health, social and economic impacts has precipitated action at all levels of government to deal with these impacts. The Region of Peel has chosen to defer payment of water/wastewater bills due in the current quarter (April 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022) for 91 days with no penalties. COVID-19 likely a public health priority for the next few months, with the associated economic and social impacts persisting, and it is possible payments of water/wastewater bills may be further deferred. Should the Region choose to defer payments that would be due in the third quarter of 2020 (July 1 – September 30), that deferment would apply to all charges on the water bill including the first Brampton Stormwater Charges.
Corporate Implications:

Financial Implications:

There are no net financial implications for the Stormwater programs arising from a potential deferral of payment for the first Brampton Stormwater Charges as a result of actual revenues to be collected.

However, as per the approved 2020 Budget, Stormwater Charge revenues were projected to be $22M, accounting for a full year of collection which would require a retroactive application of Stormwater Charges to Brampton property owners. The proposed effective date of June 1, 2020 for the Stormwater Charge, as will be set out in the authorizing by-law to come before Council in May of this year, will result in a collection of approximately $12.8M for the seven-month period.

Term of Council Priorities:

This Information Report speaks to Term of Council Priorities 2019-2022 “A Well-run City” which emphasizes effective management of municipal assets. Stormwater management is a core service under Provincial asset management regulations, and the Brampton Stormwater Charge is a key component of a sustainable, prudent asset management plan for stormwater infrastructure.

Conclusion:

The Region of Peel will continue to issue water/wastewater bills as normally scheduled (approximately four times per year for most property owners), with deferral of payments being handled on the revenue collection side. The City of Brampton’s Stormwater Charge will begin appearing on water bills in August 2020. Should the Region choose to defer payments for water/wastewater bills for this period, the collection of payments for the Brampton Stormwater Charge would also be automatically deferred with no action required from the City.
Wednesday, April 22, 2020
1:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting
Council Chambers – 4th Floor with Electronic Participation

Closed Session following (See Item 21)
Boardroom CH-6A – 6th Floor
(Under Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001)

Members:  Mayor P. Brown
             Regional Councillor P. Vicente – Wards 1 and 5
             Regional Councillor R. Santos – Wards 1 and 5 (Acting Mayor – June)
             Regional Councillor M. Palleschi – Wards 2 and 6 (Acting Mayor – May)
             Regional Councillor M. Medeiros – Wards 3 and 4 (Acting Mayor – April)
             Regional Councillor P. Fortini – Wards 7 and 8
             Regional Councillor G. Dhillon – Wards 9 and 10
             City Councillor D. Whillans – Wards 2 and 6
             City Councillor J. Bowman – Wards 3 and 4
             City Councillor C. Williams – Wards 7 and 8
             City Councillor H. Singh – Wards 9 and 10

For inquiries about this agenda, or to make arrangements for accessibility accommodations for persons attending (some advance notice may be required), please contact:
Terri Brenton, Legislative Coordinator, Telephone 905.874.2106, TTY 905.874.2130
(cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca)

Note:  Meeting information is also available in alternate formats upon request.

Notice:
In consideration of the current COVID-19 public health orders prohibiting public gatherings of more than 5 people and requirements for physical distancing between persons, in-person attendance at this Special Council meeting will be limited to Members of Council and essential City staff only.

Members of the public may watch the meeting live from the City of Brampton website at:
https://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/meetings-agendas/Pages/Welcome.aspx

Correspondence related to agenda business to be considered at the Special Meeting may be submitted via email to the City Clerk at cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca up until the start of the meeting.

During the Special Meeting, the public may submit questions regarding decisions made at the meeting via email to the City Clerk at cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca, to be introduced during the Public Question Period section of the meeting.
1. **Approval of Agenda**

   Note: The City Clerk will conduct a roll call at the start of the meeting.

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

3. **Adoption of the Minutes**
   - 3.1. Minutes – City Council – Special Meeting – April 8, 2020
   - 3.2. Minutes – City Council – Regular Meeting – April 15, 2020

4. **Consent Motion**

   All items listed with an asterisk (*) are considered to be routine and non-controversial by Council and will be approved by one resolution. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Council Member requests it in which case the item will be removed from the consent resolution and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

   (nil)

5. **Announcements** (2 minutes maximum)

6. **Government Relations Matters**
     
     *To be received*

7. **Delegations** (5 minutes maximum)
   - 7.1. Possible Written Delegations re: Proposed Procedure By-law Amendment with regard to Electronic Committee Meetings.

     See Item 9.3 and By-law 67-2020

     Note: Public Notice regarding this matter was published on the City’s website on April 16, 2020.

     Note: Correspondence (written delegations) related to this item may be submitted via email to the City Clerk at cityclerksoffice@brampton.ca
8. **Reports from the Head of Council**


9. **Reports of Corporate Officials**

Office of the Chief Administrative Officer

Community Services

Corporate Services

9.1. Staff Report re: **COVID-19 Financial Status Update.**

*Published on the City’s website on April 20, 2020*

Legislative Services

9.2. Staff Report re: **Options for Relief to the Taxi Industry and other Mobile Licensees (RM 24/2020).**

*Recommendation*

9.3. Staff Report re: **Procedure By-law Amendment – Expanding Use of Electronic Meetings During an Emergency to Committee and Tribunal Meetings (R 94/2020).**

See Delegation Item 7.1 and By-law 67-2020

*Recommendation*

Planning and Development Services

Public Works and Engineering

9.4. Staff Report re: **Brampton Stormwater Charge Deferral.**

*Published on the City’s website on April 20, 2020*
10. Reports of Accountability Officers

11. Committee Reports

12. Unfinished Business

13. Correspondence


14. Resolutions

15. Notices of Motion

16. Petitions

17. Other Business/New Business

17.1. Referred Matters List

Note: In accordance with the Procedure By-law and Council Resolution, the Referred Matters List will be published quarterly on a meeting agenda for reference and consideration. A copy of the current Referred Matters List for Council and its committees, including original and updated reporting dates, is publicly available on the City’s website.

18. Procurement Matters

19. Public Question Period

15 Minute Limit (regarding any decision made at this meeting)

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20. **By-laws**

20.1. 61-2020 To appoint municipal by-law enforcement officers and to repeal By-law 20-2020

20.2. 62-2020 To appoint officers to enforce parking on private property and to repeal By-Law 31-2020

20.3. 63-2020 To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Iceland Poppy Trail) – Ward 2

20.4. 64-2020 To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Conestoga Drive and Sandalwood Parkway) – Ward 2

20.5. 65-2020 To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Lagerfeld Drive) – Ward 6

20.6. 66-2020 To establish certain lands as part of the public highway system (Hurontario Street) – Ward 4

20.7. 67-2020 To amend Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended – expanding use of electronic meetings during an emergency to committee and tribunal meetings (See Item 9.3)

21. **Closed Session**

Note: A separate package regarding this agenda item is provided to Members of Council and senior staff only.

21.1. Minutes – Closed Session – City Council – April 8, 2020

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

21.3. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board and advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose and commercial or financial information that belongs to the municipality or local board and has monetary value or potential monetary value and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board

21.4. A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board
21.5. Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board – Local Planning Appeal Tribunal matter

22. **Confirming By-law**

22.1. To confirm the proceedings of Council at its Regular Meeting held on April 22, 2020

23. **Adjournment**

Next Meetings: Wednesday, April 29, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 6, 2020 – 1:00 p.m.
Government Relations Matters

Update on Covid-19 (April 11-17)

City Council
April 22, 2020
Emergency Response Act No. 2
• Recent update enables the federal government’s relief measures for individuals and businesses
• Provides Minister of Finance with temporary flexibility to:
  1. Determine Business Development Bank of Canada’s limit
  2. Setting Export Development Canada’s capital and liability limits
  3. Set the limit on the amounts that may be paid to Farm Credit Canada

Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)
• Expanded eligibility criteria to make the benefit more inclusive
• Allowing self-employed and others to earn $1000/month while receiving CERB (to support inclusion of seasonal workers)

Emergency Supports Fund for Heritage and Arts Industry
• $500 million for Heritage Canada to support arts industry
• Supported by Canada Council for the Arts
Federal Government  Covid-19 Relief Supports

Wellness Together Canada

- Mental health portal
- Online and app based portal to access mental health resources such as online peer community resources and self-help resources

https://ca.portal.gs/
Covid-19 Action Plan for Long Term Care Homes
• Increased testing of LTC home residents and staff through both testing and surveillance
• Managing outbreaks and spread of the disease through:
  ▪ Support
  ▪ Personal protective equipment
  ▪ Limiting work sites for long-term care employees
  ▪ Training and education
• Growing the long-term care workforce by
  ▪ Redeploying healthcare workers
  ▪ Utilizing a job matching portal
  ▪ Providing emergency funding

Auto Insurance
• Amended a regulation under the Insurance Act to ease the financial pressure on working people and families
• Insurance companies are able to provide auto insurance premium rebates to consumers for up to 12 months after the declared emergency has ended
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Support for Small Businesses | Covid-19 Relief Supports

Canada

Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance
- Will provide small businesses assistance with rent expenses in April, May and June
- Loans will be provided to commercial property owners who in turn will lower or forgo rent from small businesses
- Details to be worked out between Federal government and Provincial/Territorial governments

Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy
- Legislation to enable the previously announced subsidy was passed on April 11th
- Available through CRA portal
- Funds to be available in 6 weeks, businesses to reapply monthly

Canada Emergency Business Account
- Allows businesses to obtain $40,000 loans with 25% up to maximum of $10,000 forgiven if the loan is paid on or before December 31, 2022
- Recent change sees the payroll threshold expanded to $20,000 - $1.5 million (previously $50,000 - $1 million)
Temporary Measures to Support Bars, Restaurants and Alcohol Retailer

• Licensed restaurants and bars in Ontario may sell alcohol with food takeout and delivery orders between 9:00 am and 11:00 pm
• No application process or fee required

Ontario Together Fund

• One time funding to support companies retool, build capacity or adopt the technological changes needed to produce supplies and equipment for hospitals, long-term care homes and other critical public services

Ontario Jobs and Recovery Committee

• Focus on job creation, opportunities for growth and protecting the province from future threats
• Brampton MP/Associate Minister Sarkaria is on the committee
British Columbia allowing cities to run deficits

• BC’s Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced that cities in BC will be given permission to maintain a deficit for this year
• BC becomes the first province to allow this
• Cities in BC will have to bring their books back into balance by the end of 2021
• Province of BC will allow cities to borrow from their internal capital reserves for five years at 0%