

**Date:** March 21, 2025

**To:** **Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs**

**Name and title:** Councillor Garth Frizzell, Chair, Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs

**Subject:** Jurisdictional Model and Framework from Ontario's Peel Region

**Attachment(s):** Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan 2018 to 2028

## Recommendation(s):

That the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report titled "Jurisdictional Model and Framework from Ontario's Peel Region" from the Chair of the Standing Committee on Intergovernmental Affairs, dated March 21, 2025.

## Purpose:

This report advances a committee work plan item referred to the committee from Council to research the jurisdictional model and framework from Ontario's Peel Region for consideration of advocacy.

## Background:

At the Special Council meeting held on January 15, 2024, during a conversation regarding the approval of the 397 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue - HEART and HEARTH Project, Council referred to the committee to research the jurisdictional model and framework of Ontario's Peel Region for consideration of advocacy from Council.

## Discussion:

The Region of Peel is a regional municipality consisting of the City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, and the Town of Caledon in Ontario, operating similarly to a Regional District in British Columbia. In 2018, the Peel Region implemented the "Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan 2018-2028" (attached). The plan recognizes the importance of working with the Canadian and Ontario governments and other partners to deliver services to people in need.

The plan includes 5 Strategy Pillars which are intended to ensure each step is strategically planned. These pillars are:

1. Transform Services: using a customized approach to meet each individual's needs
2. Build more community housing: constructing more community rentals and emergency shelter spaces
3. Maximize planning tools and incentives: develop policies and incentives to support affordable units and a mix of housing types
4. Optimize existing stock: working with homeowners, faith groups and other stakeholders to access existing stock
5. Increase supportive housing: creating a new plan and removing red tape for vulnerable residents to get help to live independently and advocating for additional funding from the Ontario government.

The Peel Region acts as the service manager to support this plan. To do this, the Council of the Region of Peel have delegated authority to the Director of Housing Services to perform all duties and exercise powers. Under this model, the Peel Region focuses on lower income residents, with support from the municipalities and allows the local municipalities to concentrate on affordable rental housing, affordable ownership, and private market options.

The City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon support the work of the Peel Region by maintaining policy frameworks and development approval processes that have low barriers to housing development and influencing the provision of affordable housing through the use of planning policies, zoning, and providing financial and non-financial incentives to developers. All three municipalities also play a role in advocacy and maintain partnerships with interested parties.

If the committee would like to see additional research done into this topic, such as what legislation or frameworks enable and support the Ontario model compared to those that are present in British Columbia, or for staff to engage with the Regional District of Fraser Fort George on their thoughts on this model we would request further direction through a motion.

### Summary and conclusion:

The Region of Peel and its local municipalities have implemented a Housing and Homelessness Action Plan under which each member has a role to play. The Region of Peel focuses primarily on housing options for low-income individuals, providing supports and options and working with individuals to meet their needs. The City of Mississauga, the City of Brampton, and the Town of Caledon support the Region of Peel through policy, advocacy, and focusing on affordable housing.

### Respectfully submitted:

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