



June 28, 2022

Hon. Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing
College Park, 17th Floor
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Toronto, ON
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Dear Minister Clark:

Congratulations on your recent appointment by the Premier. The Brampton Board of Trade has always enjoyed a collaborative relationship with your ministry and looks forward to continuing to work together under your leadership to advance our shared interests.

I am writing today to recommend that you request an urgent briefing from your staff on the evolving situation at Brampton City Hall and initiate action to remedy it. As you may already know, Council is unable to make quorum due to a disagreement over how to fill the seat vacated by the recently elected Member of Provincial Parliament for Brampton Centre.

Prior to the election, Council took the unusual step of voting 6-5 to pre-emptively fill the seat in the event that it became vacant. Some members of Council now refuse to meet in order to begin the process of formally filling the seat, thereby denying the quorum needed to carry on city business.

The situation is untenable in Ontario's 4th largest and one of the country's fastest growing cities. While we are open minded to any remedy that you may identify within your power, our immediate request is your intervention to bring both sides together and ensure that city business can resume. This could take the form of facilitating a process that results in the seat previously held by Minister Williams being declared vacant and filled in a manner that is transparent and consistent with the *Municipal Act*.

I look forward to your response and would be pleased to provide any additional context or clarity that would assist you in resolving this unfortunate situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Todd Letts'.

Todd Letts, MBA CCE
CEO, Brampton Board of Trade

Cc: Mayor Brown & Members of Brampton City Council