



May 19, 2023

Mayor Brown and Members of Council  
Brampton City Council  
c/o Peter Fay, City Clerk  
2 Wellington Street West  
Brampton, ON L6Y 4R2

**Subject:** Recommendations for a Smooth Transition in the Dissolution of the Regional Municipality of Peel

Your Worship and Members of Council,

The Brampton Board of Trade offers our recommendations on the key actions that should be prioritized in the coming month to ensure a smooth and successful transition to a new collaborative relationship with our municipal neighbours in Caledon and Mississauga.

This is a crucial time for Brampton, and we believe that strategic decision-making and collaborative efforts are vital for the city's continued economic development and prosperity.

1. **Foster an Innovative Partnership:** Now more than ever, Brampton City Council should seize the opportunity to forge a new and innovative partnership with our neighbouring municipalities. This partnership should prioritize job creation, economic development, and infrastructure investment. By actively engaging with Mississauga and Caledon, we can collectively leverage our strengths and resources to drive regional growth and enhance the overall competitiveness of our business community. Start by changing the narrative from a divorce to a new collaboration.
2. **Secure Funding for the LRT Extension:** The LRT extension is a crucial infrastructure project for Brampton's future success. We urge Brampton City Council to prioritize securing the necessary funding for the LRT extension. Don't let changes in regional government deter or distract action on this important initiative. On May 10<sup>th</sup>, Council set a six month target. Brampton's business community is holding Council accountable for securing funding in that timeframe. If no funding commitment is secured for the preferred tunnel option, we recommend moving the surface option forward to completion of the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) because it provides the best chance of being funded. Especially in this time of streamlining government, it is imperative to demonstrate commitment and progress in advancing this project. The LRT

extension will significantly improve connectivity, drive economic growth, and attract further investments to our city.

3. **Enhance Communication and Collaboration:** Effective communication and collaboration among all stakeholders are paramount during this transition period. The Transition Board's recommendations are due the fall of 2024. Brampton City Council should proactively engage with the Transition Board, businesses and residents and report its progress on transition issues on a regular basis. By fostering an inclusive and transparent dialogue, with Council, the Transition Board and the business community, we can collectively work towards a shared vision and ensure the needs of our diverse business community are met.
4. **Plan for Continuity of Services:** The smooth transition of essential services should be a top priority. Brampton City Council must work closely with the Transition Board and lower-tier municipalities to ensure the continuity and improvement of critical services, including police and paramedic to support and improve community safety. Likewise, detailed analysis on the value and ownership of regional water treatment assets should take priority to ensure continued reliable and affordable pricing for the delivery of water to our residents and businesses. By carefully analyzing, planning and executing this transition plan, we can maintain the high standards that our residents and businesses rightfully expect.
5. **Focus on Economic Growth and Prosperity:** Brampton City Council must maintain a strong focus on economic growth and prosperity during this transition period. This entails prioritizing initiatives that attract investment, foster entrepreneurship, and support the growth of existing businesses. By creating a favorable business environment, investing in workforce development, and implementing strategic economic development plans, we can position Brampton as a thriving hub for innovation, job creation, and sustainable economic growth.

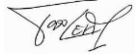
In conclusion, the dissolution of the Regional Municipality of Peel presents Brampton with a unique opportunity to shape our future and drive our economic success. It is essential for Brampton City Council to lead with purpose, vision, and a commitment to collaboration. By implementing these recommendations, we can navigate the transition period smoothly and ensure that Brampton remains a vibrant and prosperous city for residents, businesses, and future generations.

The Brampton Board of Trade stands ready to support Brampton City Council and to work collaboratively with the Transition Board and neighbouring stakeholders towards achieving these goals. We believe that by working together, we can create a seamless transition that

maximizes opportunities for our business community and enhances the quality of life for all Brampton residents.

Thank you for your attention to these critical matters. We look forward to continued dialogue and collaboration for the betterment of our great city.

Sincerely,



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