

Motion: Reaffirming City of Mississauga's Position on Independence**Moved:** Mayor Crombie**Seconded:**

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario recently passed the *Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022*, which seeks to address the housing crisis by working to reduce municipal duplication in two-tier municipalities, including the Region of Peel, by working with provincially-appointed facilitators to assess the role of regional government;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is approaching 50 years old, and is a growing, urban municipality with a population approaching 800,000 residents, home to over 98,000 businesses. By 2050, the population of Mississauga is expected to exceed 1 million;

AND WHEREAS previous City of Mississauga Councils, as recently as 2019, have unanimously supported, in principle, that Mississauga become an independent, single-tier and self-sufficient city - the same as other large and even smaller municipalities across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS in 2019 when the province first explored a review of the role of regional government, an independent financial analysis conducted by Ernst and Young confirmed Mississauga's long-held position that our City would be better off, both financially and from a governance perspective, should we become independent;

AND WHEREAS independence would provide greater fairness for Mississauga taxpayers, by eliminating an estimated \$85 million a year in transfers to the Region to fund the growth of Brampton and Caledon, creating greater efficiencies by creating a single point of contact for public-facing services, as well as cut red tape for residents and businesses;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga has a distinct identity from the Region of Peel and the two other member municipalities with residents most often identifying as residents of Mississauga, not as residents of Peel;

AND WHEREAS becoming a single tier municipality would assist Mississauga in better planning and addressing the challenges surrounding future growth by speeding up approvals, increasing the diversity of housing options to support the province's goal of building 120,000 new homes in Mississauga, and building the transit and critical infrastructure needed to support those homes.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The 2022-2026 term of City of Mississauga Council reaffirms that it is Council's position that the City of Mississauga should become a single tier municipality, independent of the Region of Peel, maintaining the current municipal borders of the City of Mississauga;

2. The City of Mississauga continues to be opposed to the amalgamation of the City of Mississauga with any other municipality;
3. The province make it a priority to appoint a provincial facilitator as soon as possible to begin the assessment of the Region of Peel and that this review be completed in a timely fashion;
4. The provincial facilitator work with the City of Mississauga and other Peel municipalities to develop an agreed-upon methodology for data and information collection and analysis, and that Mississauga is involved throughout the entire process;
5. The City of Mississauga forward a copy of this resolution and past reports on regional governance to the Premier, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, and the provincial-appointed facilitator.

Bonnie Crombie