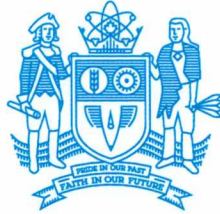


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October 30, 2024

RE: Local Share Requirement for the Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital

Dear Premier Ford,

On October 9, Mississauga Council received a deputation from Trillium Health Partners (THP) about the Peter Gilgan Mississauga Hospital rebuild, in which they outlined the cost of the project, and made the formal request for the property taxpayers of Mississauga to contribute \$450 million to the project through the local share.

I write to you today on behalf of Mississauga City Council and all property taxpayers in our city to request that you reconsider the amount expected from the Mississauga community for the local share. The city cannot be responsible for contributing \$450 million, while we face many other financial pressures including another massive increase within two years by Peel Regional Police. The local share amount is the largest ever requested for a hospital development, and the city's expected contribution is a significant 42 per cent larger than the average hospital project contribution request in Ontario. This is too much to expect of the Mississauga community and our property taxpayers. Mississauga is supportive of the hospital project as it meets a critical need in our community and the wider region, but the local share expectations are excessive and for many property taxpayers, will be punitive.

Please read the attached motion which clearly lays out Council's position.

While I understand that the local share has been a convention for close to 30 years, I do not believe it is fair or reasonable that it continue. I would ask for you to reconsider in this instance. I have attached a resolution passed by Mississauga Council on October 30, 2024. As always, I would be happy to meet to discuss further.

Regards,

Carolyn Parrish
Mayor

Cc., Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health and Long-Term Care
Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Associate Minister of Long-Term Care
Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business
Deepak Anand, MPP
Sheref Sabawy, MPP
Rudy Cuzzetto, MPP
Mississauga City Council
Association of Municipalities of Ontario



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Moved by: C. BRAD BUTT

Seconded by: C. MATT MAHONEY

WHEREAS the provincial government has commenced rebuilding the Mississauga Hospital at The Queensway and Hurontario locations;

AND WHEREAS the new hospital will be the largest in Ontario, serving a regional population of over 1.7 million people, and will include a number of specialization areas that will draw people from across the province;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care instituted a policy in the late 1980s to require local communities, including municipalities, to pay a local share of up to 25% of the entire cost of the project including 10% for construction costs;

AND WHEREAS this local share requirement is not in legislation;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto is exempt from the local share, including at the recently funded Queensway Health Centre in Etobicoke, just across the border from Mississauga in Toronto;

AND WHEREAS the City has been asked to contribute \$450 million as part of the \$1.5 billion local share amount expected by the province for the new hospital;

AND WHEREAS the \$1.5 billion local share is the largest requested of any community in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the \$450 million local share requested of the City of Mississauga is 42% higher than the average recent local share request approved by other municipalities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has sole jurisdiction for healthcare, and receives annual Health Transfer payments from the federal government, which have increased 212% since 2005 while Ontario healthcare expenditures have only risen by 158% in that time;

AND WHEREAS the property tax is the least efficient tax to pay for healthcare;

AND WHEREAS property tax increases dramatically affect those on fixed or low incomes in difficult economic times;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has access to a host of revenue tools including income taxes, consumption taxes and other fees, and can enact new taxes as necessary;

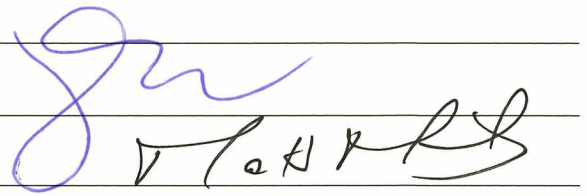
AND WHEREAS municipalities primarily have access to the property tax;

AND WHEREAS to fund \$450 million, the City of Mississauga would have to enact a levy increase on the property tax bill for the next 5 years, and those increases would remain in the

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levy for up to 20 years to repay the debt relating to the contribution, significantly adding to the property tax burden of residential and business property taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is currently facing a host of financial pressures, including building new fire stations to keep up with population growth; maintaining and building new stormwater infrastructure to prepare for historic flooding; building a new transit garage (\$500 million+); and taking on the operation of the Hurontario LRT (roughly \$65 million per year);

AND WHEREAS the proposed local share of \$450 million represents 66% of the 2024 net operating budget for the City of Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga, as part of the Region of Peel, is currently underfunded by \$868 million compared to other regions in the province - \$575 per person on an annual basis;

AND WHEREAS according to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), municipalities, including Mississauga are currently subsidizing the provincial government in the amount of \$4 billion per year;

AND WHEREAS the City of Mississauga is one of the most efficiently and best operated cities in Canada, earning a Triple A credit rating for 21 straight years, along with other awards for strong financial performance;

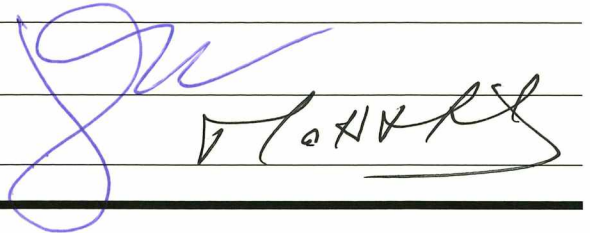
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council declines the contribution request; and
2. As this is a regional hospital, Mississauga suggests the province waive the requirement for the City of Mississauga to contribute to the local share, and the province contribute a larger amount to this project; and
3. A copy of this resolution be sent to the Premier; the Ministers of Health, Long-Term Care and Municipal Affairs; and all Mississauga MPPs; and
4. The City of Mississauga engage in a public awareness and information campaign to educate residents and businesses on Mississauga's position.


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Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Mayor C. Parrish	✓			
Councillor S. Dasko	✓			
Councillor A. Tedjo	✓			
Councillor C. Fonseca	✓			
Councillor J. Kovac	✓			
Councillor N. Hart	✓			
Councillor J. Horneck	✓			
Councillor D. Damerla	✓			
Councillor M. Mahoney	✓			
Councillor M. Reid	✓			
Councillor S. McFadden			✓	
Councillor B. Butt	✓			

Carried

 Mayor