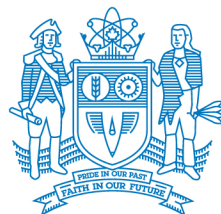


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Hon. Doug Ford
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RE: Strong Mayor Powers and Budgetary Timeline

Dear Premier Ford,

On behalf of Mississauga Council, I am requesting your urgent assistance to grant an extension to the budget timelines outlined Part VI.1 of the *Municipal Act* for the passage of the City's 2025 Budget. Given the pending decisions from the Province on Bill 112 and downloading of Regional services, and our request to create a more equitable Peel Police funding formula, we need to extend our 2025 Budget timeline to ensure we make the right decisions for Mississauga property taxpayers based on the right information.

In recent months I have been in conversation with both you and Minister Calandra about amending the formula for the allocation of funds to Peel Police to harmonize with Brampton and create a more equitable funding formula for Mississauga taxpayers. This formula, based on population rather than MPAC assessment, could save Mississauga \$86 million per year. We also await details from your government regarding the downloading of Regional services, including roads, water and waste water, and waste collection under Bill 112, *Peel Dissolution (Hazel McCallion Act)*, 2023. We anticipate that the downloading of roads, for instance, will result in significant savings for Mississauga property taxpayers of at least \$30 million.

The City of Mississauga is in the midst of our 2025 Budget deliberations. Due to the new "strong mayor" powers, our timelines for passing the budget are more rigid than they have been in the past. As these strong mayor powers are new, there has been some confusion about their use and the implications on the budget process and timeline. Our budget deliberations started on October 2024, which means the 2025 Budget must be adopted by December 24, 2024. While I understand I can make an in-year amendment to the Budget in 2025 after it is passed, this is not ideal and is confusing to residents and taxpayers.

Given the uncertainty about both of these items, I am asking for clarity as soon as possible, as well as for you to grant an exemption to the strong mayor powers to allow the City of Mississauga to extend our 2025 Budget timeline, so that we can make the right decisions for our property taxpayers. Thank you for your consideration. I hope for a positive response soon.

Regards,

Carolyn Parrish
 Mayor

Cc., Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
 Mississauga Council