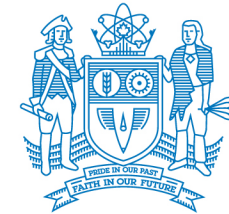


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Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs
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RE: Peel Police Funding Formula and Fairness for Mississauga

Dear Minister Calandra,

On behalf of Mississauga Council, I am asking for your support to amend the funding formula for Peel Police to ensure Mississauga property taxpayers are treated fairly. Under the current arrangement, Mississauga property taxpayers are paying \$86 million more per year for services they do not receive.

The City of Mississauga just passed its 2025 Budget. The Region of Peel's budget is still under deliberation but has grown significantly because of a 23% increase in the Peel Police Budget. For context, 6% of the Mississauga tax bill is driven by the Region of Peel, 74.5% of which is due to Peel Police spending. There is only one taxpayer, so the decisions at Peel Region affect Mississauga property taxpayers directly. This means that on a home assessed at \$581,200, the police budget increase will cost Mississauga property taxpayers an additional \$244 in 2025. I think you will agree that this is a significant and untenable increase in just one year. It also does not account for the rising cost of providing other important City and Regional services to residents, that should not have to be cut to make room for police spending. I am told by Chief Duraipah that there is another similar sized increase planned for 2026, which is not sustainable for Mississauga property taxpayers.

Apart from the significant police budget increase, how police are funded places a disproportionate financial burden on Mississauga taxpayers. The current funding formula is based on Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) assessments, meaning Mississauga pays 62% of the Peel Police budget compared to Brampton paying just 38%. However, our population distribution is much closer to 50/50. As such, Mississauga property taxpayers are paying much more than their fair share for policing services in Peel Region. This needs to be addressed urgently.

In light of this, we are asking for your support to make this formula more equitable and based on population, rather than on MPAC assessment. By doing so, Mississauga property taxpayers will be treated fairly and no longer spend \$86 million for police services they do not receive. We are asking for your support because we cannot do this alone. With only 50% of the vote at the Region of Peel Council, we do not have the

ability to make changes to the funding formula without the support of Brampton or Caledon. Brampton will not support these changes as it is not in their financial interest to do so.

Minister, the funding formula remains unfair to Mississauga property taxpayers. As the cost of policing escalates, Mississauga is bearing a disproportionate burden to cover those costs to the benefit of Brampton residents. We need your support to rectify this situation.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Parrish', written in a cursive style.

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