

City of Mississauga  
**Corporate Report**



<p>Date: January 24, 2025</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files:</p>
<p>From: Jodi Robillos, Commissioner of Community Services</p>	<p>Meeting date: February 19, 2025</p>

## Subject

**Authorization to Execute a Letter of Intent for a Joint Fire Communication Centre with the Region of Peel**

## Recommendation

1. That the Fire Chief or Designate be given Authority to sign a Letter of Intent to lease space at the new Peel Police Operation Support Facility, as outlined in the report dated January 24, 2025 entitled "Authorization to Execute a Letter of Intent for a Joint Fire Communication Centre with the Region of Peel" from the Commissioner of Community Services.
2. All necessary By-Laws be enacted.

## Executive Summary

- The primary Joint Fire Communication's Centre (JFCC) is a jointly operated fire dispatch centre that currently operates at 7750 Hurontario Street in Brampton.
- The JFCC is jointly operated by Mississauga Fire & Emergency Services and Brampton Fire & Emergency Services and provides 24/7 dispatch for three fire departments (City of Mississauga, City of Brampton and Town of Caledon).
- The current lease expires in February of 2027.
- In August 2022 the Peel Regional Police (PRP) informed the members of the JFCC (Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon Fire & Emergency Services) of the proposal to construct a new Operational Support Facility in Brampton at 8100 Mississauga Road.
- The Letter of Intent (LOI) is a legally binding agreement that will set the terms for the future lease negotiations and outlines municipalities obligations for capital cost contribution to the future leased premises to be paid to the Region of Peel.

## Background

The primary Joint Fire Communication's Centre (JFCC) is a jointly operated fire dispatch centre that currently operates at 7750 Hurontario Street in Brampton, inside the Peel Regional Police building. The JFCC is jointly operated by Mississauga Fire & Emergency Services and Brampton Fire & Emergency Services and provides 24/7 dispatch for three fire departments (City of Mississauga, City of Brampton and Town of Caledon) including 44 fire stations, with plans for an additional 11 stations over the next 8 years. The current lease expires in February of 2027.

The JFCC back-up centre is located in the City of Mississauga at Fire Station 101, 15 Fairview Street. Mississauga Fire & Emergency Services will continue to invest in the back-up centre and ensure that it is equipped to be fully functional and equivalent in its ability to the primary JFCC.

## Comments

In August 2022 the Peel Regional Police (PRP) informed the members of the JFCC (Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon Fire & Emergency Services) of the proposal to construct a new Operational Support Facility in Brampton at 8100 Mississauga Road. The new facility will house PRP communications centre with additional space for the JFCC.

The Letter of Intent (LOI) provides an assurance to The Region of Peel that The Corporation of the City of Mississauga, The Corporation of the City of Brampton and The Corporation of the Town of Caledon collectively intend to lease space within the new facility commencing at substantial completion. The Letter of Intent (LOI) is a legally binding agreement that will set the terms for the future lease negotiations and outlines municipalities obligations for capital cost contribution to the future leased premises to be paid to the Region of Peel. As Next Generation 9-1-1 technology evolves, there may be flexibility to operationalize both sites simultaneously to ensure coverage and staffing at the primary and back-up centres, resulting in two equally equipped and staffed facilities. Any updates, changes or further agreements will be brought to Council and will be contingent upon Council approval.

## Financial Impact

The cost to construct and relocate the JFCC is \$7,630,703.27 at the time of occupancy. This is to be divided between the City of Mississauga, City of Brampton and Town of Caledon in accordance with the existing JFCC agreement. The proportionate share for the City of Mississauga would be 47% or approximately \$3.6M. Funding has been identified (unfunded) in the 10 year capital budget.

Costs associated with utilities, building insurance, general repairs and maintenance, landscaping and snowplowing will be paid to the Region of Peel annually based on the proportionate share of the rentable area. It is expected there will be no additional operating budget impact as it will be funded through the existing JFCC operating budget.

## Conclusion

This LOI will provide the foundation for a future agreement with the Region of Peel for the use of the facility. We will work with both Realty Services and Legal Services regarding the terms and conditions of a future lease agreement. We will also continue to work with leadership from Brampton Fire & Emergency Services and Caledon Fire & Emergency Services to ensure that any future agreement meets the needs of all of the stakeholders.



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