

Regional Council Motion Regarding Council Composition



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Good afternoon,

I am writing to inform you that at its meeting held on November 26, 2020, Regional Council passed the following resolution regarding the Composition of Regional Council:

“Whereas the Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel (the “Council”) has reviewed the number of its members that represent each of its local municipalities pursuant to s.218(6) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* (the “Act”);

And whereas, the Council has formed the intention to pass a by-law pursuant to s.218(2)(a) of the Act to change the number of its members that represent the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon while maintaining the number of its members that represent the City of Mississauga, thereby maintaining the overall number of members of the Council;

Therefore be it resolved, that notice be given pursuant to s.219(1) of the Act of Council’s intention to adopt a by-law to:

- i) change the number of its members that represent the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon by increasing the number representing Brampton by 2 to 9 members and decreasing the number representing Caledon by 2 to 3 members to be effective for purposes of the municipal election to be held in October 2022 and for purposes of the composition of the Council for the term of office to result from that election, and
- ii) ii) to provide that the 2 additional members representing Brampton be selected by the Brampton City Council from among City Councillors to represent Brampton on Council for a full four year term;

And further, that staff be directed to organize a public meeting to be held to consider the matter of Council’s intention.”

Prior to enacting a by-law to change or maintain the composition of Regional Council, public notice of Council’s intention to enact a by-law must be given and at least one public meeting held to consider the matter.

Staff would report to Regional Council with the feedback received at the Public Meeting and the proposed by-law would be presented for enactment. If enacted by Regional Council, the by-law would be forwarded to the local municipalities requesting that they pass resolutions consenting to the by-law by a specified date.

Region of Peel staff would report to Regional Council to confirm receipt of consent (or not) from the local municipalities.

In order to be valid, the by-law would need to have what is referred to colloquially as a “triple majority”:

- There must be a majority of all votes on Regional Council cast in its favour;
- A majority of the 3 local municipalities Councils must pass resolutions consenting to the By-law;
- The total number of electors in the local municipalities that have passed resolutions consenting to the by-law must form a majority of all electors in the Region of Peel.

A by-law to change the council composition does not come into force until the day the new council is organized following the first regular election following enactment of the bylaw. A change in Regional Council’s composition can be in place for the 2022 municipal elections only if changes are implemented before December 31, 2021.

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