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Hon. Paul Calandra
Minister of Municipal Affairs
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RE: Peel Transition Implementation Act, 2024

Dear Minister Calandra,

Thank you for your consistent support while Mississauga continues to make a real effort to facilitate the creation of more housing in our city. As you know we have consulted with top developers in the GTA to streamline our internal planning approval processes, expand our Official Plan by 110,000 units, and create incentives to address a severe shortage of housing. To do this, we need to be strong financially.

In light of this, I would like to share Mississauga's perspective on last week's Peel Transition Implementation Act 2024 which is unfairly keeping our city on the hook as the financial cash cow for the municipalities of Brampton and Caledon - as we have been for fifty years.

Firstly, regarding the downloading of roads, Mississauga has been financially impacted by regional road budgets for many years. We're told - without any data backing it - that Mississauga will save \$500 million over ten years after July 1, 2026. The problem is the delay to 2026 will see our city continuing to subsidize the regional roads by \$75 million for another 18 months. We then have to start subsidizing Caledon \$25 million a year for ten years.

The whole issue of water/wastewater is another heavy burden on Mississauga's taxpayers. Infrastructure concentrated in North-West Brampton and Caledon will be billions of dollars. The Peel Transition Act 2024 has not addressed water and wastewater but clearly nothing will be implemented before 2026. The huge costs start the moment the 2025 budget is passed.

Finally, while this Act has not dealt with the Peel Regional Police budget, it is a most egregious burden on Mississauga taxpayers. PRP have presented us with a 2025 budget increase of \$144 million or 23.3%. Mississauga will again carry 62% of the cost while Brampton pays only 38% despite almost identical populations.

Respectfully, I am not sure what part of the Peel Transition Act 2024 has made the financial situation for Mississauga better. I'm especially concerned about the next 18 months when we most need the ability to offer financial incentives for housing starts.

I would be happy to discuss any amendments to the Act which could make it fairer for Mississauga, before it's debated when the Legislature returns in March 2025.

Regards,



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