

MOTION:

Understanding funding shortfalls from other orders of government, based on latest statistics on Brampton's population

Moved by: Councillor Santos

Whereas:

- The latest Statistics Canada population figures as described in the table below have Brampton at 791,486 a 6.2 % climb, surpassing Mississauga and making Brampton the second largest population in the GTHA, and 7th largest in Canada:

New population figures: Statscan Jan 16, 2025 as shared by Dr. Mike Moffat

- Brampton is 3rd largest in Ontario and 2nd most populous in GTHA

- Brampton is 7th largest city in Canada (surpassing Mississauga and Vancouver)

Municipality	2023	2024	Change	Municipality	2023	2024	Change
Surrey (CY), British Columbia	655,660	700,459	6.8%	Winnipeg (CY), Manitoba	816,097	843,640	3.4%
Kitchener (CY), Ontario	301,147	320,360	6.4%	Vancouver (CY), British Columbia	733,218	756,008	3.1%
Brampton (CY), Ontario	745,004	791,486	6.2%	Québec (V), Quebec	576,052	592,884	2.9%
Calgary (CY), Alberta	1,478,430	1,569,133	6.1%	Oakville (T), Ontario	232,371	238,716	2.7%
Edmonton (CY), Alberta	1,125,934	1,190,458	5.7%	Markham (CY), Ontario	358,715	368,110	2.6%
Oshawa (CY), Ontario	196,604	207,408	5.5%	Richmond (CY), British Columbia	236,809	242,966	2.6%
Burnaby (CY), British Columbia	285,018	298,986	4.9%	Longueuil (V), Quebec	261,987	268,684	2.6%
Toronto (C), Ontario	3,130,201	3,273,119	4.6%	Hamilton (C), Ontario	616,455	632,111	2.5%
Montréal (V), Quebec	1,860,448	1,945,359	4.6%	Vaughan (CY), Ontario	344,900	353,648	2.5%
Saskatoon (CY), Saskatchewan	295,730	308,626	4.4%	Mississauga (CY), Ontario	761,498	780,747	2.5%
Windsor (CY), Ontario	255,689	266,309	4.2%	Richmond Hill (T), Ontario	213,839	219,094	2.5%
Regina (CY), Saskatchewan	245,453	255,395	4.1%	Gatineau (V), Quebec	298,045	305,334	2.4%
Greater Sudbury / Grand Sudbury (CV), Ontario	179,668	186,337	3.7%	Halifax (RGM), Nova Scotia	491,159	502,753	2.4%
Ottawa (CV), Ontario	1,115,724	1,153,843	3.4%	Laval (V), Quebec	450,710	460,396	2.1%
London (CY), Ontario	472,539	488,640	3.4%	Burlington (CY), Ontario	196,403	197,351	0.5%

- Based on per-capita funding, The City of Brampton, has been chronically underfunded for decades by other orders of government (regardless of Party) in numerous services like health care, transit, infrastructure, social services and more, relative to other municipalities across the country and province;
- Federal and Provincial elections are looming, and while the current governments have been great partners in announcing funding commitments like Brampton's second hospital, Riverwalk, and Transit, we are barely catching up to the investments needed to support the city's growth;
- From Dec 2018 – present, the Mayor and Council have flagged and advocated for Brampton's fair share of funding from other orders of government given anecdotal evidence of an under-reported population, with population facts as of January 16, 2025, to now back it up;
- The City of Brampton has been an ongoing example of the need for a new municipal growth framework, as advocated at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), for the Federal government and Provinces to provide sustainable and predictable funding and/or new revenue tools for municipalities to pay for growth;
- Without equitable, sustainable and predictable funding from other orders of government, this shortfall adds significant financial pressure on property taxes despite significant efforts in finding efficiencies;

- Misleading comments have been posted on social media regarding the impact of Brampton's population at the Region of Peel, suggesting that Mississauga is subsidizing Brampton through its property taxes;
- It is important to note that property taxes are calculated using the Current Value Assessment of a property, as determined by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) NOT by population; and
- Based on population, the province balanced The City of Brampton's representation by allocating more seats to Brampton at the Region of Peel, but continues to be under-represented, particularly since Mississauga is still allocated more seats, representing a majority of votes, despite having a lower and declining population

Therefore be it resolved that:

- Staff report back in February, on all areas where The City of Brampton falls behind on per-capita funding allocations and/or grants from other orders of government, with an objective to revitalize a Fair Share Campaign for Brampton; and
- The Mayor on behalf of the City of Brampton advocate to the provincial government for fair representation at the Region of Peel, given Brampton's population has surpassed that of Mississauga.