

Resolution Number 2025-685

Moved by: Councillor Santos

Seconded by: Councillor Dasko

Whereas The Regional Municipality of Peel (“Peel”) operates the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (“PAMA”);

And whereas, the City of Brampton, the City of Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon request the Region of Peel to initiate the transition of ownership and operations of the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) to the City of Brampton in 2027, subject to support from the lower-tier municipalities;

And whereas, the funding model for Culture, Arts and Heritage at the Regional level is outdated as residents prefer to take in offerings from the sector at the local level;

And whereas, recent information provided by the Peel Region Museum and Art Gallery indicates only a small percentage of all attendees and members come from Mississauga;

And whereas, Archival services as set out in the Archival Records Agreement will remain under the control of Peel, and existing contracts between Peel and the lower-tier municipalities remain in place;

And whereas, PAMA's 2025 Operating Budget consists of a tax levy of \$5.9M, with Mississauga contributing \$3.4M, Brampton contributing \$2.1M and Caledon contributing \$0.4M;

And whereas, PAMA's 10-year Capital Budget requirements amount to an average annual need of \$1.9M, or \$19.1 M over 10 years, compared to annual approved funding of \$600K, with the source of funding being contributions from property taxes. The Region confirmed that the \$1.3M gap between approved funding of \$600k and capital requirements of \$1.9M is planned to be covered by future tax increases;

And whereas, the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA), located in Downtown Brampton, is uniquely positioned to enhance the City’s cultural infrastructure through

increased access, programming, utilization, and alignment with municipal strategies related to cultural equity, economic development, tourism, and civic identity;

And whereas, the City of Mississauga owns and operates their own Museums as part of their Culture and Recreation Division, Integrating PAMA into Brampton's growing downtown cultural cluster, would significantly strengthen the City's ability to deliver meaningful, diverse, and community-driven cultural programming, being embedded within the City's Arts & Culture Strategy, while continuing to partner with and serve neighbouring municipalities;

And whereas, at the September 10th, Brampton Council meeting, Brampton council expressed interest in exploring the transfer of PAMA to the City of Brampton pending a transition working group be established by the Region of Peel and the three lower-tier municipalities to develop a transition plan acceptable to the lower-tier municipalities, addressing any risks and mitigating measures, the assignment of assets, human resources, and operational and capital financial responsibilities related to PAMA;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1. That ownership and operations of the Peel Art Gallery and Museum (excluding Archives) be transitioned from the Region of Peel to the City of Brampton, beginning in 2027, pending ratification from regional and local councils in Q1 2026; and*
- 2. That the intermunicipal working group continue to work collaboratively to develop a Transition and Business Planning Framework addressing the assignment of assets, human resources, and operational and capital financial responsibilities related to PAMA and provide regular updates to Council on the progress of the transfer; and*
- 3. That subject to approval of the Framework and Q1 2026 ratification, the City of Brampton enter into an agreement with the City of Mississauga and the Town of Caledon to finalize ownership and interests relating to the property, building and artifacts to for a period of time as determined by the intermunicipal transition team and ratified by each Council to ensure proper ownership and that any proceeds obtained from the future deaccessioning of*

any property, building, art or artifacts be shared amongst the three lower-tier municipalities to the ratioed values of the current funding model; and

- 4. That subject to approval of the Framework and Q1 2026 ratification, the Region's 2027 operating budget reflect the removal of PAMA as a service provided by the Region of Peel, resulting in a reduction to the Region's portion of the 2027 net tax levy of approximately \$6.3 million, based on the 2027 forecast in the 2025 Peel budget; and*
- 5. That subject to approval of the Framework and Q1 2026 ratification, the Region work with the City of Brampton to determine the allocation of the Region's existing tax capital reserves to support the capital maintenance requirements of the facility; and*
- 6. That subject to approval of the Framework and Q1 2026 ratification, the three local municipalities assess their individual tax levy requirements to support Arts, Culture and Heritage effective January 1, 2027, through their respective mayoral budget processes, and reflect such requirements in their local budgets; and*
- 7. That the costs associated with the regional archives, as a core service of the Region of Peel, continue to be funded through the existing funding model; and*
- 8. That the Intermunicipal Working Group shall bring the Transition and Business Planning Framework and required agreements to Regional Council in Q1 2026 for decision, enabling the planned 2027 transition date.*

Carried