

A guide to Peel Region Council

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Peel Region overview

Peel Region has existed since 1974. It includes the City of Brampton, the City of Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon.

Peel Region delivers a wide range of resident-focused services across the community. Its goal is to make Peel a place where everyone feels welcome and has access to the support they need at every stage of life.

These programs and services include:

- Childcare support.
- Financial help.
- Garbage and organics collection.
- Housing and shelter.
- Long-term care and services for seniors.
- Police services.
- Public health and paramedics.
- Road maintenance.
- Water and wastewater treatment.

For more information visit

peelregion.ca/about/regional-government/overview-peel-region.

Bill 45, Bill 60, and Bill 98 risks and implications

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At this time, the full legal, financial, and operational implications of Bill 45, Bill 60, and Bill 98 for Peel Region and its local municipalities remain uncertain. Staff will continue to monitor legislative and regulatory developments and report back to Council as further information becomes available.

Council members

Peel Regional Council makes decisions about programs and services that affect the entire Peel region. This includes passing by-laws, planning major infrastructure, and managing regional finances.

Peel Regional Council is made up of the Regional Chair and 24 Members of Council. These members represent the City of Brampton, the City of Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon. Each member serves a 4-year term.

For the 2026-2030 Term of Council, Peel Region Council will include:

- 3 local mayors (Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon)
- 11 Mississauga councillors.
- 8 Brampton councillors.
- 2 Caledon councillors.

The Regional Chair is the political head of Peel Region and presides over all Peel Region Council meetings. The Regional Chair also represents Peel Region when working with other levels of government and works closely with Peel Region employees through the Chief Administrative Officer.

If the Regional Chair is not available, another Council member serves as Acting Chair on a rotating monthly basis.

For more information visit peelregion.ca/about/peel-region-council.

Role and mandate

The Regional Municipality of Peel is a legal government body created by provincial law. It can only use the powers given to it by legislation. Peel Region's authority comes from two pieces of provincial legislation: the [Municipal Act, 2001, as amended](#) and the [Regional Municipality of Peel Act, 2005](#).

Other statutes that also grant authority to Peel Region, include the [Planning Act](#), the [Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act \(MFIPPA\)](#), and the [Personal Health Information Protection Act \(PHIPA\)](#).

Peel Region Council is responsible for using these powers. Council makes decisions and conducts its authority through by-laws unless legislation says otherwise. Peel Region can only act within its geographic boundaries.

The *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended* provides the main legislative framework for how Peel Region operates. It explains how Council, its committees, and the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) manage Peel Region.

The *Municipal Act, 2001, Regional Municipality of Peel Act, 2005, and Region of Peel By-laws 83-2020 and 70-2021* describe the structure of Peel Regional Council and the Regional Corporation, outlining Council's powers and responsibilities in the following key service areas:

- finance
- health and Ontario Works
- paramedic and emergency services
- planning
- police
- regional sewage works
- regional waterworks system
- regional road system
- waste management

The above service areas are subject to revision in response to any legislative changes arising from Bill 45 and Bill 60.

Representative, policy-making, and managerial roles

Section 224 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*, explains the statutory role of Council.

Each councillor also has a representative role, a policy-making role, and a management role.

The representative role

As a Regional Councillor, you are elected to represent the residents of your local municipality at the Regional level. Your role is to share your community's views, priorities, and concerns to inform discussions and decisions at Peel Region Council.

In fulfilling this role, Peel Region councillors are also expected to use their own independent judgement.

This means considering how decisions affect the regional-scale impacts, priorities, long-term needs, and the overall well-being of Peel. Councillors must balance speaking for their local residents while also making decisions that are best for Peel as a whole.

There is no single prescribed balance between these responsibilities. Instead, each Peel Region councillor determines how to fairly represent their community while also supporting effective and responsible regional decision-making.

The policy-making role

Regional Council is the main body responsible for setting policies for the organization. Council sets the overall direction, while employees – whose professional expertise and operational insight are essential – often bring forward policy recommendations.

A key challenge for all Councillors is to effectively leverage Peel Region’s resources, including employee knowledge, data, and strategic frameworks, to ensure policy development is well-informed, inclusive, and aligned with Peel Region’s Strategic Plan.

The governance role

Councillors also play an important governance role. This includes ensuring that the Peel Region’s financial and human resources are managed responsibly, efficiently, and in line with the Peel Region’s Strategic Plan.

Governance extends beyond approving policies or budgets. It also involves overseeing how the organization is performing, understanding risks and opportunities, and ensuring that services are delivered effectively to the community.

To fulfill this function, councillors must stay informed and engaged. This includes asking thoughtful and strategic questions, monitoring results, and ensuring that organizational decisions reflect long-term goals and public expectations. Through this governance lens, Councillors help safeguard accountability, transparency, and the overall integrity of Peel Region’s operations.

Sole and shared service responsibilities

Some services in Peel are delivered solely by Peel Region, others are the responsibility of the local area municipalities, and some are shared between Peel Region and its municipalities.

Function	Peel Region	Municipality	Shared
9-1-1 Emergency Number System	X		
Accessibility Planning			X
Accessible Transportation	X		
Capital Borrowing	X		
Committee of Adjustment		X	
Conservation Authorities	X		
Economic Development		X	
Emergency Planning			X
Fire		X	
GO Transit Capital	X		

Function	Peel Region	Municipality	Shared
Heritage			X
Libraries		X	
Licensing		X	
Long-Term Care Facilities	X		
Marriages		X	
Municipal Hydro Electric Service		X	
Peel Housing Corporation	X		
Ontario Works	X		
Paramedic Services	X		
Parks		X	
Planning		X	
Police	X		
Public Health	X		
Public Transit		X	
Recreational and Community Centres		X	
Roads and Traffic * On December 11, 2025, Bill 45 (<i>Peel Transition Implementation Act, 2025</i>) received Royal Assent and initiated a phased transfer of certain services from the Regional Municipality of Peel to the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon. Responsibility for regional roads and stormwater infrastructure is scheduled to transfer by July 1, 2027, followed by waste collection services by October 1, 2027.			X*
Social Housing	X		
Solid Waste Management *On December 11, 2025, Bill 45 (<i>Peel Transition Implementation Act, 2025</i>) received Royal Assent and initiated a phased transfer of certain services from the Regional Municipality of Peel to the Cities of Mississauga and Brampton, and the Town of Caledon. Responsibility for regional roads and stormwater infrastructure is scheduled to transfer by July 1, 2027, followed by waste collection services by October 1, 2027.			X*
Subsidized Child Care	X		
Tax Collection		X	
Tax Policy			X

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<p>Wastewater Collection and Treatment</p> <p>*On November 27, 2025, Bill 60 (<i>Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act, 2025</i>) received Royal Assent and introduced additional changes, including amendments to the <i>Municipal Act, 2001</i> transferring jurisdiction over water and wastewater utilities to lower-tier municipalities effective on the date prescribed by the Minister or if no date is prescribed before January 1, 2029, on that day. Bill 60 also enacted the <i>Water and Wastewater Public Corporation Act, 2025</i>, enabling designated public utility corporations to deliver water and wastewater services on behalf of municipalities. On March 30, 2026, the provincial government tabled Bill 98 (<i>Building Homes and Improving Transportation Infrastructure Act</i>), which provided further details respecting this model, although additional regulations are required to fully implement the proposed framework.</p>	X*		
Water Purification and Distribution	X		

Council sections

Staff provide program updates, operational information, and policy recommendations to Peel Region Council through structured council reports.

To keep the information clear and easy to follow, these reports are organized into specific sections that reflect Peel Region’s core service areas. This helps Council review information in a consistent way and discuss each item in the right service context.

Employee reports to Peel Region Council are presented through the following sections:

- Items related to Corporate and Legislative Services
- Items related to Health
- Items related to Human Services
- Items related to Public Works

Corporate and Legislative Services

The Corporate and Legislative Services section provides the internal support that helps Peel Region Council and Peel Region operate effectively.

This area delivers key services through:

- The Executive Office
- Clerks
- Finance
- Human Resources
- Legal Services
- Procurement
- Communications,
- Culture and Inclusion
- Information Technology
- Climate Change and Energy Management
- Real Property Asset Management

Together, these divisions ensure transparent decision-making, responsible financial and organizational management, effective communication, sound legal and procurement practices, and the delivery of the internal supports needed for all Peel Region operations.

Through this work, Corporate Services and Legislative Services plays a foundational role in advancing Council's strategic direction and supporting high-quality service delivery across the organization.

Health

The Health section oversees issues related to the administration of Peel Region's Health Services divisions: Peel Public Health, Paramedic Services, and Long-Term Care.

Health Services' mandate is to protect the public from health hazards, promote health, control communicable diseases, and co-ordinate treatment for resident's physical and mental well-being.

This department also manages Peel Region's 5 long-term care homes.

In Peel, Regional Council acts as the Board of Health.

The Medical Officer of Health (MOH) reports to Council on all public health matters that are of concern or deemed to be a health hazard under the *Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA)*.

The MOH provides direction to public health employees and acts as the main spokesperson on all public health issues or strategies (or both). Public Health programs and services are mandated by the Government of Ontario and guided by the HPPA and the Ontario Public Health Standards.

The standards define the responsibilities of Peel Region Council as the Board of Health and are informed by core public health functions.

These core public health functions include:

- disease prevention
- emergency management
- health promotion and policy development
- health protection
- assessment and surveillance

Public health work is grounded in a population health approach, which focuses on preventing illness, improving health, and reducing health gaps between diverse groups of people.

Human Services

Human Services plans, manages, and delivers services and resources for some of Peel's most vulnerable communities.

Teams in the Income and Social Supports, Early Years and Child Care Services, Housing Services, and Social Development Planning and Partnerships divisions, as well as Peel Housing Corporation, provide high-quality services that our residents depend on.

The Strategic Planning and Performance team empowers leadership, enhances engagement, and fosters a healthy, resilient workforce, strengthening our Human Services department as a whole.

Public Works

The Public Works section oversees the administration of the Public Works department. The responsibilities for this section focus on the efficient and effective planning and provision of roads, transportation, water, wastewater, and waste management services

This department focusses on planning and delivering these services in an efficient and reliable way to meet the needs of residents and businesses, both now and as Peel Region continues to grow.

Meeting information

Regional Council meetings

- Regional Council meets on Thursdays during the second and fourth week of each month. Meetings begin at 9:30 a.m. and are held in Council Chambers on the 5th floor, Suite A, at 10 Peel Centre Dr., Brampton.
- In accordance with Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*, Regional Council or committee meetings may be closed to the public. When

this happens, the public will be asked to leave the Council Chamber, and any live broadcast will pause until the meeting opens again.

Committee meetings

- Committee meetings take place on alternating Thursdays in Council Chambers. Start times vary, and meetings are usually between 90 minutes and 2 hours.
- At the start of each new Term of Council, members are appointed to different committees, advisory groups, local boards and other representative bodies.
- For a full list of Committees and Boards, visit peelregion.ca/about/peel-region-council/committees-boards

Examples of committees include topics related to:

- accessibility
- audit and Risk
- diversity
- emergency management
- government relations
- policies and procedures

Examples of current Local Board and Social Purpose Bodies include:

- Conservation authorities (CVC, TRCA)
- Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming Alliance
- The Peel Police Services Board

Agendas and meeting materials

An agenda is created for every Council and committee meeting.

Agendas may include:

- delegations
- presentations
- staff reports
- correspondence
- motions/notice of motions

Additional materials may be shared electronically with members before the meeting.

Agendas are posted online on the Friday before each meeting.

To access the meeting calendar, including current and past agendas, minutes and reports, visit peelregion.ca/about/peel-region-council/agendas-minutes-reports.

Hybrid meetings

- Peel Region utilizes modern meeting technology to allow meetings to take place both in person and online.
- To watch live Council or committee meetings, visit peelregion.ca/about/peel-region-council/watch-council-meetings-live.

<mailto:RegionalClerk@peelregion.ca> **Additional resources**

- [Council's Code of Conduct](https://peelregion.ca/by-laws/by-law-number-65-2020) - peelregion.ca/by-laws/by-law-number-65-2020
- [Procedural By-law](https://peelregion.ca/by-laws/by-law-number-27-2022) - peelregion.ca/by-laws/by-law-number-27-2022
- [Accountability and Transparency](https://peelregion.ca/about/accountability-transparency#code) - peelregion.ca/about/accountability-transparency#code
- [Municipal Councillors Guide](https://ontario.ca/document/ontario-municipal-councillors-guide) - ontario.ca/document/ontario-municipal-councillors-guide

Accessibility

Accessibility is a priority, and Peel Region is committed to creating an inclusive space that is welcoming and accessible.

If any accommodations are required, please email RegionalClerk@peelregion.ca.