

# Peel services and pressures

Support continuity for our residents and businesses

## Policy and opportunity

As the Province proceeds with the implementation of *Bill 112*, which will dissolve the Regional Municipality of Peel effective January 1, 2025, Peel Region remains committed to ensuring that residents and businesses continue to receive the services and infrastructure they rely on both in the immediate and long term.

Our vibrant and diverse community of approximately 1.5 million people is experiencing rapid growth and is projected to reach a population of 2.28 million by 2051. While there will be changes to how Peel is governed moving forward, this anticipated growth will continue and bring with it both opportunities and challenges.



## Background

To ensure a successful and smooth transition, it is vital that all stakeholders work closely with Peel Region to sustain high-quality services and infrastructure. Peel's path forward requires a continued vision seeking to strike a balance between the needs of its residents, businesses and the infrastructure requirements needed to sustain communities across the region.

The Province has appointed a Transition Board to determine the roadmap for the dissolution of Peel. The Transition Board, which has five members, will provide recommendations to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing about the changes to the municipalities. Peel Regional Council and staff will work collaboratively with the Transition Board to provide support and facilitate the process professionally, providing facts and data to inform their recommendations on how to proceed.

With an average increase of over 25,000 people annually, Peel Region's commitment to high-quality services has been instrumental in supporting its fast-growing communities.



To provide Peel residents, businesses and the community with seamless delivery of high quality and services, Regional Council has established guiding principles, which will be used to assess how to proceed with previously approved projects and programs and how to prepare the 2024 budget. These decisions will be made in the public interest while having regard for the municipal restructuring, ensuring value for money, high quality efficient services and that other municipalities are not unreasonably impacted. Maintaining services is critical and ensuring the well-being of staff who deliver and support the delivery of those services is of utmost importance.

While changes are coming, Peel Region continues to ensure that strategic investments are made to meet the needs of the community, including \$5 billion over the next four years for its operating budget, which support vital services like waste collection, paramedic services, and childcare, as well as a 10-year capital plan to finance road construction, treatment plants, and affordable housing developments, critical for sustaining the region's growth.

## Prioritizing Service Continuity

Moving forward with Peel's transition, it is essential that all partners in this process prioritize the need for maintaining service continuity. Peel Region is proactively addressing potential risks and collaborating closely with local and provincial partners to achieve our shared goals. By taking these steps, Peel Region remains focused on providing the necessary services to its residents and businesses, even amidst the challenges posed by its ongoing growth.

More details can be found on Peel Region's dedicated page for the transition process at: [peelregion.ca/transition](https://peelregion.ca/transition).

