

Provincial Government's Survey on Regional Governance

Sample Answers

The following are sample answers to the Ontario Government's online questionnaire on regional governance. To access the questionnaire, visit:

<https://www.ontario.ca/form/survey-regional-government-review>

Overview

- 1. Which upper-tier municipality are you commenting on for the purpose of this consultation? Please select one:**

The Region of Peel

General

- 2. How would you describe the performance of the upper-tier municipality in terms of making decisions and delivering services in your community?**

I don't think the Region of Peel works for Mississauga. It's not fair to me as a taxpayer because I have to subsidize Brampton and Caledon and it holds my city back from doing the things I want like building housing and transit.

- 3. How would you describe the performance of the lower-tier municipality in terms of making decisions and delivering services in your community?**

I think the City of Mississauga works well. If I have a problem I can call 311 or my Councillor. I think most people in Mississauga are very happy with their services.

- 4. In general, how might upper- or lower-tier municipalities be improved?**

I don't think we need another level of government on top of the City of Mississauga. From what I've seen it's confusing and wasteful. I think Mississauga would be better off as an independent city. I also think eliminating the Region of Peel and making Mississauga independent would mean better customer service, less cost, and I would only have one government to call if I have a problem.

Governance

5. **Overall, how well do you feel represented by the current upper-tier council in the municipality? How might better representation be promoted?**

I don't know why we need another council to make decisions. It's not fair that Mississauga has to debate with two other cities to get things done. We're a big city and we can make our own decisions.

6. **Does the upper-tier council in the municipality achieve the right balance between upper-tier issues and lower-tier issues? Please explain.**

Not in the case of Mississauga. There is too much duplication and waste between the two levels of government.

Decision-Making

7. **Are decisions in the upper-tier municipality made in a timely and efficient manner? Please explain.**

I don't know that much about how the Region operates. When I have a problem, I call the City.

8. **Are decisions in the upper-tier municipality focused on the right priorities? Please explain.**

If Mississauga and the Region of Peel don't agree, then it makes it hard to get things done in our city. As a resident of Mississauga, I am focused on what my city is doing, not what is happening in other cities.

9. **Are decisions in the lower-tier municipality made in a timely and efficient manner? Please explain.**

Having two levels of government approve something delays things and is costly. One level of government is more efficient than two.

10. **Are decisions in the lower-tier municipality focused on the right priorities? Please explain.**

I know who my Mayor and my Councillor is and I know how they make decisions. I believe my City is focused on the right priorities.

11. How might municipal decision-making be improved?

Eliminate the Region of Peel and make Mississauga an independent city. Mississauga is big enough.

Service Delivery

12. Are the services provided by the upper-tier municipality delivered effectively and efficiently? Please explain.

From what I know, the Region does a good job. But there are still two levels of government, and I think Mississauga could provide all those services. We don't need another level of government telling us what to do.

13. Are the services provided by the lower-tier municipality delivered effectively and efficiently? Please explain.

From what I have seen, the City of Mississauga delivers services effectively and efficiently. I am happy with my City services.

14. How might the quality of municipal services be improved or be made more cost effective?

Make Mississauga independent. If Mississauga were an independent city, we wouldn't be subsidizing Brampton and Caledon to the tune of \$85 million per year. My tax dollars should stay in Mississauga.

15. Please share any other feedback or ideas for improvement in the upper- and lower-tier municipalities.

Let Mississauga become an independent city and control its own future. Mississauga is the 3rd largest city in Ontario and 6th largest city in Canada. Regional government isn't fair to me as a taxpayer.