

CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

Regional Government Review

Town Hall

April 8, 2019



Provincial Review

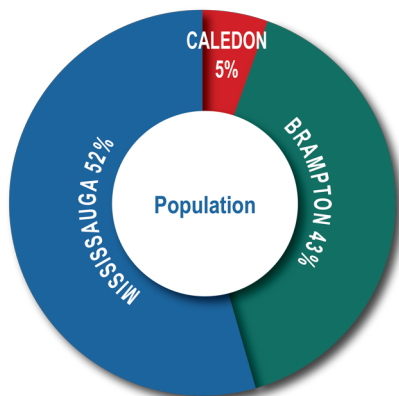
(Mississauga, Brampton, Caledon and Peel)

- **January 2019** – The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced that it had appointed two special advisors to review regional government in Ontario.
- **June 2019** – The advisors will be making recommendations to the Minister for the purpose of “improving governance, decision making and service deliveries”.
- **The review includes 82 municipalities in total:** including the Regions of Peel, Halton, York and Durham.

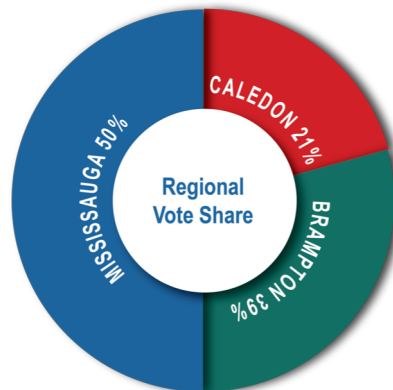
Region of Peel Facts

Did You Know?

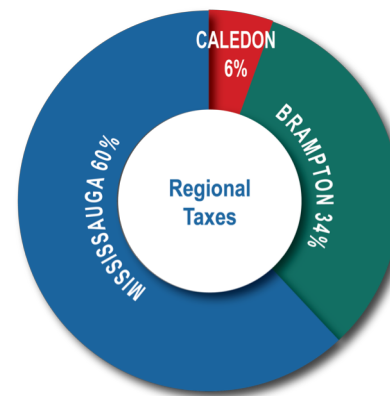
**Regional
Population**



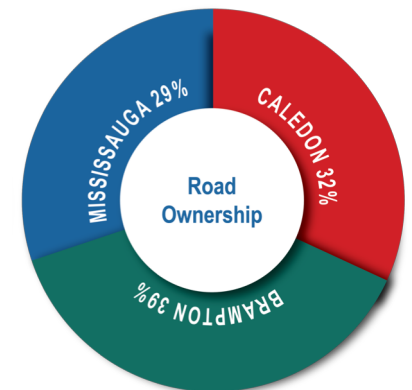
**Representation at
Regional Council**



**Regional
Tax Levy**



Regional Roads



Options Considered by Council

1. **Regional Reform:** Mississauga remains part of the Region of Peel but changes are made to address inefficiencies and systemic issues
2. **Amalgamation:** Mississauga combines with Brampton, Caledon and the Region of Peel to form one city
3. **Independence:** Mississauga separates from the Region of Peel

Amalgamation

This option was rejected because independent studies show that amalgamations:

- Do Not Result in Savings
- Can Lead to a Loss of Community Identity
- Can Reduce Accountability of Government

Independence

Mississauga would become an independent (single tier) city with the ability to:

- control its own affairs;
- invest tax dollars entirely in our City; and
- no longer seek permission from another layer of government to make decisions and take action on Mississauga priorities.

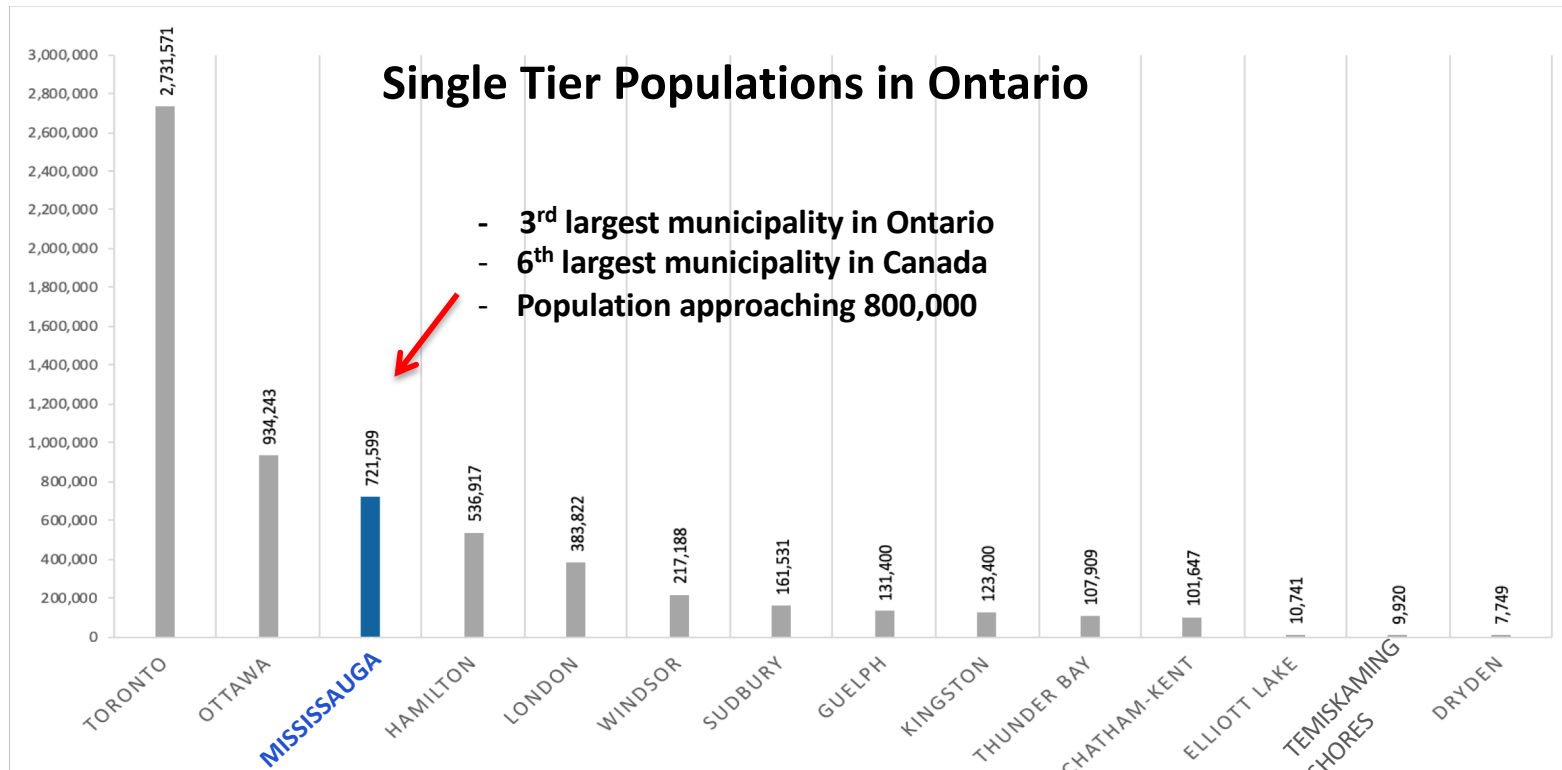
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Keep Tax Dollars in Mississauga

- Financial analysis shows that Mississauga over-contributes to the Region of Peel up to \$85 million per year.
- **We paid for our growth:** Between 1974 to 1995, Mississauga consistently paid more than 70% of the Regional tax levy. We currently pay 60%.

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Mississauga is Big Enough to Stand on Its Own



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Mississauga is Fiscally Sound

- **Financially Strong:** Mississauga has maintained a “AAA-Stable” credit rating for 15 straight years.
- **Experienced Staff:** The City’s staff teams have a high level of technical and administrative knowledge in all disciplines including fiscal management.

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Better Service Delivery

Mississauga could better provide its services as an independent, single tier municipality.

Examples of service duplications between Mississauga and the Region of Peel:

- Ownership of Regional roads
- Local and Regional planning
- Transportation services (MiWay and Transhelp)
- Setting of tax policies

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Better Service Delivery (cont.)

Examples of barriers that exist in providing municipal services:

- Creating more affordable housing (i.e. middle class housing, Malton community)
- Developing lands (i.e. Ninth Line)
- Bringing businesses to the downtown core
- Legal agreements with the Region of Peel

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Better Service Delivery (cont.)

Complexities – Residents have difficulty understanding which level of government provides which service.

Benefit of Independence– Residents would have a single point of contact and accountability for municipal services.

Council Decision

(March 20, 2019)

- **Support for Independence:** Council passed a motion approving in principle that the Province pass legislation that Mississauga become independent from the Region of Peel.
- **Public Engagement:** Council approved a recommendation that staff hold a public town hall meeting to receive feedback from residents regarding Regional Government Review.

Top Ten Reasons for Independence

1. One City, One Voice
2. Eliminate an Entire Layer of Government
3. Better Value for Taxpayers' Dollars
4. Better Decision Making
5. Increased Accountability and Transparency
6. Improved Customer Service
7. One Set of Rules, Procedures and By-laws
8. One Set of Fees and Charges
9. Greater Access to Funding
10. Respect

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Transition Period

What happens to Regional Services?

- **Police** – Mississauga and Brampton are serviced by Peel Regional Police which has a separate legislated Police Board. This model could continue.
- **Water/Wastewater** – could be managed through a utility model as it is currently paid for by user fees, not property taxes.
- **Social and Health Services** – must be delivered in compliance with Provincial laws and funding arrangements from the Province.
- **Other Services** – Many services like planning, roads and Transhelp could be absorbed into Mississauga with no disruption to service levels

Have Your Voice Heard

- **Public Consultation:** Participants can complete a survey or provide comments directly to the Ministry by email or mail **until May 21, 2019.**
- Residents can also make a request to speak at an upcoming special Region of Peel Council meeting on May 8, 2019 from 9am to 4pm.
- For more information visit:
 - City's Website: mississauga.ca/regional-governance-review
 - Ministry's Website: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/regional-government-review>