

Motion

Agenda Number: 20.2
Date: April 23, 2026

Moved by Councillor Damerla
Seconded by _____

Whereas, police services across Ontario are the bedrock of community safety;

And whereas, police officers across Ontario are hardworking women and men who run into harm's way to protect Ontarians;

And whereas, Ontarians are appreciative of the valour and sacrifices made by police officers;

And whereas, police services represent one of the most significant and visible investments of public funds, and these investments have never been more important as community safety and affordability are top of mind for residents;

And whereas, despite the Police budget being the single largest expense item in the Region of Peel's budget, under the Municipal Act, 2001, Municipal Auditors General cannot audit police budgets unless the Police Services Board invites them;

And whereas, the Region of Peel has established an independent Office of the Auditor General and appointed its inaugural independent Auditor General, effective March 2, 2026, who is currently in the process of creating his office's audit work plan for the next two years;

And whereas, the Police Services of the City of Toronto and the City of Ottawa have voluntarily invited their Independent Auditors General to conduct value-for-money and related audits of their operations.

And whereas the Auditor General of Ontario has conducted several value-for-money audits of the Ontario Provincial Police, demonstrating how independent oversight can strengthen efficiency, effectiveness, and public confidence;

And whereas, independent value-for-money audits of police services are a win-win for both police and taxpayers by providing transparent, evidence-based assessments that help ensure officers have the resources they need to keep communities safe, while assuring taxpayers that public funds are being used judiciously and efficiently;

And whereas, The Regional Municipality of Peel Police Service Board can voluntarily invite Peel Region's Auditor General to conduct value for money audits

Now therefore be it resolved:

1. That Peel Regional Council requests The Regional Municipality of Peel Police Service Board to formally invite the Auditor General of Peel to conduct audits at his discretion and to provide the Auditor General with the same level of co-operation and access to information as if this was required by the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and
2. That such invitation be approved and communicated to the Auditor General of Peel in a timely manner to enable Peel Regional Police services to fall within the scope of areas that may be selected for audit by the Auditor General, including consideration in the initial audit selections and the 2027 work plan; and

3. That Peel Regional Council requests that the Government of Ontario introduce such legislative amendments as are required to enable Municipal Auditors General to conduct value-for-money audits of police services in Ontario; and
4. That a copy of this resolution be directed to The Regional Municipality of Peel Police Service Board, the Premier of Ontario, and the Solicitor General of Ontario.