

## **Funding for Brampton to Combat Extortion and Organized Crime**

Moved by: Mayor Brown

Seconded by: Deputy Mayor Singh

**WHEREAS**, extortion is rapidly increasing in Canada, driven by transnational criminal networks and digital intimidation tactics.

**WHEREAS**, small businesses and vulnerable communities are frequent targets, with threats of violence or property damage used to extract payments quickly and with low investigative risk.

**WHEREAS**, on November 28, 2025, the Government of Canada announced that, in collaboration with the B.C. Government, to better target organized crime tied to drugs and cross-border movement, the government is launching a new Regional Integrated Drug Enforcement Team (RIDET). It will receive **\$4 million over four years** under the federal border plan.

**WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada further announced that the federal and provincial governments are committing **\$1 million** to support victims of extortion, with an additional **\$500,000** going to B.C. police agencies for victim safety planning, outreach and protective equipment.

**WHEREAS**, Peel Region's extortion rates meet or exceed those in B.C., with 319 reports in 2023, 490 reports in 2024 (53.6% increase) and 436 reports from January 1-November 30, 2025.

**WHEREAS**, the Region of Peel faces one of the highest volumes of extortion in Canada, with a significant community impact.

**WHEREAS**, on September 29, 2025, the Honourable Gary Anandasangaree, Minister of Public Safety, announced that the Government of Canada has listed the Bishnoi Gang, a transnational criminal organization, as a terrorist entity under the *Criminal Code*.

**WHEREAS**, the Bishnoi Gang engages in murder, shootings, arson, and generates terror through extortion and intimidation.

**WHEREAS**, the Bishnoi gang is active in areas with significant diaspora communities.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brampton and Region of Peel have one of the largest diaspora communities in Canada.

**WHEREAS**, Peel Regional Police have confirmed that the Bishnoi Gang has been responsible for numerous crimes and extortion in the Peel Region.

**WHEREAS**, advanced investigative capacity is resource-intensive and unsustainable at the municipal level.

**WHEREAS**, Peel Regional Police's efforts are constrained by a lack of authority for border, immigration, and international intelligence operations.

**WHEREAS**, the City of Brampton requires support from both the federal and provincial governments to help address this issue, as recognized in B.C.

**WHEREAS**, the federal funding model in B.C. sets a precedent for national equity: funding should follow crime severity, not geography.

**WHEREAS**, the Region of Peel's rates justify eligibility for federal task-force funding and victim support.

**Therefore, be it resolved:**

1. That a copy of this motion be shared with the Prime Minister, Minister of Public Safety, Premier Ford and the Ontario Solicitor General.
2. That the Mayor send a letter to the Prime Minister and the Minister of Public Safety requesting that the federal government:
  - a. Extend dedicated extortion task-force funding to the Region of Peel, mirroring B.C.'s model.
  - b. Provide targeted victim-support and community outreach funding.
  - c. Establish formal intelligence-sharing frameworks for coordinated disruption of transnational networks.
3. That the Mayor send a letter to Premier Doug Ford and the Ontario Solicitor General requesting that the province work with the Government of Canada to establish a dedicated victim support fund, mirroring the funding model in B.C.