

MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Bruce Macgregor
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: November 24, 2021

Re: Greater Toronto Hamilton Area Regional Prosperity Alliance & COVID Recovery

This memo outlines York Region's participation in the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area Regional Prosperity Alliance (GTHA-RPA) as it relates to COVID recovery and rebuild and provides an update on the City of Toronto's Regional Procurement Integration Review.

GTHA-RPA created to advance shared municipal interests related to COVID-19 recovery and rebuild

The GTHA-RPA was created in 2021 to provide an opportunity for municipalities to come together to identify and advance shared municipal interests in the context of recovery and rebuild from COVID-19. GTHA-RPA membership includes the City Managers or Chief Administrative Officers from the municipalities list in Table 1.

Table 1
GTHA-RPA Membership

Single-Tier Municipalities	Regional Municipalities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brampton• Burlington• Hamilton• Mississauga• Oakville• Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Durham Region• Halton Region• Peel Region• York Region

The GTHA-RPA explores opportunities to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of service delivery, reduce costs and bring innovation through enhanced collaboration and cooperation in five areas of mutual interest: Transit, Housing, Digital Infrastructure, Municipal Procurement and Sustainable Finance.

City of Toronto GTHA-RPA Regional Procurement Collaboration Assessment

On [October 5, 2021](#), the City of Toronto reported on a [Regional Procurement Integration Review](#) they sponsored under the Provincial Audit and Accountability Fund. The review explored potential benefits of additional cooperation in procurement for all participating GTHA-RPA municipalities.

The project activities were completed between June and September of 2021 and included representation from City of Brampton, Durham Region, Halton Region, City of Hamilton, City of Mississauga, City of Toronto, and York Region.

Municipalities in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) currently collaborate on procurement activities primarily through joint-solicitation and local cooperative purchasing groups. York Region will review and assess the Ernst & Young recommendations provided to the City of Toronto to inform future opportunities for modernization and additional collaboration.

Conclusion

York Region will continue to collaborate via the GTHA-RPA and other opportunities to facilitate recovery from COVID-19. Municipal partnerships and collaboration have been instrumental in strengthening relationships amongst municipalities and regions by identifying shared challenges and working collectively to advance strategic outcomes and innovative solutions.

This type of continued co-ordination will support effective engagement with federal and provincial governments to identify shared objectives and outcomes, key investments and regional approaches to stimulate economic recovery.

For more information on this memo, please contact Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71200. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.



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