## Waste Collection in Caledon

## by MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES

I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting updates about waste collection in Caledon.

Recently, the Councils of Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga approved a resolution that directs Peel Regional Council to transition waste collection services from the Region of Peel. This change will take effect on January 1, 2026, and it's designed to make waste management smoother and more efficient at the local level.

I was pleased to champion this collaboration to help ensure there are no financial impacts to you, our residents and businesses. I thank Mayor Patrick Brown and Mayor Carolyn Parrish for their continued support through transition.

As part of this transition, Brampton and Caledon will work together to jointly deliver waste collection services to our communities. This collaboration is designed to ensure that our residents continue to receive the same level of service while keeping things cost-effective, stable, and reliable for the long term.

While residential waste collection services will be transferred to Brampton, community recycling centres will continue to be owned and operated by the Region of Peel. No disruption to existing services is anticipated as current contracts will remain in place.

Next, a team made up of staff from Peel Region, Brampton, Mississauga, and Caledon will form a working group to carefully plan the next steps. The goal of this team is to make sure everyone is on the same page when it comes to budgeting, service expectations, and the practical details, all while minimizing any impact on residents.

This shift is a return to how waste collection was managed at the municipal level before regionalization in the 1990s. By bringing this responsibility back, we will improve efficiency, streamline decision-making, and give Brampton and Caledon the flexibility to adapt waste services to meet the needs of our growing communities.

For our Caledon residents, I want to reassure you that curbside waste collection will continue as it does today. When the current regional waste contract expires in September 2027, Caledon will partner with Brampton to ensure uninterrupted service.

You can continue following your usual waste collection schedule and guidelines. For more details, please visit peelregion.ca/waste.

The Town of Caledon is dedicated to managing this change with care, and we're proud of our track record of fiscal responsibility. In fact, in 2024, we delivered a \$2 million surplus, giving more value to our taxpayers without compromising on service. Through smart financial planning and process improvements, we've found efficiencies that put us in a strong position as we prepare for the future.

We are reinvesting these funds into reserves, which help strengthen the Town's financial stability. These reserves will support capital and operational needs, covering unexpected costs like emergency repairs or rising fuel prices, and ensuring that the Town remains well-prepared for any situation.

We are excited about these changes and will keep you updated every step of the way.

Thank you for being an important part of our community.