

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
January 17, 2024



Regional Government

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Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee

Thursday, 18 January 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2024.

January 15, 2024

Ontario Launching New Long-Term Care Home Investigations Unit



- The Ontario government is establishing a 10-person Investigations Unit for long-term care with a \$72.3M investment, focusing on addressing major non-compliance issues such as abuse, neglect, and falsification of reports.
- The unit's investigators have the authority under the *Provincial Offences Act* to investigate and potentially prosecute offenses under the *Fixing Long-Term Care Act*.
- This unit is part of broader government efforts to enhance long-term care.

January 11, 2024

Strengthening Ontario's Bail System



- The Ontario government is allocating \$24M over three years to the Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension (BCWA) Grant program to help police services monitor high-risk individuals and prevent serious crimes committed by repeat and violent offenders on bail.
- The BCWA Grant program will support 17 municipal police services, four First Nations police services and 12 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) services.
- This initiative is part of Ontario's broader effort to improve the bail system.

January 8, 2024

Facilitating Access to Specialized Care for Ontario Long-Term Care Residents

- The Province is investing an additional \$15M into the Local Priorities Fund, to support long-term care residents with complex needs in Ontario.
- This fund aims to support long-term care homes in Ontario in providing specialized care for residents with complex needs, such as those with dementia and bariatric care requirements.
- The Ministry of Long-Term Care is currently working with Ontario Health to review this year's proposals and successful applicants will begin to be notified and receive their additional funding in the coming weeks.



December 20, 2023

***Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act* Receives Royal Assent**

- The *Greenbelt Statute Law Amendment Act, 2023*, received Royal Assent on December 5, 2023:
 - The Act reinstates 15 parcels of land to the Greenbelt and Oak Ridges Moraine areas, which were previously removed in late 2022.
 - The Act eliminates the authority to modify the Greenbelt Area and Oak Ridges Moraine Area by regulation, requiring legislative changes for future amendments. It revokes existing boundary regulations, restores prior land protections, and strengthens immunity provisions.
 - The Act ensures enhanced protection and sustainable use of vital agricultural and ecological lands in the Greater Toronto Area.



January 9, 2024

Social and Economic Prosperity Review

- On January 9, 2024, AMO presented their recommendations for the Provincial 2024 Budget to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs.
- During the presentation, AMO highlighted the negative impact of current provincial-municipal fiscal arrangements on the social and economic prosperity of Ontario.
- AMO is requesting the provincial government to engage in a collaborative review with municipalities, focusing on a detailed analysis of revenues, costs, financial risks, and the needs for infrastructure investment and service delivery in Ontario.



AMO'S SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC
PROSPERITY REVIEW

THANK YOU!

