

Government Relations Matters

City Council
January 24, 2024



Regional Council

Thursday, January 25, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

9.1 Call Handling (For Information)

Summary:

- The staff report provides on behalf of the 9-1-1 Advisory Committee, on a Peel Regional Police pilot to implement two new technology-based features into their call handling practices.

Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) managing unprecedented call volumes into the 9-1-1 System.
- The implementation of Next Generation 9-1-1 represents the potential for implementation of new technology and introduction of two new procedures Automated Abandoned Call Back and 9-1-1 Call Screener to effectively manage excessive call volumes.
- Additionally, on January 11, 2024, Regional Council adopted a motion regarding implementing fines for negligent 9-1-1 calls.

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

13.1 Residential Rat Control Pilot Program Update (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The staff report provides an update on the Residential Rat Control Pilot Program and recommends the subsidy program end on February 29, 2024.

Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The Residential Rat Control Subsidy Pilot Program has been in place since March 2021.
- The uptake of the Residential Rat Subsidy has been less than anticipated over the three-year pilot program period.
- Regional Council approved the program extension twice and staff were asked to provide recommendations to proactively manage rat populations following the conclusion of the pilot.
- Regional staff observe that many municipalities focus on education-based programs through the Integrated Pest Management principles.

Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

January 15, 2024

Addressing Hate-Motivated Crimes



- The Ontario government is investing more than **\$1.7M** to help stop hate-motivated crimes across the province.
 - The funding will be delivered over two years through the Safer and Vital Communities (SVC) Grant program as part of the province's plan to promote safe and inclusive communities.
- Successful applicants for the SVC Grant will receive up to **\$85,000** for each of the two years to combat hate crime.
 - Applications for the SVC Grant will be available in late January through Transfer Payment Ontario. The deadline for application is **February 26, 2024**.

January 16, 2024

Supporting Law Enforcement Agencies and Communities



- The Ontario government is investing more than **\$6M** in crime prevention initiatives.
 - The funds, forfeited to the province as proceeds of crime following criminal prosecutions, will be used to support **23 projects** by-law enforcement agencies and community partners.
- Peel Regional Police will be receiving **\$300,000**, the funding will be used to hire an education, training and outreach coordinator to expand on the work of the Countering Hate Committee.
 - The coordinator will support the committee to achieve three objectives: enhance knowledge mobilization, enhance reporting and enhance community and victim support.

January 17, 2024

Reduction in Wait Times for Surgeries and Diagnostic Procedures



- The Ontario government is proposing regulatory changes that, would name Accreditation Canada as the inspection body responsible for ensuring the highest quality standards and oversight of the **900+** current and all future community surgical and diagnostic centres, effective **April 1, 2024**.
- Beginning in **Spring 2024**, the government will also take steps in expanding the number of community surgical and diagnostic centres licensed in the province to deliver additional OHIP insured services to people closer to home, including:
 - More MRI/CT scans, GI endoscopies, and orthopedic surgeries.

January 19, 2024

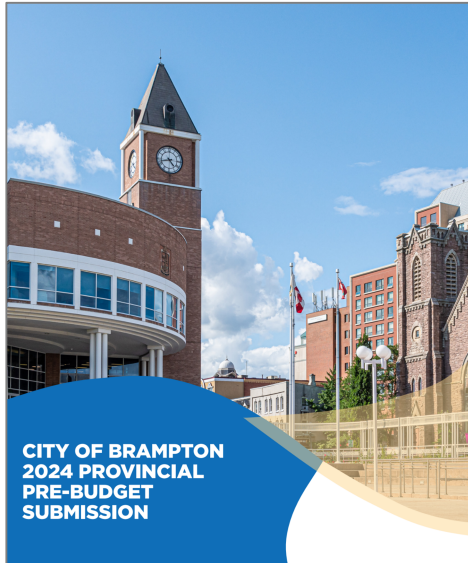
Report on Electrification and Energy Future



- Ontario's Minister of Energy highlighted the Province's focus on reliable, affordable, and clean energy as key to economic growth, including major initiatives like large-scale nuclear builds and energy efficiency programs.
- The Electrification and Energy Transition Panel, established in 2022, advises on **using Ontario's clean energy grid to support economic and population growth, aiming to build 1.5M homes by 2031.**
- The panel's report, "Ontario's Clean Energy Opportunity," suggests leveraging Ontario's clean energy for job creation and investment, emphasizing the ongoing role of natural gas and clean nuclear energy in the province's energy mix.

2024 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission

- The Government Relations team is finalizing the Provincial pre-budget submission to advance the City's priorities. This includes:
 - 1. Transit**
 - Hazel McCallion LRT Line: Relocation of the Brampton Gateway Terminal stop, LRT Phase 2 Extension, Queen St. – Highway 7 BRT, Third Transit Facility Electrification, Zero Emission Transit Fund.
 - 2. Housing**
 - Exploring all available tools to deliver affordable housing options for diverse populations (e.g., international students).
 - Target of **113,000** new housing units **by 2031**.
 - 3. Health Care**
 - Brampton's second hospital, TMU School of Medicine, Cancer Care Centre.
 - 4. Climate Action**



January 29, 2024

Pre-Budget Submission Briefing with Brampton Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs)

- The Government Relations team arranged a briefing session with Brampton MPPs on **January 29, 2024**.
- This is an opportunity for Members of Council to provide an overview and discuss the City's provincial pre-budget submission and key priorities.



January 21, 2024

Intake Cap on International Student Permit Applications

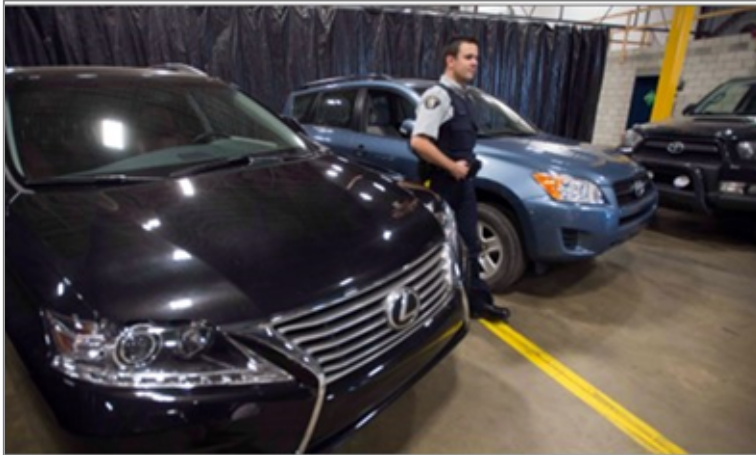
- Government of Canada is setting an intake cap on international student permit applications to stabilize new growth for a period of two years.
- For 2024, the cap is expected to result in approximately 360,000 approved study permits, a decrease of 35% from 2023.
- Individual provincial and territorial caps have been established, weighted by population.
- As of January 22, 2024, every study permit application submitted to IRCC will also require an attestation letter from a province or territory. Provinces and territories are expected to establish a process for issuing attestation letters to students by no later than March 31, 2024.
- Changing eligibility criteria for Post-Graduation Work Permit Program:
 - Starting September 1, 2024, international students who begin a study program that is part of a curriculum licensing arrangement will no longer be eligible for a post-graduation work permit upon graduation.
 - Graduates of master's and other short graduate-level programs will soon be eligible to apply for a 3-year work permit.

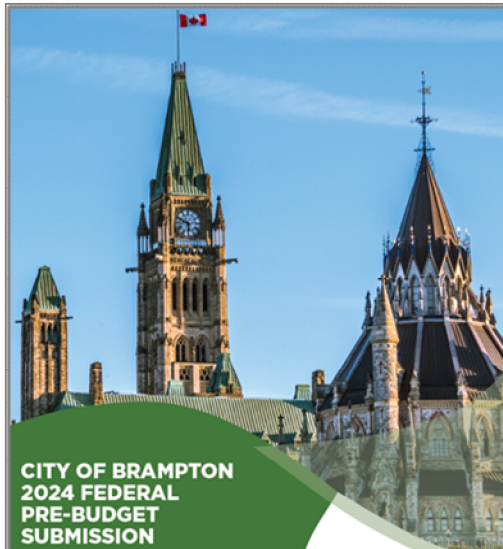


January 21, 2024

National Summit on Combatting Auto Theft

- The federal government announced that a National Summit on Combatting Auto Theft will take place on **February 8, 2024**, in Ottawa.
- The Summit will bring together leaders from key jurisdictions and sectors to ensure a coordinated response to this issue. Mayor Brown will be attending the Summit.
- The Summit will serve to identify short, medium and long-term actions to combat auto theft and will strengthen joint initiatives that are already underway.





2024 Federal Pre-Budget Submission

- The Government Relations team is finalizing the Federal pre-budget submission to advance the City's priorities. This includes:
 - 1. Transit and Enabling Growth**
 - Fair share for Brampton through funding for LRT Phase 2 Extension, Queen St BRT, Transit Electrification and the impact these projects will have on generating growth and housing targets.
 - Permanent Public Transit Fund.
 - 2. Housing**
 - Exploring all available tools to deliver affordable housing options for diverse populations (e.g., international students; Housing Accelerator Fund).
 - 3. Economic Development**
 - Invest in Brampton's Innovation District for inclusive innovation.
 - 4. Climate Action**

February 20, 2024

Pre-Budget Submission Briefing with Brampton Members of Parliament (MPs)

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THANK YOU!

