

Government Relations Matters

City Council
February 7, 2024



Region of Peel

Regional Council



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Thursday, February 8, 2024 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

11.3 Update on the Provincial Transition Board's New Mandate (For Information)

Summary:

- The staff report provides the Regional Council with an update on the Transition Board's new mandate.

Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The renewed mandate for the Transition Board focuses on accelerating home building, eliminating duplicity in administration of services and ensuring continuity and financial sustainability of services.
- The Transition Board will be responsible for providing options and recommendations for the transfer of Land Use Planning, Regional Roads, Waste Management and Water & Wastewater (including stormwater) to the local municipalities.
- The Transition Board must ensure service continuity for residents without disruption and to address all aspects important to the successful service transfer, including labour relations, corresponding back office supports and detailed financial analysis on any local impacts.

Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

January 31, 2024

Training 32,000 New Nursing and Personal Support Worker (PSW) Students



- The Ontario government is allocating over **\$100M** to train 32,000 PSWs and nurses, aiming to improve the quality and retention of long-term care staff.
- The extension of the *Preceptor Resource and Education Program for Long-Term Care* (PREP LTC) will support 31,000 new clinical placements by investing **\$94.5M** over three years, enhancing hands-on training experiences for students and career development opportunities for existing staff.
- Nearly **\$11M** will be invested to double the number of Living Classrooms to 40, facilitating on-site integrated training for up to 1,300 PSWs.

February 1, 2024

Connecting Patients to Primary Care Teams



- The Ontario government is investing **\$110M** to connect up to 328,000 patients with primary care teams.
- A significant portion of the investment, **\$90M**, will fund over 400 new primary care providers across 78 new and expanded interprofessional teams, aiming to connect 98% of Ontarians to primary care in the coming years, along with efforts to integrate internationally-trained doctors and expand medical school placements.
- Additional funds, including **\$20M** for operational support of existing teams, will enhance primary care services, including mental health and chronic disease management, and improve coordination with other health and social services, aiming to relieve pressure on emergency departments.

February 5, 2024



New Inter-jurisdictional “One Fare” Transit Fare System

- The Ontario government is introducing "One Fare," enabling **free transfers** between Brampton Transit and other GTA transit services starting February 26, 2024, aiming to save riders **\$1,600 annually**.
- "One Fare" is expected to add over eight million new rides yearly, making transit more accessible for students, seniors, and commuters.

January 31, 2024

Federal Support to Prevent Crime and Combat Auto Theft in Ontario



- The federal and provincial governments announced a federal investment of **\$121M** to help prevent gun and gang violence in Ontario, including auto theft through the *Initiative to Take Action Against Gun and Gang Violence* (ITAAGGV).
- During the announcement, federal and provincial officials spoke to their joint efforts to combat auto theft.

January 31, 2024

New Funding Announced to Support Asylum Claimants



- The Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced an additional **\$362.4M** in funding for the Interim Housing Assistance Program (IHAP) as part of the 2023–2024 fiscal year.
 - **\$162M** will be allocated to the City of Toronto to help cover the cost of housing for asylum seekers and to help low-income people pay rent.
- Through the IHAP, this funding will be provided to provincial and municipal governments, on a cost-sharing basis, to address housing pressures resulting from increased volumes of asylum claimants.
- This funding is in addition to the **\$212M** in funding made available last summer through IHAP.

February 2, 2024

Government Announces Two-Year Extension to Ban Foreign Ownership of Canadian Housing



- As part of using all possible tools to make housing more affordable for Canadians, the ban on foreign ownership of Canadian housing, which is currently set to expire on January 1, 2025, will be extended to January 1, 2027.
- Foreign commercial enterprises and people who are not Canadian citizens or permanent residents will continue to be prohibited from purchasing residential property in Canada.

THANK YOU!

