

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
June 5, 2024



Region of Peel

Council



The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, June 13, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

May 30, 2024

Increase in Judicial Resources to Keep Communities Safe

- The Ontario government is allocating over **\$29M** to appoint at least 25 new judges to the Ontario Court of Justice (OCJ) and hire 190 more Crown prosecutors, victim support, and court staff.
 - This funding is in addition to the **\$72M** provided from 2021-2023 through the province's criminal case backlog reduction strategy to address an unprecedented backlog of criminal cases that accumulated in Ontario's justice system due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The A. Grenville and William Davis Courthouse in Brampton, which recently underwent a **\$117M** expansion, is among the busiest provincial courthouses in Canada. In 2022 and 2023, the courthouse handled approximately **15,000 incoming criminal cases, 4,100 incoming family cases, 4,000 incoming civil cases and 5,000 small claims cases.**

May 31, 2024

Ontario's Long-Term Report on the Economy 2024

- Ontario's *Long-Term Report on the Economy* presents a long-range assessment of Ontario's economic and fiscal environment. Some notable trends include:
 - Continued rapid increase in the provincial population driven by immigrants and non-permanent residents to be concentrated in metropolitan areas;
 - Population aging with an increase in the number of seniors and aging within the 65+ age group;
 - Slower growth of the provincial economy compared to the historical trend, reflecting slower labour force growth driven in part by an aging population;
 - Slower long-term growth in government revenues due to a projected easing in economic growth; and
 - Faster increase in the demand for public services compared to overall economic growth.



The City acknowledges the projected population growth and aging trends, emphasizing the need for strategic investments in infrastructure and services to sustain community growth and development.

May 30, 2024

New Funding Opportunity to Strengthen Youth Leadership and Increase Accessibility and Inclusion

- The federal government launched a **new call for proposals (CFP)** under the youth innovation component of the **Enabling Accessibility Fund (EAF)**.
- Under this new CFP, **\$1M** will be allocated to fund approximately 83 new youth-driven accessibility projects.
- As a first step for this EAF Youth 2024 CFP process, youth between the ages of 15 and 30 are encouraged to apply to become a youth accessibility leader (YAL). YALs play an important role in helping identify barriers by partnering with local organizations to assist them in securing up to \$12,000 in accessibility project funding.
 - YALs and their partner organizations will have up to 12 months to complete their project.



The City of Brampton welcomes this new funding opportunity to encourage youth participation, leadership opportunities and promote inclusivity.

May 28, 2024

AMO Policy Update - National Housing Strategy

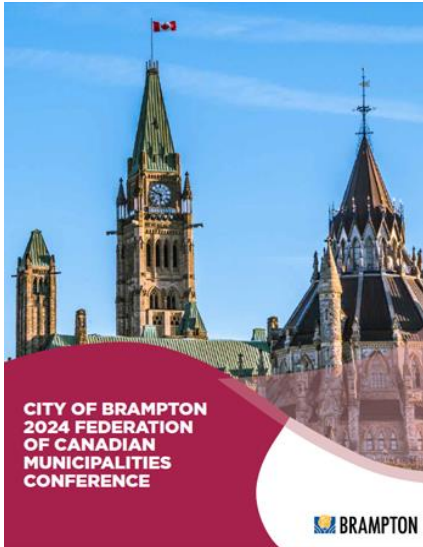
- On May 28, 2024, Ministers Fraser and Calandra announced that National Housing Strategy funding will continue to flow to Ontario as per the original agreement, ensuring that municipal and DSSAB investments in community housing are able to proceed as planned.
- AMO welcomes this news, with recent events highlighting the critical importance of collaborative relationships between federal, provincial and municipal governments to make progress on housing for low-income families and individuals.
- AMO continues to call for stronger relationships between all three orders of government to fundamentally re-think the way that community housing is funded in Ontario.



The City works closely with AMO and FCM in a joint advocacy effort for a coordinated and collaborative approach to advance appropriate housing options and policies that meet the needs of Brampton residents.

June 6 – June 9, 2024

2024 FCM Conference & AGM



- Held under the theme of *Redefining our future*, the conference provides an opportunity to share best practices, learn and identify opportunities for collaboration.
- City of Brampton priorities include:
 - Housing
 - Transit
 - Economic Development and Innovation
 - Active Transportation
 - Climate Action
 - Municipal Growth Framework Community Safety
- FCM's Board Elections: Councillor Rowena Santos seeking re-election for a fifth term.

The City delegation will have an opportunity to gain insight on key federal policies and initiatives, while continuing to advocate for Brampton's priority projects and initiatives.

June 3, 2024

Government of Canada Provides Funding through the Green Municipal Fund



- The federal government announced the Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation (LLCA) initiative through the Green Municipal Fund. This **\$530M** initiative represents one of the largest investments in building liveable and resilient communities in preparation for climate change and is a key initiative under Canada's National Adaptation Strategy.
 - Through collaboration with local governments, the initiative will support adaptation planning, capacity building, implementation, and financing, to help municipalities build long-term infrastructure.
- Applications are being accepted directly through the [website](#) under the Adaptation in Action funding stream of LLCA. In addition to support for climate adaptation planning, municipalities can apply for up to \$1M for implementation projects and up to \$70,000 for feasibility studies. Municipalities that have completed climate adaptation plans and/or risk assessments are eligible to apply. The deadline for applications is August 14, 2024.

City staff are analyzing the LLCA initiative and exploring opportunities to leverage this funding.

THANK YOU!

