

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
May 29, 2024



# Region of Peel

Council



The next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for:

**Thursday, June 13, 2024 @ 9:30 AM**



May 22, 2024

## Expansion of Support for Aspiring Entrepreneurs

- The Ontario government is investing \$4.8M over the next two years to expand the Starter Company Plus program, helping an additional 500 entrepreneurs seed, start or grow a business.
- The Starter Company Plus program, delivered through the province's Small Business Enterprise Centres, provides entrepreneurs aged 18 and up with one-on-one support, access to workshops, seminars or networking events and grants up to \$5,000 to help start or expand a business.
  - Over the past five years, Starter Company Plus has supported over 5,500 companies resulting in the creation of more than 6,300 jobs across Ontario.
- This new investment will increase total funding for the program to \$6.5M per year.

The City of Brampton is receiving 9 additional spots in our Starter Company Plus Program this year, for a total of 34 spots. The total increase in funding to Brampton for the Starter Company Plus program is \$86,400.

May 21, 2024

## Investments in More Accessible Communities

- The Ontario government is investing up to \$1.5M in the EnAbling Change Program this year to support not-for-profits, municipalities, and other organizations across the province that are developing and implementing innovative initiatives to make Ontario accessible to people of all abilities.
- Applications for the 2024-25 EnAbling Change Program are open now until June 27, 2024.
  - Eligible projects can include those that increase the accessibility of community programs and services, as well as online initiatives, educational tools, and public outreach programs that help communities and businesses understand the benefits of accessibility and inclusion.



City staff are exploring opportunities to leverage this funding towards projects that would promote accessibility, safety and active living in Brampton.

### AMO 2024 Conference Delegation Requests

The deadline for submitting delegation requests is Friday June 7th, 2024, at 5:00pm EST.



- **Ministry of Transportation**
- **Ministry of Infrastructure**
- **Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks**
- **Ministry of Health**
- **Ministry of Health (Mental Health and Addictions)**
- **Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**
- **Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade**
- **Ministry of Finance**
- **Ministry of Colleges and Universities**
- **Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sports**

### AMO 2024 Conference Delegation Requests

- Ontario Liberal Party
- Green Party of Ontario
- New Democratic Party of Ontario



Delegation meetings with Cabinet Ministers and Party Leaders are a key feature of the annual AMO Conference. The City's delegation requests reflect key Brampton priorities, with a focus on shared policy initiatives. These meetings also offer an opportunity to identify further opportunities for collaboration with the Ontario government.

### 2024 FCM Conference & AGM



- June 6 – June 9, 2024, Calgary, Alberta
- 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

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.

THANK YOU!

