

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
June 19, 2024



Audit and Risk Committee

Thursday, June 20, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

Government Relations Committee

Thursday, June 20, 2024 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, June 20, 2024 @ 1:30 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

6.1 Update on Peel Region Advocacy Priorities (For Information)

Summary:

- This report provides an update on the advocacy initiatives to advance key priorities at the provincial and federal levels of government which were brought forward at the March 28 GRC meeting.
- Key issues discussed include provincial legislative and policy developments affecting Peel Region, including Bill 185 and the Region's ongoing asylum claimant response.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The report outlines key provincial legislative changes, including the regional review, potential impacts and related advocacy activity.
- City staff are in an ongoing contact with the regional staff and work to identify areas of shared advocacy and collaboration.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

6.2 2024 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference Update (Recommendation)

Summary:

- The 2024 AMO conference provides an opportunity to advance the advocacy priorities that are important to residents and businesses in Peel. This report provides details about the priorities and proposed approach that will guide Peel's participation on the AMO conference.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The Government Relations team works closely with Regional staff to ensure the delegation meetings requested by the City and Peel cover key priorities and issues.
- Staff also work to coordinate details of the conference schedules and provide supporting materials for the Brampton delegation.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.

June 11, 2024

Ontario Helping Seniors Stay Fit, Healthy and Active



- The Ontario government is investing up to **\$15M** to support all current Seniors Active Living Centres (SALC) programs across the province which connects seniors with resources and activities.
- A majority of SALC programs will receive funding of up to **\$50,000** to deliver a variety of programs.
- A call for proposals for organizations to deliver SALC programming will be opening this summer.
 - In addition to municipalities, other local and community-based organizations such as Legions, Lion’s Clubs, and other social and recreational clubs are eligible to apply.

The City of Brampton applied for this funding for three locations that offer a significant amount of senior programming (Bob Callahan Flower City Seniors Centre, Knightsbridge Seniors Centre, and Riverstone Community Centre) and were approved for up to \$50,000 of funding for each location.

June 13, 2024

Connecting Youth in Peel Region to Mental Health Services

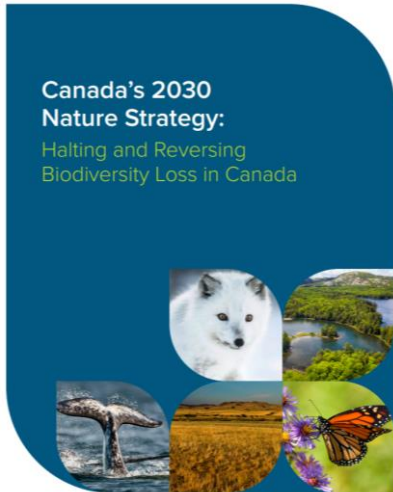
- The province is launching a new Youth Wellness Hub in Brampton to serve Peel Region. The hub will open in 2025 and connect youth aged 12 to 25 and their families across Peel to free mental health, substance use and primary care services.
- Other services provided through the hub will deliver culturally appropriate care, including:
 - Vocational supports
 - Education
 - Employment
 - Housing
 - Access to community programs
 - Support for children and youth in need of child welfare services while in care or transitioning out of care



The City welcomes the launch of the new Youth Wellness Hub in Brampton, as it will help address the growing need for youth mental health supports in the region. The City continues to advocate for adequate funding and supports for youth in Brampton, including through the upcoming AMO Conference in Ottawa.

June 7, 2024

Canada's 2030 Nature Strategy



- The Minister of Environment and Climate Change, announced the release of Canada's 2030 Nature Strategy and introduced an Act respecting transparency and accountability in relation to certain commitments Canada has made under the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nature Accountability Bill).
- The 2030 Nature Strategy lays out how Canada will implement the ambitious nature protection goals under the Kunming-Montréal Global Biodiversity Framework that were agreed upon at the COP 15.

Canada's 2030 Nature Strategy supports and aligns with the intent of several City strategies, projects and Term of Council Priorities.

June 16, 2024

Government of Canada Announces Deployment of X-Ray Scanners to Combat Auto-Theft



- The federal government announced the deployment of a mobile X-ray scanner to the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) which will increase the examination of containers in Ontario.
 - The addition of this scanner in the GTA will provide border services officers with an additional tool to detect stolen vehicles
- This is one of the initiatives being undertaken as part of the National Action Plan Combatting Auto Theft, which focuses on disrupting, dismantling, and prosecuting the organized criminal groups behind auto theft.

The City of Brampton welcomes this announcement as it has been at the forefront with its advocacy for enhanced actions to combat auto theft, including collaboration with all levels of government and stakeholders.

Delegation Requests

As outlined on May 29, 2024, the following delegation requests by the City of Brampton have been submitted by the June 7, 2024, deadline:

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



The submitted delegation requests target Ministries relevant and directly impacting the City's key advocacy priorities.

2024 AMO Conference Key Issues

The following issues highlight key aspects of the proposed City advocacy approach for the AMO conference:

Transit

- Higher Order Transit
- Transit Funding
- Kitchener GO Line

Infrastructure Needs

- Housing-Enabling Infrastructure
- Riverwalk
- Active Transportation

Climate Action

Auto Insurance

Health Care

- Peel Memorial Hospital
- Mental Health
- Third hospital

Economic Development

- Innovation District
- Brampton Entrepreneurship Centre

Municipal Fiscal Sustainability

- Budget 2024 opportunities

Community Safety and Well-being



Staff are working to develop a comprehensive advocacy package and materials to support the City delegation during the conference and help advance Brampton's key priorities. A pre-conference briefing will provide the Brampton delegation members with a detailed overview of the issues, conference schedule and advocacy opportunities.

THANK YOU!

