

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
September 4, 2024



The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for

Thursday, September 12, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

August 16, 2024

Premier Doug Ford Makes Changes to Cabinet

- Premier Doug Ford has named Jill Dunlop as the new Minister of Education.
- Nolan Quinn has been named as the new Minister of Colleges and Universities.
- Kevin Holland has joined Cabinet as the new Associate Minister of Forestry and Forest Products as part of the Ministry of Natural Resources and;
- Todd Smith has resigned as Minister of Education and Member of Provincial Parliament for Bay of Quinte to pursue a new opportunity in the private sector.



Graham McGregor has joined Cabinet as the new Associate Minister of Auto Theft and Bail Reform as part of the Ministry of the Solicitor General.

September 3, 2024

Ontario Helping Build More Homes in Brampton



- The Ontario government is investing up to \$29.7M to enable the construction of 12,900 new homes in the City of Brampton.
- The funding is being delivered through the first round of investments under the Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund, which includes \$970M to help municipalities develop, repair, rehabilitate, and expand drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.
- The City of Brampton will use the funding to enhance stormwater management in downtown Brampton by upgrading 600 meters of Etobicoke Creek to improve the flow of stormwater runoff and floods (*Refer to Item 9.2.5 Corporate Services*).
- As part of the city's Riverwalk project this project will support the city's growing population, unlock more housing opportunities and support economic growth.

The City has already secured federal funding for Riverwalk and the provincial contribution will help advance the work and open Downtown Brampton to new growth and investment.

Updates

August 26, 2024

Federal Government Reducing the Number of Temporary Foreign Workers

- The federal government announced the following changes to the Temporary Foreign Worker (TFW) Program, effective by September 26, 2024:
 - The Government of Canada will refuse to process Labour Market Impact Assessments (LMIAs) in the Low-Wage stream, applicable in census metropolitan areas with an unemployment rate of 6% or higher. Exceptions will be granted for seasonal and non-seasonal jobs in food security sectors, as well as construction and healthcare;
 - Employers will be allowed to hire no more than 10% of their total workforce through the TFW Program. This maximum employment percentage will be applied to the Low-Wage stream and is a further reduction from the March 2024 reduction. Exceptions will be granted for seasonal and non-seasonal jobs in food security sectors, as well as healthcare and construction; and
 - The maximum duration of employment for workers hired through the Low-Wage stream will be reduced to one year (from two years).



A reduction in TFWs may exacerbate existing labour shortages and lead companies to offer higher wages or better benefits ultimately impacting cost of labour.

August 18, 2024

Ontario's Big City Mayors Attend the 2024 AMO Conference - Meeting with Ministers and Municipal Colleagues on Key Priorities for Ontario's Biggest Cities



- OBCM and MARCO held a joint meeting welcoming Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Paul Calandra, the Minister of Infrastructure, the Hon. Kinga Surma and Federal Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities, the Hon. Sean Fraser.
- Two motions were passed during the meeting: one on the homelessness, addictions and mental health crisis as well as on the criteria and accuracy of housing counts for the Building Faster Fund.
- OBCM officially launched their "Solve the Crisis" Campaign, which calls on the provincial and federal governments to step up and take action by asking the provincial government to appoint a responsible ministry and Minister with the appropriate funding and powers as a single point of contact to address the full spectrum of housing needs as well as mental health, addictions and wrap around supports.

OBCM welcomed the announcement by Health Minister, the Hon. Sylvia Jones confirming an investment of \$378M in 19 new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs which will add up to 375 supportive housing units.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

2024 Annual Conference & AGM

August 18 – 21, 2024

2024 Annual Conference & AGM

- More than 3,300 delegates attended the 2024 Conference in Ottawa.
- Conference program included educational programming, discussion panels and workshops
- Over 700 meetings with provincial officials were held.

The annual AMO Conference represents an important opportunity for the City to advocate for key priorities through meetings with Cabinet Ministers, elected and government officials and political party leaders. The Conference also offered an opportunity to share best practices among the 444 municipalities across Ontario.

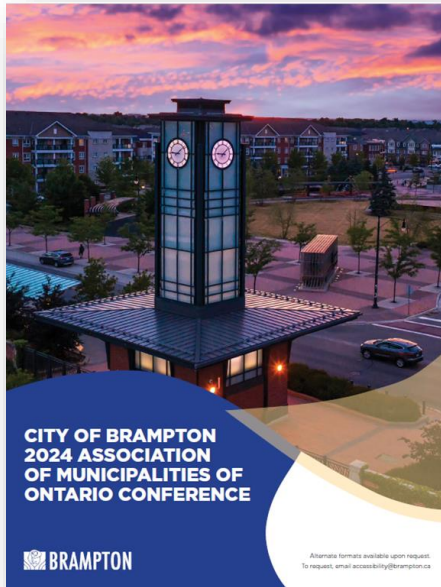


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City of Brampton Delegation Meetings During the 2024 AMO Conference

- Associate Minister Tibollo: Ministry of Health (Mental Health)
- Minister Bethlenfalvy: Ministry of Finance
- Minister Piccini: Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- Minister Surma: Ministry of Infrastructure
- Minister Lecce: Ministry of Energy and Electrification
- Minister Lumsden: Ministry of Sport
- Parliamentary Assistant Leardi: Ministry of Health
- Minister Quinn: Ministry of Colleges and Universities
- Minister Sarkaria: Ministry of Transportation
- Associate Minister Tangri: Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Marit Stiles, MPP, Leader: New Democratic Party of Ontario
- Bonnie Crombie, Leader: Ontario Liberal Party
- Mike Schreiner, MPP, Leader: Green Party of Ontario





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Government of Ontario Announcements

Premier of Ontario

- Applications for the \$200M Community Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Fund now open.
 - Stream 1: Repair and Rehabilitation: applications due by October 29, 2024.
 - Stream 2: New Builds/Signature New Builds: ongoing intake.

Ministry of Infrastructure

- Intake now open for the \$400M Housing-Enabling Core Servicing stream of the \$1B Municipal Housing Infrastructure Program to build, maintain, and repair core assets such as municipal roads, bridges and culverts that will support the construction of new homes.

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing

- New *Provincial Policy Statement* consolidates the *Provincial Policy Statement, 2020* and *A Place to Grow: Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe* and streamlines land-use planning.

Ministry of Health

- Investing \$378M in 19 new Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs.

August 20, 2024

Regional Councillor Paul Vicente Re-elected to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Board of Directors

- Paul Vicente, Regional Councillor for Wards 1 & 5, has been re-elected to the Board of Directors of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.
- Councillor Vicente has served on the AMO Board since 2020.

Since 2020, Councillor Vicente has been working at AMO's Board helping to advance issues such as economic recovery, affordable housing, infrastructure investment, and social policies.

Councillor Vicente's re-election ensures that Brampton continues to have a voice and strong representation at the AMO Board of Directors helping shape municipal policies and collaboration with the Province.



August 22, 2024

Regional Councillor Rowena Santos reappointed as Chair of Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Municipal Finance, Infrastructure and Transportation Standing Committee



- Regional Councillor for Wards 1 & 5, Rowena Santos, has been reappointed as Chair of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Standing Committee on Municipal Finance, Infrastructure and Transportation for the 2024-2025 term.
- The Standing Committee on Municipal Finance, Infrastructure and Transportation, under Councillor Santos' leadership, will continue to focus on enhancing board capacity in areas such as infrastructure, public transit, transportation, rail safety, telecommunications, municipal finance.

FCM's work to develop a new municipal growth framework and advocate for municipal funding models to be more diverse, predictable and equitable so that cities and towns can be better positioned to give Canadians the quality of life they expect and deserve aligns closely with the City of Brampton's federal advocacy priorities.

The City continues to work with FCM and the Federal government to address priority issues including housing, transit, infrastructure needs and fiscal municipal sustainability. Brampton Council expressed support for FCM's work and advocacy on these key issues.

THANK YOU!

