

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
September 18, 2024



Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee

Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, September 19, 2024 @ 1:30 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

September 10, 2024

Ontario Enhancing Tools to Help People Prepare for Respiratory Illness Season

- Starting in early October, flu shots will be available for the most vulnerable and high-priority populations, including hospitalized individuals, hospital staff, and residents and staff in long-term care homes, followed by those in retirement homes and other congregate settings and individuals 65 years and older.
- Free flu shots for the general public aged six months and older will be available starting October 28, 2024, at doctor and nurse practitioner offices, participating pharmacies, and some public health units.
- Beginning in October, families with infants and high-risk children up to 24 months old, will now have access to the new RSV immunization through the recently expanded publicly funded RSV prevention program.

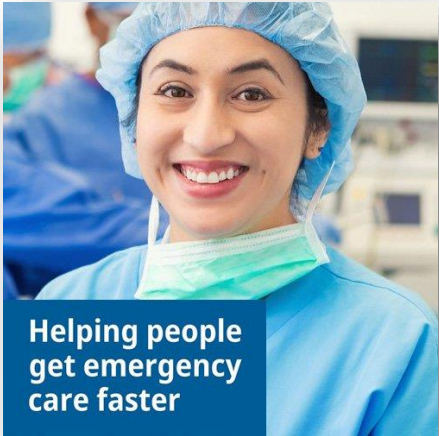


**Ontario
Health**

Ontario is expected to receive shipments of the updated COVID-19 vaccine from the federal government by early October following approval by Health Canada. Initial doses will be prioritized for higher risk populations and more details will be provided once doses are distributed to Ontario.

September 12, 2024

Ontario Government Invests in Faster Emergency Care



- The provincial government is investing over **\$910M** to increase the availability of ambulances across the province and connect people to emergency care faster.
- Ontario is increasing land ambulance funding to municipalities by an average of 8%, bringing the province's total investment to over **\$877M** this year.
 - This increase in base funding will help municipalities address increased costs so they can continue to deliver high-quality emergency care.
- Ontario is also investing over **\$33M** through the Dedicated Offload Nurses Program to help hospitals hire more nurses and other eligible health professionals that are dedicated to offloading ambulance patients in hospital emergency departments.
- Additionally, Ontario is continuing to implement the Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS) across the province. The system helps prioritize and triage emergency medical calls to 9-1-1 so that paramedics can be dispatched sooner.

At this time, it is unclear how the announced funding will be distributed. The City of Brampton continues to advocate with the province for equitable health care funding for Brampton residents.

September 16, 2024

Federal by-elections in Elmwood–Transcona (MB) and Lasalle–Émard–Verdun (QC)

- Federal by-elections took place in Elmwood–Transcona (MB) and Lasalle–Émard–Verdun (QC)
- Election day was Monday, September 16, 2024.

Unofficial results:

Elmwood–Transcona (MB)

Leila Dance (NDP)

Lasalle–Émard–Verdun (QC)

Louis-Philippe Sauvé (Bloc Québécois)



The Elmwood-Transcona by-election was triggered by the resignation of the NDP MP Daniel Blaikie. In LaSalle-Emard-Verdun voters will vote to replace the Liberal MP David Lametti, former Justice Minister.

September 18, 2024

FCM Board of Directors Meeting


- The FCM Board of Directors will be meeting from September 18 – 19 to discuss advocacy priorities and updates on key issues.
- This presents an opportunity for the City of Brampton to advocate for key issues impacting residents.
- The next Board meeting and advocacy days will be taking place in Ottawa from December 2 – 6, 2024.



Regional Councillor Rowena Santos sits on the Board, which sets policy priorities that reflect the concerns of municipal governments and affiliate members. The board meets quarterly to develop policy positions on key national municipal issues.



THANK YOU!

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