

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
October 16, 2024



### **Health and System Integration Committee**

Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here.](#)

### **Government Relations Committee**

Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here.](#)

### **Audit and Risk Committee**

Thursday, October 17, 2024 @ 1:30 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here.](#)

### **6.1 Update on Region of Peel Advocacy Priorities (For Information)**

#### Summary:

- This staff report provides an update on advocacy activities since the last committee meeting, including the 2024 AMO Conference summary. The report also highlights the upcoming advocacy opportunities on key issues such as response to Asylum Claimants challenges and infrastructure funding.

#### City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- City staff work closely with the Regional staff on a coordinated approach to advocacy and engagement with other levels of government, including joint advocacy, where possible.
- City staff have begun drafting Brampton's formal pre-budget submissions for the federal and provincial governments, a key part on the City's engagement and input in the budget process. Documents will be presented to Council prior to submission.

#### City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report

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## Ontario Helping Kids Stay Active and Healthy

- The Ontario Government announced **\$15.3M** for 111 organizations that provide safe and supervised activities for children and youth across the province through inclusive team sports and active recreation programs.
- This investment is intended to help more than 13,000 children and youth, from kindergarten to Grade 12, in more than 80 communities enjoy supervised sport and recreation activities.
- This year the provincial government is providing:
  - **\$14.6M** through Ontario's After School Program (ASP) to help children and youth be active.
  - **\$550,000** to Special Olympics Ontario to expand the Unified Sport Program to more schools across the province. This program strengthens student engagement and well-being through inclusive team sport activities for students with and without intellectual disabilities.
  - **\$100,000** to Jays Care to help more girls benefit from sports programming, while training educators and coaches on how to promote inclusion in sport.
  - **\$59,000** to Canadian Women & Sport to research the underrepresentation of girls, young women and marginalized youth in sport/physical activity and share findings with school boards. The funding will also be used to help boards identify and address gender equity challenges in their schools.



*Ontario's After School Program* was launched in 2009 and is currently delivered by 111 organizations across Ontario including the *City of Brampton*, *Boys and Girls Club of Peel* and *Rapport Youth and Family Services*.

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### **Ontario Expanding Access to Mental Health Services**

- The Ontario government is partnering with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH) to expand access to the provincial Early Psychosis Intervention (EPI) program. The expanded EPI program will connect more people aged 14 to 35 who are experiencing early phase psychosis to the care they need.
- The EPI program helps diagnose psychosis early and provides timely access to individually tailored and age-appropriate mental health services that can help people live functional lives, such as returning to school, work and building social relationships.
- The program, in partnership with the Slaight Family Centre for Youth in Transition at CAMH, will develop supports and resources to deliver evidence-based, standardized care.



The Province is creating 10 new Youth Wellness Hubs, including a new Youth Wellness Hub in Brampton to serve Peel Region. This adds to the network of 22 hubs the government has already opened since 2020, bringing the total number of Youth Wellness Hubs to 32 across the province.

### New Support to Help Small Business Owners

- The federal government announced the payment amounts for the new **Canada Carbon Rebate for Small Businesses**, which will deliver over **\$2.5B** to about 600,000 Canadian businesses before the end of this year. This refundable tax credit will return a portion of the fuel charge proceeds from 2019-20 through 2023-24 to small businesses, in jurisdictions where the federal fuel charge applies.
- In Ontario, the Canada Carbon Rebate for Small Businesses will deliver \$401 per employee. This means the rebate will deliver up to \$4,010 to a business with 10 employees, \$20,050 to a business with 50 employees, and \$200,099 to a business with 499 employees.
- The federal government also announced a revised **Code of Conduct for the Payment Card Industry in Canada** to protect over 1 million businesses that accept credit card and debit card payments from customers. Starting on October 30, 2024, the revised Code will help businesses compare prices and offers from different payment processors and shorten the complaint handling response time by nearly 80 per cent to just 20 business days.
- Additionally, **reduced credit card transaction fees for small businesses** will take effect on October 19, 2024. More than 90 per cent of small- and medium-sized businesses that accept credit cards will receive lower rates and see interchange fees reduced by up to 27 per cent.



The 2024 Federal Budget included several measures to support small businesses and growth by reducing the costs of running a business.

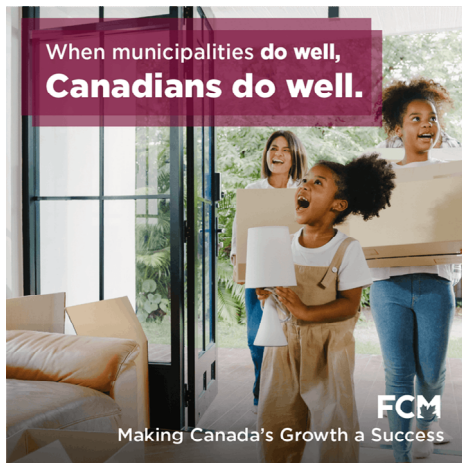
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### FCM's 2024 Advocacy Days

*Location: Ottawa, Parliament Hill*

*Date: December 3 - 5, 2025*

- The Canadian Federation of Municipalities will engage with Federal decision makers and senior staff during the FCM's 2024 Advocacy Days and Board Meeting in Ottawa.
- In June, FCM released, *Making Canada's Growth a Success*, calling on federal, provincial and territorial governments to commit to a new Municipal Growth Framework to modernize municipal funding.



The annual FCM Advocacy Days provide an opportunity for the municipal sector, including the City of Brampton, to directly engage and advocate with Federal government and decision makers on key initiatives and priority issues.

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