# Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council November 27, 2024





Regional Council—2025 Proposed Budget

Regional Council Budget

Thursday, November 28, 2024 @ 9:30 AM | Agenda is available <u>here</u>.









#### **Region of Peel Budget 2025 Process**

Day 1: November 21, 2024

Police Services budget presentations

Day 2: November 28, 2024

Regional Budget corporate overview presentation

Day 2: November 28, 2024

Regional services budget presentations

Day 3: December 5, 2024

Conservation authorities budget presentations

(As required) December 12, 2024

Additional Budget deliberation

Staff is providing briefing materials and ongoing support through budget presses monitoring and required analysis.



#### Regional Council—2025 Proposed Budget



#### **Regional Services Budget Presentations**

- 7.1 Housing Support Presentation
- 7.2 Water Wastewater Presentation
- 7.3 Public Health Presentation
- 7.4 Paramedic Services Presentation
- 7.5 Seniors Services Presentation
- 7.6 Community Investment Presentation
- 7.7 Waste Management Presentation
- 7.8 Transportation Presentation
- 7.9 Heritage Arts and Culture
- 7.10 Early Years and Child Care Presentation
- 7.11 Information and Technology Presentation
- 7.12 Business Services Presentation
- 7.13 Development Services Presentation

At the November 21, 2024, Region of Peel Council meeting (Budget, Day 1) Council directed staff to expand the list of the reginal services budget presentations to the above. Business services, development services and IT were added for questions only.



#### Regional Council—2025 Proposed Budget



- 8.1 2025 Operating and Capital Budget (Recommendation)
- 8.2 2025 Fees and Charges (Recommendation)
- 8.3 Enterprise Asset Management Program Update Fall 2024 (Recommendation)

#### Summary:

Deferred from the November 21, 2024 Regional Council Budget Meeting

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

- The above items have been deferred until later date in the budget deliberations process.
- Regional staff will bring a report back about approvals that will likely be needed in the event of extended budget deliberations.



### Provincial Government



Updates

November 20, 2024

#### **Ontario Continuing to Support and Grow its Nursing Workforce**

- The Ontario government is investing over **\$500M** to educate new nurses and increase opportunities for current nurses to access specialized training to upskill while on the job.
- The province is also working with the College of Nurses of Ontario (CNO) to attempt to reduce barriers for internationally educated nurses, allowing them to register to work in Ontario faster.
  - The Enhanced Extern Program (EEP) helps hospitals hire qualifying nursing, medical, respiratory therapy, paramedic, physiotherapy, and occupational therapy students and internationally educated nurses to work in a hospital in an unregulated capacity, under the supervision of regulated care providers.
  - The Supervised Practice Experience Partnership (SPEP) program allows internationally educated nurses to demonstrate their current nursing knowledge, skill, and language proficiency while working to meet the requirements to enter practice as a nurse.
- To support nurses who want to maximize their skills and experience, the government is also investing over **\$1.6M** over the next year to support more than 1,600 registered nurses with up to \$1,000 towards tuition costs as they train to prescribe medications for certain conditions, such as contraception, immunizations, smoking cessation, and topical wound care.

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Beginning April 1, 2025, internationally educated nurses can move through the CNO registration process faster.

### Federal Government



Updates



November 19, 2024

#### New Actions to Lower the Cost of Housing

- The federal government announced progress to deliver on Canada's housing plan. This includes:
  - Launching consultations to confront the financialization of housing and seeking feedback on ways to restrict the purchase and acquisition of existing single-family homes by large corporate investors. Feedback can be submitted by December 19, 2024.
  - 2. Launching consultations to remove the GST on the construction of new student residences. Feedback can be submitted on the <u>draft legislative and regulatory</u> amendments by January 20, 2025.
  - Starting November 21, 2024, more mortgage holders will be able to switch lenders at time of renewal.
  - 4. An additional 12 underused federal properties have been identified as suitable for building new homes.

City staff are reviewing the posted public consolation documents for potential formal input.



### Federal Government



Updates



November 25, 2024

#### Government of Canada Partners with INTERPOL to Combat Auto-Theft

- The federal government announced up to \$3.5M over three years for Project "Drive" Out," a joint initiative with INTERPOL to combat transnational organized vehicle crime.
- This project will enhance information sharing between law enforcement agencies, member states and private industry and strengthen data analysis, in order to identify stolen vehicles and spare parts around the world and return them to Canada.
- In addition, the federal government continues to increase the capacity of the CBSA by investing \$28M to help detect and search shipping containers for stolen vehicles, enhance collaboration with domestic and international partners and explore advanced technological solutions.

The City of Brampton continues to lead on this file through collaboration with all levels of government and stakeholders and continued advocacy efforts to combat auto-theft.

### Federation of Canadian Municipalities



Update



December 3 - 5, 2024

#### **FCM Advocacy Days**

- FCM's Advocacy Days and the Board of Directors Meeting will be taking place from December 3 – 5, 2024 in Ottawa which will provide an opportunity to share what is happening in local communities directly with federal parliamentarians.
- This year's Advocacy Days will include a strong focus on strategy and tactics to help local leaders advocate for their communities.

Councillor Rowena Santos represents the City of Brampton at the FCM Board of Directors providing a voice for City's key advocacy issues including international students, homelessness and encampments, and gender-based violence.



