

Government Relations Matters

City Council
October 30, 2024



Region of Peel

Regional Council



Regional Council meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, November 7, 2024 @ 9:30 AM

October 25, 2024

Ontario Expanding Learn and Stay Grant to Train More Family Doctors in Ontario

- To help close the remaining 10 per cent gap of people who do not have access to a regular health-care provider, the provincial government is expanding the Learn and Stay grant to include family medicine. The province is also requiring medical schools to prioritize seats for Ontario residents.
- Starting in 2026, the government is investing an estimated **\$88M** over three years to expand Learn and Stay grants for 1,360 eligible undergraduate students who commit to practice family medicine with a full roster of patients once they graduate.
- This includes **\$17.7M** for the 2026-2027 academic year. It is estimated the total investment will enable the connection of an additional 1.36 million people to primary care based on average attachment rates for family doctors.
- Starting in fall 2026, new legislative and regulatory changes will, if passed, also require all Ontario medical schools to allocate at least 95 per cent of all undergraduate medical school seats to residents of Ontario, with the other five per cent reserved for students from the rest of Canada.
 - The government is also creating more opportunities for Ontarians who started their medical education abroad to be able to complete their postgraduate training in Ontario.
- The government will also review the visa trainee program, which trains international students sponsored by foreign governments.

The City continues to advocate for the necessary and fair funding to ensure the necessary health care services for the residents of Brampton.

October 24, 2024

Government of Canada Announces Immigration Plan

- The federal government announced the 2025–2027 Immigration Levels Plan – a plan that will pause population growth to achieve sustainable growth in the long term. The levels plan includes controlled targets for temporary residents, specifically international students and foreign workers, as well as for permanent residents.
- The Plan is expected to result in a marginal population decline of 0.2% in both 2025 and 2026, before returning to a population growth of 0.8% in 2027. Compared to last year’s plan, the government is:
 - reducing from 500,000 permanent residents to 395,000 in 2025.
 - reducing from 500,000 permanent residents to 380,000 in 2026.
 - setting a target of 365,000 permanent residents in 2027.
- Other measures from the 2025–2027 Immigration Levels Plan include the following:
 - Transitioning more temporary residents who are already in Canada as students and workers to permanent residents.
 - Focusing on long-term economic growth and key labour market sectors, such as health and trades.
 - Strengthening Francophone communities outside Quebec and supporting their economic prosperity.



Staff remain engaged with stakeholders to monitor impacts on affected groups, including international students. The City remains committed to advocacy work towards enhancing housing and support for international students in Brampton.

October 22, 2024

Statement by Minister Sean Fraser on Status of Negotiations with Provinces and Territories to Address Encampments



- On September 18, 2024, Minister Fraser sent a letter to each province and territory asking them to partner with the federal government to urgently find shelter for those experiencing homelessness or living in encampments.
- The announced **\$250M** in funding is available to address the urgent issue of encampments and unsheltered homelessness as outlined in the Budget 2024.
- The government has indicated that Alberta, Ontario and Saskatchewan have not formally responded to the federal offer to help end encampments in their respective jurisdictions:
- The federal government is now approaching municipalities to work with them, starting with five cities (Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton, Saskatoon, Regina) and approaching more communities that have demonstrated an ability to quickly respond to encampments.

The City has been advocating for the necessary supports and funding to enable local communities to address homelessness and encampments in a meaningful and wholistic way.

Update

October 23, 2024

Big City Mayors Caucus (BCMC) Meeting

- FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus met on October 23, 2024 with the meeting agenda including the homelessness and encampment crisis, community safety, water infrastructure challenges and FCM's ongoing advocacy efforts on behalf of cities and communities in Canada.



The City has been actively supporting BCMC and FCM's advocacy efforts related to a new fiscal framework for municipalities and the continued advocacy for key priority issues including homelessness, encampments and infrastructure funding.

THANK YOU!

