

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
January 29, 2025



The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for:

Thursday, February 13, 2025 @ 9:30 AM

January 24, 2025

Ontario Investing \$75.5 M to Improve Safety in Parks and Public Spaces

The Province has begun flowing up to \$75.5 million to municipalities to eliminate encampments in public spaces by creating more emergency shelter spaces and affordable housing units.

The funding that is being flowed to municipalities includes:

- \$50 million for ready-to-build affordable housing projects, allocated based on how close a project is to completion and its value for money, to help projects near completion but in need of additional targeted funding open their doors faster.
- \$20 million to expand shelter capacity and create additional temporary accommodation spaces.
- \$5.5 million to top up the Canada-Ontario Housing Benefit (COHB) to immediately free up emergency shelter spaces for people living in encampments by helping people living in shelters move into longer-term housing. This funding builds on the nearly \$400 million invested in COHB between 2023 and 2024.



The province is working with local service managers to direct funding into communities where it is needed most. The Region of Peel is receiving \$2,884,000. Staff engaged with the Region to learn more about funding allocation for Peel.

January 24, 2025

Ontario Tunnelling Hazel McCallion Line into Downtown Brampton

- The Ontario government is moving forward with work to extend the Hazel McCallion Line into downtown Brampton and Mississauga and plans to tunnel the Brampton portion of the segment.
- The next steps will involve detailed planning and design of the Brampton and Mississauga extensions, including an underground tunnel from the Brampton Gateway Terminal to downtown Brampton.
- Metrolinx will study ways to optimize construction and the route's alignment to improve connection to the Brampton Innovation District GO Station and meet the City of Brampton's vision for Main Street and the downtown core.
- The Hazel McCallion Line is part of the largest transit expansion in North America, with an investment of nearly **\$70 billion** over the next decade to build and expand public transit and ensure the province has the infrastructure needed to keep goods and people moving.



This announcement follows a robust advocacy campaign by the City of Brampton Council that has demonstrated the critical importance and benefits of this project for the City and the Regional transit network.

January 27, 2025

Ontario Investing Over \$1.8 Billion to Connect Every Person in Ontario to a Family Doctor and Primary Care Teams

- This investment includes \$1.4 billion in new funding, alongside more than \$400 million in already-approved funding for primary care.
- Ontario's Primary Care Action Plan will implement a broad series of initiatives in collaboration with primary care leaders and health system partners that will close the gap for the remaining 10 per cent of people in the province in need of primary care by 2029.



Connecting every
Ontarian to primary care

The City of Brampton has been consistently advocating for a fair and equitable provincial funding for health care services for Brampton residents.

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Changes to the Cabinet

- The Prime Minister announced a change to the Cabinet.
- Steven MacKinnon, Minister of Employment, Workforce Development and Labour, will serve concurrently as Leader of the Government in the House of Commons.
- Minister MacKinnon previously served as Leader of the Government in the House of Commons and accumulated a wealth of experience building consensus and working with partners to pass legislation. With this renewed mandate, he will bring a collaborative and effective approach to deliver results for Canadians.



This announcement follows a major Cabinet shuffle announced on December 20, 2024.

THANK YOU!

