

# Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council  
February 19, 2025



### **Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee**

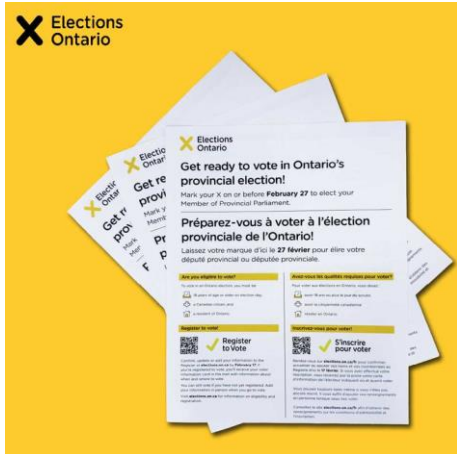
Thursday, February 20, 2025 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

### **Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Thursday, February 20, 2025 @ 1:30 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

### **The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for**

Thursday, February 27, 2025 @ 9:30 AM



### Advance Polls Open for Provincial Election

- Election Day is **February 27** – Canadian citizens are eligible to vote if they're aged 18 and over.
- Voters in Ontario need to register through the Permanent Register of Electors for Ontario.
- Advance polls will be open from **February 20 to 22 from 10 am to 8 pm** – locations can be found on the Elections Ontario website.

On Tuesday, February 18, and Wednesday, February 19, Mayor Brown and Members of Council met with Brampton MPP Candidates to discuss the City of Brampton's provincial election priorities. The city's provincial election priorities discussed included funding for growth infrastructure, transit, healthcare, and municipal finances.

February 11, 2025

### **Federal Government announces the appointment of Canada's new Fentanyl Czar**

- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau announced the appointment of Kevin Brosseau as Canada's new Fentanyl Czar, effective immediately.
- As Fentanyl Czar, Mr. Brosseau will work closely with U.S. counterparts and law enforcement agencies to accelerate Canada's ongoing work to detect, disrupt, and dismantle the fentanyl trade.
- The federal government is taking significant action to stop the production and trafficking of illegal fentanyl, including:
  - Adding new and expanded detection capacity at border entries to find illegal drugs and guns and shorten cargo container processing time.
  - Building a Canadian Drug Analysis Centre to analyze illegal drug samples and identify where and how these drugs are manufactured.
  - Deploying new chemical detection tools at high-risk ports of entry, new canine teams to intercept illegal drugs, and a new Precursor Chemical Risk Management Unit to better track precursor chemicals and distribution channels.



This announcement builds on the government's \$1.3B plan to strengthen border security and Canada's immigration system.

February 11, 2025

### **Inclusive and Sustainable Artificial Intelligence for People and the Planet**



- Participants from over 100 countries, including government leaders, international organisations, representatives of civil society, the private sector, and the academic and research communities gathered in Paris on February 10 and 11, 2025, for the AI Action Summit.
- This Summit has highlighted the importance of reinforcing the diversity of the AI ecosystem. It has laid an open, multi-stakeholder and inclusive approach that will enable AI to be human rights based, human-centric, ethical, safe, secure and trustworthy while also stressing the need and urgency to narrow the inequalities and assist developing countries in artificial intelligence capacity-building so they can build AI capacities.

Canada is one of 60 signatory countries to the agreement including Australia, France, and Germany, to list a few.



February 6, 2025

### Big City Mayors Caucus Meeting

- On February 6, 2025, big city mayors met with federal decision makers to strategize on a municipal response to the U.S. tariffs and preparing for this year's election.
- The mayors met with the Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and discussed a 'Team Canada' approach in the context of U.S. tariffs.



The City of Brampton will continue to monitor any impacts tariffs will have on the City and will engage in advocacy as needed.



February 13, 2025

### Canada and FCM invest \$30 million to build resilient communities

- The federal government and FCM announced \$30 million to build resilient communities to support 30 climate adaptation projects, 17 feasibility studies, and 34 partner grant recipients through the Green Municipal Fund's (GMF) Local Leadership for Climate Adaptation initiative.
- The funded projects will help municipalities address urgent climate risks by protecting infrastructure, enhancing public safety and reducing long-term costs.
- Brampton will benefit as one of the 17 feasibility studies selected for funding.

The City of Brampton will benefit from \$70,000 in funding for a feasibility assessment and preliminary design of a Low Impact Development (LID) stormwater retrofit.

February 13, 2025

### Ontario's Big City Mayors Launch Election Advocacy Campaign

- OBCM launched their election advocacy campaign last week, the campaign asks OBCM's partners at the province to work with them to tackle these challenges head-on so municipalities can continue to build thriving, livable communities for residents.
- The campaign emphasizes that we want to be partners with the province to provide complete communities that are safe, livable, and able to thrive.
- OBCM's campaign focuses on 3 key priorities for Ontario's biggest cities:
  1. Homelessness, Mental Health & Addictions Crisis
  2. Housing and Housing Enabling Infrastructure
  3. A New Deal for Municipalities (municipalities paying for provincial responsibilities through property tax – e.g., healthcare, policing, social services, etc.)



The key priorities listed by OBCM align with the City of Brampton's advocacy on homelessness, encampments, housing and municipal fiscal sustainability.



# Association of Municipalities Ontario

## Policy Update

February 11, 2025

### Action on Tariffs and Trade

- AMO released a policy update acknowledging the tariff threats and potential trade disruptions that have the potential to seriously harm Ontario's economy with significant impacts on communities.
- To support broader federal and provincial efforts, AMO has:
  - Highlighted Ontario municipalities' commitment to playing their part in protecting our shared prosperity in Ontario and Canada by writing to the Prime Minister, the Premier of Ontario, and federal and provincial opposition leaders in early December 2024;
  - Strengthened this commitment through a statement issued by AMO's Board of Directors in January, noting that changes in US immigration and social policy could trigger migration with massive implications for municipal resources; and
  - Called on the Ontario government to work with AMO to effectively harness municipal procurement as a tool in federal and provincial tariff responses.



Staff will continue to provide information and data to help support AMO's work on this matter. The City has set up a *Tariff Resource Hub* to support local businesses, share information on resources and webinars. Brampton's City Council also passed a motion for a "Made in Canada" procurement policy exception in response to tariff threats from the US

The background image is a dark, semi-transparent photograph of a city street. On the left, there is a bus stop shelter with a red and black frame. The word "Wellington" is visible on the top of the shelter, and a "zum" logo is on the side. Behind the bus stop is a large, multi-story brick building with a curved facade and many windows. A Canadian flag is flying in front of the building. To the right of the main building is a tall, narrow clock tower with a clock face. Further right, there is a vertical sign that says "CANADA 150". The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

THANK YOU!

