

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
April 2, 2025



Debt Issuance Committee

Thursday, April 3, 2025 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, April 10, 2025**.

March 28, 2025

Ontario Breaks Ground on Peel Memorial Hospital Expansion

- Ontario celebrated the groundbreaking of William Osler Health System's new Peel Memorial Hospital.
- The hospital will add new and enhanced services in state-of-the-art facilities, including:
 - A new multi-storey patient tower with up to 250 inpatient beds and the ability to build additional beds in the future.
 - A new 24-hour emergency department.
 - Expanded post-acute care services.
 - New and enhanced mental health and addictions programs.
 - New and enhanced services for seniors, including dementia care.
 - Rehabilitation and complex continuing care.
 - Nine new inpatient dialysis stations and outpatient services.
 - New and enhanced outpatient clinics and services.



This groundbreaking ceremony marked start of the construction for Brampton's second, full-service hospital, marking a major milestone after robust advocacy and engagement with the province by the City of Brampton and key stakeholders.



April 1, 2025

Ontario Raising Minimum Wage

- The Ontario government is increasing the minimum wage from \$17.20 to \$17.60 an hour, effective October 1, 2025.
- This annualized wage increase is based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index (CPI) of 2.4 per cent and will bring Ontario's minimum wage to the second-highest provincial rate in Canada.



March 26, 2025

U.S. Government Imposing 25 Percent Tariffs on Auto Sector

- The U.S. government announced a new 25% duty on all vehicles not made in the United States starting on April 2, 2025.
- Prime Minister Mark Carney and Donald Trump agreed to begin comprehensive negotiations about a new economic and security relationship immediately following the election.
- In the interim, the leaders agreed that conversations between the Minister of International Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs and President of the King's Privy Council for Canada, Dominic LeBlanc, and the United States Secretary of Commerce, Howard Lutnick, will intensify to address immediate concerns.

Government Relations staff will discuss the impact of tariffs on the City of Brampton through the upcoming federal election advocacy. Ongoing staff engagement with higher levels of government and sector associations continues.

March 22, 2025

Government Launches Consultations on Trade Measures to Prevent Diversion of Steel Products into Canada

- The U.S. government announced 25% tariffs on steel products from all countries.
- The federal government announced the launch of a 30-day [public consultation](#) on possible trade measures to protect against the threat of diversion of steel products from third countries into the Canadian market as a result of the recent trade measures by the U.S.



Comments regarding possible measures to address trade diversion can be submitted to the Department of Finance Canada at fin.simaconsult-lmsiconsult.fin@fin.gc.ca until April 21, 2025. Staff continue to closely monitoring further developments and potential impacts to the City.

March 28, 2025

North American Mayors Call for End to Harmful Tariffs



- The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) joined the U.S. Conference of Mayors and a delegation of Mexican mayors for a tri-national trade summit of local leaders in Washington, D.C.
- Discussions focused on the shared consequences of recent tariffs on workers, industries, and communities in all three countries.
- Canadian mayors shared local experiences and data on the economic toll these measures are taking. Together, local leaders issued a united call to bring an end to the damaging tariffs.

The City has been working with the FCM supporting advocacy efforts and highlighting the need for a 'Team Canada' approach towards addressing the current economic situation with the U.S.

THANK YOU!

