

Government Relations Matters

City Council
April 9, 2025



Regional Council

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8.2 Potential Health Impacts Related to the Emerald Energy from Waste Proposed Expansion (Recommendation)

Summary:

- This report is in response to Resolution Number 2024-598 asking Peel Public Health staff to report back to Regional Council on the health impacts of the Emerald Energy from Waste (EEFW) proposed expansion.
- The report recommends that the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council write to the Ministers of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) and of Health, expressing concern about the anticipated increase in air emissions associated with the proposed Emerald Energy from Waste expansion.

City Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- Government Relations shared a briefing note with Council on this matter on February 25, 2025.
- Currently, the Ministry is reviewing multiple elevation requests received with respect to this application, and no final decision has been announced. As such, the City has not received any active planning applications in relation to this potential site expansion.
- Should an application be received, Members of Council will be notified through a subsequent briefing note from Planning, Building and Growth Management.

City Staff Recommendation:

- Support recommendation.

April 7, 2025



Ontario Taking Action to Protect Workers Amid Economic Uncertainty

- The Ontario government is providing approximately \$11 billion in relief and support for workers and businesses in an attempt to protect the province's economy from economic uncertainty and the impact of U.S. tariffs.
- As a first step, the province is:
 - Deferring select provincially administered taxes for six months from April 1, 2025, to October 1, 2025, giving businesses and job creators approximately \$9 billion worth of cash flow they need to keep workers employed and weather the economic turmoil.
 - Through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB), issuing a further \$2 billion rebate for safe employers to support businesses and help keep workers on the job, in addition to the previous \$2 billion rebate distributed in March.
- The government will deliver on its mandate to break down internal trade barriers, make the province's economy the most competitive in the G7, including by speeding up timelines and approvals for development, as well as diversifying trading partners and helping businesses if they need to retool and retrain workers for new customers in new markets.

Government Relations will continue to monitor updates with respect to tariffs and analyze for potential local impacts.



April 3, 2025

Canada Imposes 25% Tariffs on U.S. Auto Sector

- In response to Donald Trump's tariffs on Canada's auto sector, Canada will impose a 25% tariff on all U.S. vehicle imports that do not comply with the free trade agreement.
- All revenues from these tariffs will be used to support our Canadian auto workers and their industry.
- Additionally, on April 3, the Prime Minister met virtually with provincial and territorial premiers to discuss Canada's coordinated response to the United States' auto and reciprocal tariffs.
- Premiers were consulted on a response that maximizes impacts in the U.S., minimizes impacts on Canadians, and avoids escalating a trade crisis that Canada has worked hard to prevent.

Government Relations staff will discuss the impact of tariffs on the City of Brampton through the upcoming federal election advocacy.

April 4, 2025

AMO Policy Update – New Advocacy on Development Charges

- AMO recognizes that Ontario’s housing crisis persists, with housing starts continuing to lag, and states that all partners in Ontario’s housing system – including municipalities and developers – must do their part and find new ways to increase housing supply.
- To build momentum for constructive and informed progress, AMO and the Ontario Home Builders Association have partnered to call for DC reform that is mutually agreeable.
- AMO and OHBA wrote to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to identify preliminary areas for reform to be considered collaboratively by homebuilding, provincial, and municipal partners.
- A cross-sector expert working group could recommend targeted and measured DC reform aimed at reducing housing production barriers and increasing clarity and predictability around DCs.



The City has been engaged with AMO on this issue through direct input and information sharing. Staff will continue to work collaboratively with key stakeholders and provide updates as appropriate.

April 4, 2025

AMO Policy Update – Buy-Canadian & Buy-Ontario Initiatives

- To help inform policy discussions around banning US suppliers from participating in government procurement, AMO has conducted a survey of municipalities regarding non-construction procurement and is releasing a summary of the survey results.
- Municipalities reported that over 98% of their procurement is from companies with Canadian addresses, but many of those businesses are integrated with the US market. US procurement was primarily for goods and services without Canadian alternatives, and needed to deliver essential services, including:
 - IT and communications products
 - Emergency services equipment and medical supplies
 - Heavy machinery and vehicles
 - Health and safety, including chemicals and equipment for water treatment.



AMO reports that they will continue to provide guidance to the province on how municipalities can support provincial buy-Canadian and buy-Ontario initiatives without impacting essential service delivery.

April 4, 2025

AMO Advocacy on Code of Conduct Legislation

- AMO wrote to Minister Flack urging the government to reintroduce code of conduct legislation with two recommended amendments:
 - **Removal of office vote requirement should be adjusted from unanimous to a supermajority (2/3 vote).** A vote to remove an elected municipal official from office is different than a regular council vote and should have a higher threshold, but given the other checks and balances built into the process a unanimous vote is too high a threshold.
 - **The legislation should include a progressive range of discipline options for integrity commissioners.** The province should use the penalty framework established under the Education Act in 2023, including censure of a member, barring attendance at meetings, barring a member from sitting on committees, and barring a member from being chair or vice chair of committees

This is a longstanding advocacy issue for AMO, and the GR team will continue to monitor for any legislative initiative or developments by the province.

April 3, 2025

Brampton Deputy Mayor Harkirat Singh appointed to United Cities and Local Governments World Council and Executive Bureau



- The Deputy Mayor's appointment, endorsed by Brampton City Council and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), highlights Brampton's growing influence in global municipal leadership and its commitment to collaboration with international partners.
- UCLG is the largest global network of local, regional, and metropolitan governments and their associations, representing and amplifying the voices of communities around the world.
- Deputy Mayor Singh's appointment follows Brampton's active engagement with UCLG through Urban 20 (U20) summits and ongoing collaboration with FCM.
- The Deputy Mayor's presence on the Council and Bureau aligns with the City's intergovernmental strategy and global partnerships.

With Deputy Mayor Harkirat Singh stepping away from his role as Chair of Corporate Support Services to focus on his new responsibilities, Mayor Patrick Brown has appointed Councillor Navjit Kaur Brar as the new Chair and Councillor Rod Power as Vice-Chair of Corporate Services.

THANK YOU!

