

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
April 30, 2025



### **Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee**

Thursday, May 1, 2025 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

April 24, 2025

### Bill 5: Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act

- The Ontario government announced *Bill 5: Protect Ontario by Unleashing our Economy Act* in an attempt to cut red tape and streamline approvals to build mines faster and make Ontario and Canada's economy more resilient and self-reliant.
- Bill 5 is an omnibus bill introduced in Ontario's Legislative Assembly, primarily aimed at promoting economic development through regulatory reform.
- It combines environmental, economic, and procurement policy shifts across ten schedules, including new legislation such as the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025*, and the *Species Conservation Act, 2025*, while repealing or amending several major existing statutes.
- An important aspect of this Bill is the introduction of "Special Economic Zones" which enables the government to allow:
  - Faster permitting
  - Streamline some permits and approvals
  - Simplify requirements



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Staff are currently reviewing the *Special Economic Zones Act, 2025* and will submit any comments to the Environmental Registry of Ontario by May 17, 2025.

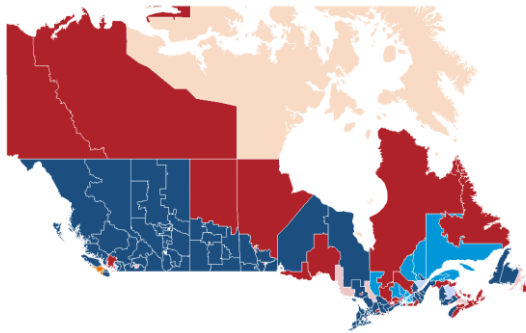
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### Ontario Fighting Auto Theft by Cracking Down on Car Thieves

- The province is proposing new legislation that would amend the Highway Traffic Act to give police the authority to search for and seize electronic devices that are intended to be used for vehicle theft.
- The change would provide law enforcement with stronger tools to keep keyless devices off the streets and out of the hands of would-be criminals.
- In addition, the province is permanently establishing a dedicated Major Auto Theft Prosecution Response Team to focus on crime hotspots across Ontario, such as Ottawa, Toronto, Brampton, Newmarket, Durham, London and Windsor.
- The team provides legal advice and prosecutorial support to police services and helps dismantle organized crime networks, holding offenders accountable and cracking down on carjackings and home invasions.



The City of Brampton continues to collaborate with all levels of government and stakeholders through continued advocacy efforts to combat auto-theft.



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### National Federal Election Results

- **Liberal Party:** Led by Prime Minister Mark Carney, the Liberals secured a minority government (as of 3:00 PM on April 29, 2025) with 169 seats in the 343-seat House of Commons, four seats short of a majority.
- **Conservative Party:** Under Pierre Poilievre, the Conservatives won 144 seats. Poilievre lost his own seat in Carleton, Ontario.
- **Bloc Québécois:** Led by Yves-François Blanchet, the Bloc secured 22 seats.
- **New Democratic Party (NDP):** Under Jagmeet Singh, the NDP obtained 7 seats. Singh lost his seat in Burnaby Central and announced his resignation.
- **Green Party:** Co-led by Elizabeth May and Jonathan Pedneault, the Greens won 1 seat.

The Government Relations team will draft congratulatory letters highlighting Brampton's advocacy priorities.

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### Brampton Federal Election Results

Of Brampton's six electoral districts, five remained under Liberal representation, while one transitioned to Conservative representation.

- 1) **Brampton East** – Winner: Maninder Sidhu
- 2) **Brampton North-Caledon** – Winner: Ruby Sahota
- 3) **Brampton South** – Winner: Sonia Sidhu
- 4) **Brampton West** – Winner: Amarjeet Gill (Conservative)
- 5) **Brampton Centre** – Winner: Amandeep Sodhi
  - With Shafqat Ali running in a different riding, Sodhi secured the seat for the Liberals.
- 6) **Brampton–Chinguacousy Park** (*newly created riding*)
  - Winner: Shafqat Ali
  - Ali transitioned from Brampton Centre to win in this new district.



Overall, the Liberal Party maintained a strong presence in Brampton, winning five out of six ridings. The Conservatives made a significant gain by capturing Brampton West.



THANK YOU!

