

# Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council  
June 4, 2025



### **Health System Integration Committee**

Thursday, 5 June 2025 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

### **Government Relations Committee**

Thursday, 5 June 2025 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

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

Thursday, 5 June 2025 @ 1:30 PM | Meeting agenda can be found [here](#).

### 6.1 Update on Peel Region Advocacy Priorities (For Information)

#### Summary:

- This staff report provides an update on actions, next steps and potential opportunities related to high priority Peel Region advocacy positions, as well as key federal and provincial legislative and policy developments affecting Peel Region.

#### City Staff Comments (Intergovernmental Affairs):

- The report indicates that regional staff are reviewing Bill 17 and will provide a report to Regional Council on June 12, 2025, City staff are also reviewing the legislation with a report to Council in the near future.
- Appendix I, Update on Peel Region Advocacy Priorities, provides a valuable overview of the Regional advocacy priorities.
- City staff work closely with the regional staff to ensure collaboration and alignment on key advocacy priorities, including joint advocacy as appropriate.

#### City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

### **6.2 2025 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference Update (Recommendation)**

#### Summary:

- The report seeks committee's endorsement for delegation meeting requested with provincial cabinet ministers related to established Regional Council-endorsed positions for key service areas.

#### City Staff Comments (Intergovernmental Affairs):

- City staff work closely with the regional staff to coordinate advocacy efforts and delegation requests during the annual AMO Conference.
- Staff collaborate to ensure alignment on issues of mutual interests, and to coordinate delegation schedules when possible.
- Issues and advocacy approach in the report, are in line with well-established Regional advocacy priorities.

#### City Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

### 5.1 Key Waste Management Initiatives – June 2025 Update (Recommendation)

#### Summary:

#### Contract Extension & Delegation Authority – Waste & Recycling Haulage

- Staff authorized to negotiate either:
  - An extension/amendment to the existing contract with GFL Environmental Inc. (2018-255T), or
  - A new contract for similar services (Oct 1, 2025 – Sept 30, 2026) with an additional optional 12-month period, ending on September 30, 2027.
- Award approval authority delegated to:
  - Commissioner of Public Works, Commissioner of Corporate Services & CFO
- Execution authority granted to:
  - Director of Waste Management (or delegate), subject to legal and business terms
- Additional authority to amend related contracts (as per this report) to include assignment/termination clauses for contracts extending beyond Dec 31, 2025

### **5.1 Key Waste Management Initiatives – June 2025 Update (Recommendation) (Continued)**

#### **City Staff Comments (Public Works & Engineering):**

- City staff, in collaboration with representatives from the Region of Peel, the City of Mississauga, and the Town of Caledon, have conducted a comprehensive review of the update. Staff are satisfied that the collective feedback and comments provided have been appropriately addressed and clearly reflected in the revised materials.
- The transition plan has been designed to comprehensively address all additional contract agreements, ongoing and future initiatives, the long-term waste management strategy, and the evaluation of whether to continue with current pilot programs. It also includes proposed updates to relevant by-laws. This framework will guide the negotiation and implementation of new contract extensions in 2026 and beyond.

#### **City Staff Recommendation:**

- Support the recommendation. City staff recommend proceeding with the proposed approach as outlined. This includes incorporating all related contract agreements, strategic initiatives, pilot program evaluations, and by-law updates into the transition plan.

May 28, 2025

### Working for Workers Seven Act, 2025

The proposed legislation builds on the previous six Working for Workers acts and 18 new proposed measures that is intended to, if passed, protect Ontario workers and the economy in the face of U.S. tariffs and create safer workplaces for a stronger workforce by:

- requiring automatic external defibrillators (AEDs);
- helping workers access skills training faster by cutting red tape for Skills Development Fund Capital projects;
- enhancing protections against job scams for prospective job seekers;
- expanding entitlements for workers to provide better support in the event of layoffs; and
- exempting Skills Development Fund Capital Stream-supported capital projects from the requirements of the *Municipal Act* and the *Planning Act*.



Staff observe that one of the proposed changes would exempt Skills Development Fund Capital Stream-supported capital projects from the requirements of the *Municipal Act* and the *Planning Act*, which raises concerns given a number of similar exemptions that are already being proposed through recent legislative changes.

Staff are aligned with AMO's continued advocacy for the need for bold and innovative action to respond to unprecedented economic challenges. However, the threat of U.S. tariffs cannot be used to justify any and all proposals to override provincial and municipal laws.

Furthermore, staff observe that reduced municipal autonomy in planning, zoning and development financing increases the risk of unintended consequences and financial strain.



June 2, 2025

### First Ministers' Meeting

- Canada's First Ministers met in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and discussed the federal government's plan to remove trade barriers and advance major projects of national interest, including by tabling their *One Canadian Economy* legislation.
- First Ministers agreed to work together to accelerate major projects of national interest within the following criteria, subject to consultation with Indigenous Peoples whose rights may be affected:
  - Strengthen Canada's autonomy, resilience, and security.
  - Offer undeniable benefits to Canada and support economic growth.
  - Have a high likelihood of successful execution.
  - Are a high priority for Indigenous leaders.
  - Have clean growth potential, such as the use of clean technologies and sustainable practices.
- First Ministers also stressed the importance of creating a new economic and security relationship with the United States
- Committed to joint efforts to maintain safe and secure communities, including by enhancing the criminal justice system through meaningful and urgent bail and sentencing reforms supporting law enforcement, addressing delays in the criminal justice process,



The federal government has committed to table legislation that would remove federal barriers to internal trade by July 1<sup>st</sup>.



## Update

May 29 – June 1, 2025

### 2025 FCM Conference & AGM

More than 2,000 local leaders and officials from across Canada gathered in Ottawa to discuss municipal innovation, collaboration, and advocacy and hear from key federal decisionmakers.

Resolutions Plenary, FCM members also debated and voted in favor of the following resolutions:

1. Improving access to health care in Rural Canada
2. Strengthening Canada's economy by diversifying trade
3. Future of Canada Post
4. Strengthening Arctic sovereignty and security through municipalities

#### Elections:

- Councillor Rowena Santos re-elected to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' Board of Directors for a sixth consecutive term.
- Councillor Santos continues to serve as Chair of FCM's Municipal Finance, Infrastructure and Transportation Committee and member of FCM's Anti-Racism, Equity and Inclusion Committee.
- Rebecca Bligh, Councillor with the City of Vancouver, BC, was re-elected as FCM President.
- Josh Morgan, Mayor of the City of London, ON, continues as Chair of FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus

The Brampton delegation engaged with the federal decision-makers on clean, reliable and integrated local transit system and transportation infrastructure, affordable and available housing options to meet the growing local demand, enhanced community safety, and need for continued funding for implementation of Brampton's Climate Change Adaptation Plan, projects and initiatives.



# Big City Mayors' Caucus

## Spring Meeting

May 29, 2025

### BCMC Spring Meeting

The Mayors discussed shared priorities in urban cities across the country (and across the border) and the critical role that cities play in housing affordability and strengthening Canada's national economy.

Guests included:

- Minister of Housing and Infrastructure, Gregor Robertson - discussion on Canada's ambitious housing goals;
- Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs and One Canadian Economy, Dominic LeBlanc – discussion of opportunities for closer collaboration;
- Minister of Finance and National Revenue, François-Philippe Champagne – discussed importance of working together to build a more resilient economy and a new, structural partnership between all orders of government;
- U.S. Conference of Mayors – discussed economic challenges faced by cities on both sides of the border.



The Spring BCMC meeting provided an opportunity for direct dialog with the key federal Ministers on critical municipal services and responsibilities. The Mayors reiterated the need for close collaboration among all levels of government and a new fiscal framework for municipalities.

THANK YOU!

