



Government Relations Matters

**Committee of Council
February 3, 2021**



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Regional Council - Budget Day 2

Thursday, February 4, 2021 9:30 AM | Regional Council agenda is available [here](#).

*Staff from Public Affairs and Finance have reviewed the Regional Budget for comments.

Delegations - External Agencies' Budget Presentation

- Peel Regional Police (Item 6.1) – *Presentation not available at this time.*
- Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Municipal Policing Services in Caledon (Item 6.2)
- Conservation Halton (Item 6.3)
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) (Item 6.4)
- Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC) (Item 6.5)

Item 10.1 Motion Regarding Cost and Timelines for Providing Value for Money Audits Across Regional Services, Including External Agencies* (Moved by Cllr. Santos, seconded by Mayor Brown)

- Staff provide a report to a future Council meeting

*A verbal report will be provided regarding “*Consideration of Value for Money Audits*”.

Ontario adjusts vaccination plan in response to Pfizer-BioNTech shipment delays



February 1, 2021: Extended the Ontario Community Support Program (OCSP) until 2022 to ensure low-income seniors and people with disabilities have access to essentials during COVID-19.

January 27, 2021: Extended electricity rate relief for families, small businesses and farms in response to the provincial Stay-at-Home Order. The government will continue to hold electricity prices to the off-peak rate of 8.5 cents per kilowatt-hour until February 9, 2021. This lower rate is available 24 hours per day, seven days a week for Time-Of-Use and tiered customers.

January 25, 2021: Adjusted vaccination plan in response to Pfizer-BioNTech shipment delays - a new target of February 5, 2021 for vaccination of residents in long-term care, high-risk retirement, and First Nations elder care homes.

Ontario unveils six-point plan to stop the spread of COVID-19 variants



January 29, 2021: Mandating on-arrival testing for international travelers at Toronto Pearson airport effective Feb 1.



January 29, 2021: The government and Canada’s airlines agreed to suspend all flights to and from Mexico and Caribbean countries until April 30, 2021. This will be in effect as of January 31, 2021.

January 29, 2021: Announced the second instalment of the Safe Return to Class Fund, to ensure students, teachers, and staff stay safe and healthy throughout this difficult school year. Up to \$1B is provided to the provinces and territories, to be used for various measures supporting adapted learning spaces and remote learning. (Ontario ~\$381M)

January 27, 2021: Announced funding for two projects that will modernize and improve accessibility for Peel Region’s public transit system. The federal government is investing more than \$3.5M through the Public Transit Infrastructure Stream (PTIS) of the *Investing in Canada* plan. The province is providing close to \$3M, and the Region is contributing more than \$2.3M. The two projects include:

- replacement of existing specialized transit buses with 69 new, specialized, 8-metre
- adoption of the PRESTO electronic fare collection system