

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
April 15, 2026



Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee

Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 23, 2026 @ 9:30 AM

April 13, 2026

Ontario Increasing WSIB Benefits for Injured Workers

- The province has proposed the first increase in nearly 30 years to income replacement benefits workers receive through the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) if they are injured on the job.
- These proposed changes would, if passed, increase WSIB Loss-of-Earnings (LOE) benefits to 90 per cent of a worker's take-home pay, up from 85 per cent.
- The proposed changes would also update the *Workplace Safety and Insurance Act* to ensure workers continue to receive supports if they are planning to work past the age of 65.
- If passed, this change would allow eligible workers to continue receiving LOE benefits after age 65 if they planned to keep working, instead of automatically losing those benefits at age 65 under the current rules.
- These proposed changes are part of a broader package of measures the government will introduce in the coming days



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Ontario Introducing Legislation Changing School Board Oversight

- The province introduced the *Putting Student Achievement First Act, 2026*, which, if passed, would:
 - Limit trustee discretionary expenses and honoraria, standardize the number of elected trustees to a maximum of 12, require trustees to pay out-of-pocket for certain external organization membership fees and improve oversight over school board subsidiaries and their use of public funds.
 - Establish the positions of CEO (replacing Director of Education), who would be responsible for financial and operational oversight and required to have business qualifications, and Chief Education Officer, who would be appointed by the CEO to focus on student achievement and required to hold pedagogical qualifications, including Ontario College of Teachers membership or equivalent.
 - Require the CEO to lead budget development and refer budget matters to the Minister when trustees are unable to reach an agreement.
 - Name the Council of Ontario Directors of Education as the central employer bargaining agency for both English school boards
 - Mandate the use of ministry-approved learning resources in classrooms across the province.
 - Introduce mandatory written exams on official exam days in Grades 9-12 and provide greater clarity on how students' final marks are calculated.
 - Require attendance and participation to count toward the final mark for students in Grades 9-12, with attendance worth 15 percent for Grades 9-10 and 10 percent for Grades 11-12.



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Federal Byelection Results

- Federal by-elections were held in three ridings on April 13, 2026, with results confirming a majority position for the Liberal Party of Canada.
 - **Scarborough Southwest (ON) & University-Rosedale (ON):** Both Toronto-area ridings were secured by Liberal candidates Doly Begum & Danielle Martin.
 - **Terrebonne (QC):** The Terrebonne, QC riding was secured by Liberal Candidate Tatiana Auguste.
- On April 8, 2026, Marilyn Gladu crossed the floor from the Conservatives to join the Liberals. She is the fourth Conservative MP to leave their party and join the Liberal government.
- Following the byelection and recent changes, the Liberals now hold 174 seats, forming a majority government.



The Intergovernmental Affairs & Advocacy team will draft a congratulatory letter to Prime Minister Mark Carney, highlighting Brampton's advocacy priorities.

THANK YOU!

