

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
April 29, 2026



There are no Regional Council or Committee meetings scheduled for the week of April 27th

The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026 @ 9:30 AM

April 24, 2026

Ontario Announces 2025-26 Gas Tax Allocations

- The Ontario gas tax provides funding to public transit in 107 municipalities, and totals nearly \$380 million.
- For the 2025-26 Program, the Ministry of Transportation is maintaining allocations at 2024-25 funding levels to ensure that all 107 municipal transit systems across Ontario continue to get the support they need for their transit services.
- Brampton will receive \$21,064,218 as part of this year's allocation.

The funding is provided to support local public transit initiatives such as expanding service hours and transit routes, purchasing new vehicles and improving accessibility to increase transit ridership. Brampton welcomes our funding allocation, which supports Brampton Transit's operating budget.

April 28, 2026

Ontario Invests \$100 Million in Fertility Supports

- The Ontario government is taking the next steps in its plan to expand access to fertility care, this new investment will support 27 fertility clinics, including two in vitro fertilization (IVF) clinics, one of which is in Brampton.
- Minister Sylvia Jones made the announcement at Astra Fertility, a new clinic that integrates modern technology, patient-centred design and will help 350 Ontarians access publicly funded IVF services.
- Through this next phase, the province is investing \$100 million in 2026/27 to support 27 clinics across Ontario, including two new in vitro fertilization (IVF) clinics, helping to shorten wait times and connect thousands of families to fertility services in both hospital and community settings.
- A further \$100 million will be invested in 2027/28, bringing the province's total investment to \$250 million.



Brampton welcomes further healthcare investments in the city, supporting more families in achieving their dreams of parenthood.

April 21, 2026

Prime Minister Carney announces new Advisory Committee of Canada-U.S. Economic Relations

- Prime Minister, Mark Carney, today announced the creation of the new Advisory Committee on Canada-U.S. Economic Relations. The committee will serve as a forum for expertise and strategy on all aspects of the Canada-U.S. economic relationship.
- The Advisory Committee will include leaders from major sectors of the Canadian economy, representing extensive experience in business, investment, trade, and labour. It will be chaired by the President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy, Dominic LeBlanc.
- The Advisory Committee held its first meeting on April 27, 2026.



April 27, 2026

Prime Minister Carney announces the Canada Strong Fund – Canada’s first sovereign wealth fund



- Prime Minister Carney announced the Canada Strong Fund – Canada’s first national sovereign wealth fund.
- Through an initial federal contribution of \$25 billion, the Fund will invest, alongside the private sector, in Canadian projects and companies driving our economic transformation, including projects in clean and conventional energy, critical minerals, agriculture, and infrastructure.
- The returns will be reinvested to grow the Canada Strong Fund, strengthening its capacity over time. As the Fund grows, it will direct capital toward investments with the highest potential return for Canada and Canadians.
- The government will also launch a retail investment product. This will give Canadians a direct stake in our nation’s long-term prosperity and help build long-term national wealth.
- The federal government will consult over the coming months on the specific design of this new instrument.

Additional details on the Canada Strong Fund will be outlined in the government’s Spring Economic Update 2026, with further updates to follow in the coming months. The Intergovernmental Affairs & Advocacy team will prepare a briefing note on the Spring Economic Update upon its release.

THANK YOU!

