



Government Relations Matters

**City Council
March 3, 2021**

**GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS**

BRAMPTON
Flower City



Audit and Risk Committee

Thursday, March 4, 2021 11:00 AM | Committee agenda is available [here](#).

*Staff from Public Affairs have reviewed the committee agenda.

**Providing funds
for local transit**



Training more PSWs to deliver better care



March 1, 2021: Announced \$150M in additional funding to help municipal transit systems address the financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Funding in addition to the \$2B previously committed by Ontario and the federal government through the Safe Restart Agreement.
- Funding means that there is a total of \$650 million in funding still available to municipalities up to December 31, 2021, with extensions to December 2022 granted on a case-by-case basis.

February 26, 2021: Announced regulatory amendments that support working families and improve the child care and early years sector.

February 24, 2021: Investing over \$115 million to train up to 8,200 new personal support workers (PSWs) for high-demand jobs in Ontario's health and long-term care sectors. In collaboration with Colleges Ontario, all 24 publicly assisted colleges will offer this innovative, fully funded program starting in April 2021.

February 22, 2021: Introduced *the Combatting Human Trafficking Act*, new legislation and amendments to existing legislation to build upon the province's \$307 million *Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy*.



February 26, 2021: Following Health Canada’s authorization of the AstraZeneca ChAdOx1 COVID-19 vaccine, Canada secured 2 million doses of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine through an agreement with Verity Pharmaceuticals Canada Inc./Serum Institute of India.

February 25, 2021: Introduced Bill C-24, to increase the maximum number of weeks available to workers through EI regular benefits. The proposed legislation provides workers with up to a maximum of 50 weeks for claims that are established between September 27, 2020 and September 25, 2021.

AMO Annual General Meeting and Conference

- Scheduled to take place **August 15 – 18, 2021**, hosted by London, Ontario.
- Registration opened on December 18, 2020 with an early bird rate of \$600 (plus applicable taxes) ending on April 30, 2021 at 4:00 pm.
- AMO announced the keynote speaker, *Sheila Watt-Cloutier* who will discuss the social, cultural, and economic impacts of climate change and impacts on communities.

Public Affairs staff is work to facilitate registration.