



Government Relations Matters

**City Council
March 24, 2021**

**GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS**

BRAMPTON
Flower City



Regional Council

Thursday, March 25, 2021 9:30 AM | Region Council Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

*Staff from Public Affairs have reviewed the Council agenda.

15.1 Implications of Recent Changes to the Conservation Authorities Act Bill 229, Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

Overview:

- The Province has enacted a number of changes to the Conservation Authorities (CA) Act, with the most recent amendments through Bill 229, the Protect, Support and Recover from COVID 19 Act, (Budget Measures), 2020 that received Royal Assent on December 8, 2020.
- The Province will be releasing implementation regulations for consultation including details on the mandatory programs and services to be delivered by conservation authorities.
- The Province has appointed a working group with CA and municipal representatives to provide advice on regulations that impact CAs and their participating municipalities.
- Item 16.1, Update on Municipal Memorandums of Understanding and Service Level Agreements is related to this report

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Public Works and Engineering):

- The City staff are involved in discussions with TRCA.
- Staff are working on a separate MOU for the City of Brampton and discussions are progressing.
- The MOU will address changes arising from the amendments to the CA Act.

22.4 Motion Regarding Guidelines & Municipal Risks for Participation in the Rapid Housing Initiative

Overview:

- The Motion calls that the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, write to the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Families, Children & Social Development, to advocate that the Rapid Housing Initiative (RHI) be modified to reflect the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) advocacy for expansion of this program in the 2021 Federal budget to \$7B from \$1B over the course of the National Housing Strategy period.

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- Brampton's upcoming comprehensive housing strategy (Housing Brampton) proposes continued advocacy to the Provincial & Federal governments in collaboration with the Region, FCM & the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).
- This will help support the City in implementation of the strategy through various means, including funding programs, access to surplus lands, etc.

22.4 Motion Regarding Guidelines & Municipal Risks for Participation in the Rapid Housing Initiative

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- Continued advocacy is also required to the Region of Peel for an appropriate and equitable distribution of Regional programs and resources for non-market housing (emergency shelters, transitional and subsidized housing). This distribution should be based on Brampton's housing needs data as well as growth projections.
- Brampton has recently launched a Concierge Program for Affordable Housing Developments. This is intended to assist non-profits and for-profit developers who provide affordable and rental units in Brampton, with the development review process.

Provincial Government | Updates

Ontario is expanding appointments through its online booking system to individuals aged 75+, effective Monday, March 22, 2021



March 22, 2021: Announced over \$1.2B to help Ontario's public hospitals recover from financial pressures created and worsened by COVID-19:

- \$696.6M - to help cover historic working funds deficits for qualifying public hospitals
- \$572.3M - to reimburse qualifying portions from other forms of revenue such as co-payments

March 18, 2021: Investing \$933 million in 80 new long-term care projects, including two (2) new Long-Term Care Homes in # Brampton:

- **Guru Nanak Long-Term Care Centre** - 160 new beds
- **Indus Community Services** - 192 new beds

March 16, 2021: Investing \$105M through the new Community Building Fund to support non-profit tourism, culture, sport and recreation organizations.

March 14, 2021: Launched a provincial booking system and customer service desk to support COVID-19 vaccination appointment bookings. The portal went live on Monday, March 15 at 8:00 a.m. and is accepting appointment bookings at mass immunization clinics, starting with individuals aged 80 and older.

Ontario's
2021 Budget
Coming March 24

The 2021 Ontario Budget will be delivered Wednesday March 24, 2021.

The **first-ever** federal fund
dedicated to **active transportation**

400 million



News Release

**Government announces
extension of Canada
Emergency Business Account
to help small businesses**

March 22, 2021: Announced that the deadline for new Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) applications is being extended from March 31 to June 30, 2021.

March 18, 2021: Bill C-24 received Royal Assent, increasing the maximum number of weeks available to workers through EI regular benefits. Workers claiming EI regular benefits can now access up to a maximum of 50 weeks for claims established between September 27, 2020 to September 25, 2021.

March 12, 2021: Announced \$400M for Canada's first active transportation fund, and the development of Canada's first National Active Transportation Strategy.