



# **Government Relations Matters**

**City Council**  
**April 7, 2021**

**GOVERNMENT  
RELATIONS**

**BRAMPTON**  
Flower City



## Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, April 8, 2021 9:30 AM | Council agenda is available [here](#).

\*Staff from Public Affairs have reviewed the Council agenda.

## Region of Peel | Regional Council– April 8, 2021

### **Item 10.1 Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor – Program and Advocacy Update (Recommendation)**

#### Overview:

- The construction of the new facility is behind schedule due to the COVID-19 pandemic and other factors, with substantial construction now planned for end of May 2022.
- The report recommends the Region advocate to the Province for sustainable operational funding to support expansion of the Adult Day Services program and respite centre at the Seniors Health and Wellness Village.

### **Item 13.1 Building an Enhanced Community Paramedicine Program in Peel (Recommendation)**

#### Overview:

- Related to Item 10.1
- Community Paramedic (CP) programs offer expanded primary care role for paramedics to help address health system pressures and contribute to overall system efficiency.
- New provincial funding (\$9.75M), announced in 2021 and available for use until March 31, 2024, provides an opportunity for Paramedic Services to expand region-wide

#### City of Brampton Staff Comments (Public Affairs):

- Public Affairs staff identified Provincial funding through the Community Paramedic for LTC program as outlined in the Provincial Budget and will remain engaged with the Province regarding the ongoing advocacy.

Peel Public Health has issued a Section 22 order, under the Ontario Health Protection and Promotion Act, to close all schools in Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga for two weeks effective 12:01 a.m. on April 6, 2021 and move to remote learning only.



**Take care**  
get vaccinated



**Peel's newest COVID-19  
vaccination clinic  
opens in Brampton**

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- All April Break spring camps for school-age children will be cancelled
- Licensed child care programs will remain open for children under 6 years of age who are not attending school.

**April 5, 2021:** The Region of Peel is opening the newest COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic in Brampton tomorrow (Tuesday, April 6) at the Chris Gibson Recreation Centre at 125 McLaughlin Road in Brampton. This brings the number of community clinics in Peel to seven.

**April 1, 2021:** As of Friday, April 2 at 8:00 a.m., all vaccine clinics in Peel Region will be accepting bookings for individuals 60 years or older to schedule COVID-19 vaccine appointments.

**Ontario orders  
Provincewide  
Emergency  
Brake to stop  
the spread of  
COVID-19**



**April 1, 2021:** Increasing capacity in its COVID-19 vaccine rollout with the addition of over 350 additional pharmacies and more primary care settings across the province.

**April 1, 2021:** Imposing a province wide emergency brake. **The province wide emergency brake will be effective Saturday, April 3, 2021, at 12:01 a.m.** and the government intends to keep this in place for at least four weeks.

**March 31, 2021:** The Ontario government has appointed Craig Thompson as Ontario's new Patient Ombudsman to help improve the quality of care and supports patients and their families receive in hospitals, long-term care homes, and select home and community care settings.

**March 31, 2021:** Providing parents with \$980M in direct support as part of the *Ontario COVID-19 Child Benefit* (part of the 2021 Budget). Under this new round of funding, payments will be doubled to \$400 per child and \$500 for a child with special needs to help offset additional learning costs.

Ontario is providing a second  
round of Ontario Small Business  
Support Grant payments of

**\$10,000-  
\$20,000**

to eligible recipients.



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**April 6, 2021:** Announced the final instalment of the over \$19B Safe Restart Agreement, to help provinces and territories safely restart the economy, and provide continued support to Canadians.

- The final instalment of \$700M will help provinces and territories to further increase their testing capacity and support Canadians through this crisis.
- In January 2021 the government provided \$1B (second installment of a total of \$2B) in funding to support provinces and territories in their efforts to ensure a safe return to school, through the Safe Return to Class Fund.