



# **Government Relations Matters**

**Committee of Council  
March 31, 2021**



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**Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee**

Thursday, April 1, 2021 9:30 AM | Committee agenda is available [here](#).

**Government Relations Committee**

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\*Staff from Public Affairs have reviewed the Committee agendas.

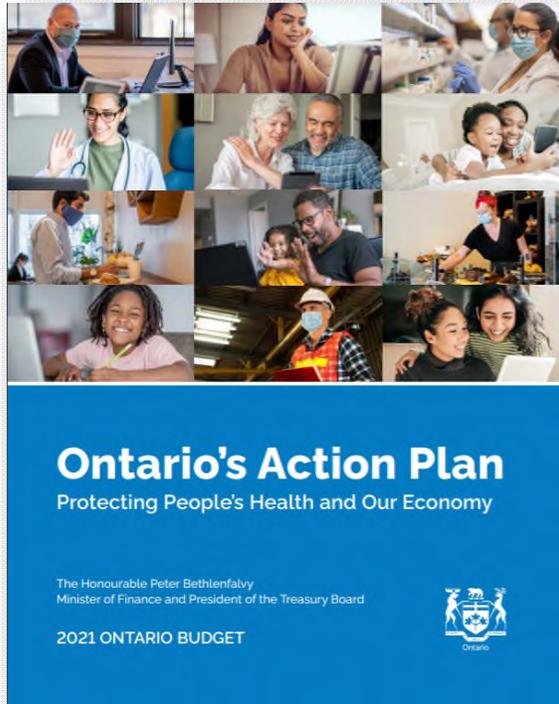
## Item 6.1 Update on the Region of Peel’s Advocacy Priorities (For Information)

### Overview:

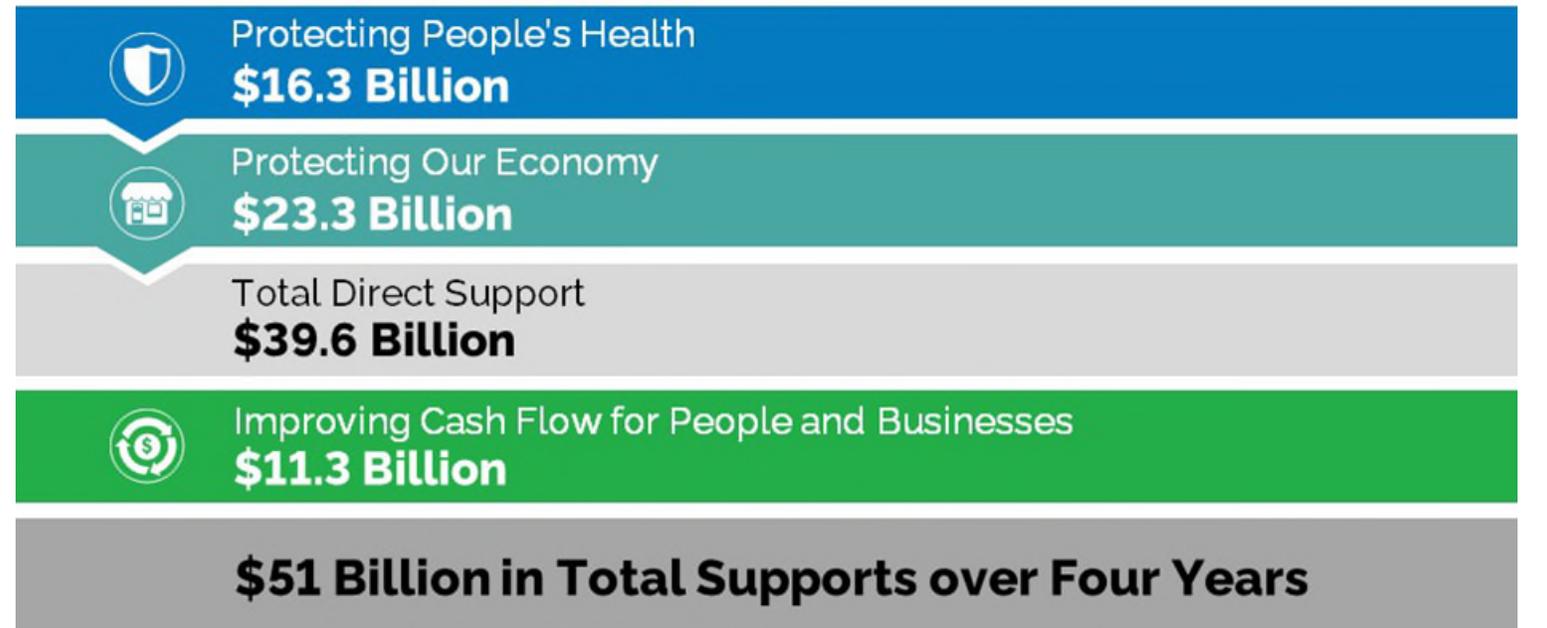
- The report provides a high-level overview on the status of the Regional advocacy priorities.
- Ongoing advocacy, collaboration and partnerships have been critical to efforts aimed at supporting the Region of Peel’s emergency response and recovery.

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

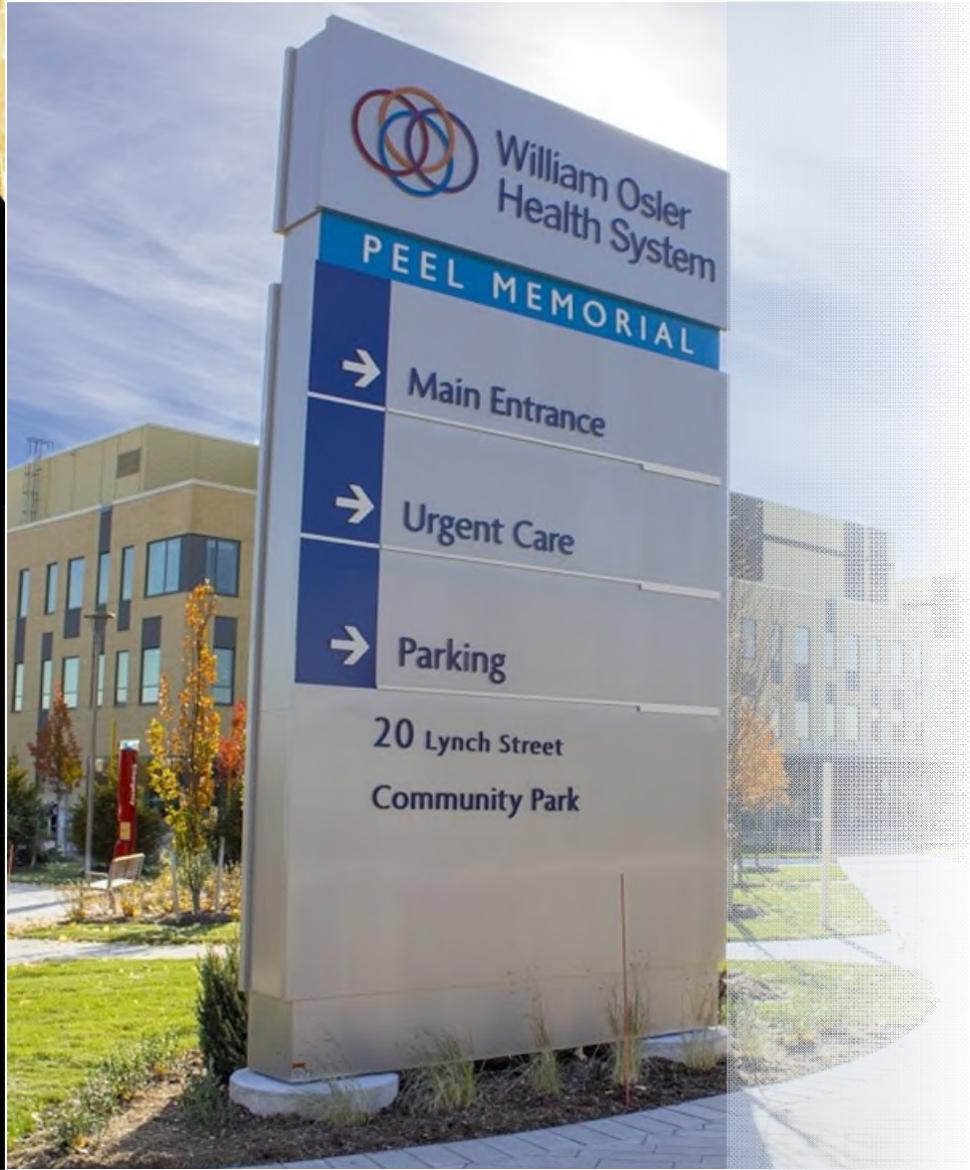
- Public Affairs staff engage in an ongoing dialog and coordinate with the Region on a number of advocacy priorities and initiatives.
- Brampton’s advocacy efforts focus on relationship building and collaboration with Peel Region, the Province of Ontario, the Federal Government and sector associations.



### Ontario's Action Plan: Protecting People's Health and Our Economy



The \$186.1B Budget document predicts a \$33.1B deficit for 2021-2022 fiscal year, with projections of \$27.7B in 2022-2023 and \$20.2B in 2023-2044. The Province predicts deficits until 2029-30 fiscal year.



## Peel Memorial Redevelopment

- Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness to become a new inpatient hospital with a 24/7 Emergency Department.
- The province will fund the construction of over 250 net new beds at the site.
- Providing up to \$18M in 2021-22 to expand the Urgent Care Centre to 24/7 operations, paving the way for an eventual emergency department as Peel Memorial expands into an inpatient hospital.
- The investments in Peel Memorial will allow the people of Brampton to have access to 24/7 hospital services including urgent care, complex continuing care, enhanced mental health, and rehabilitation for patients and their families.

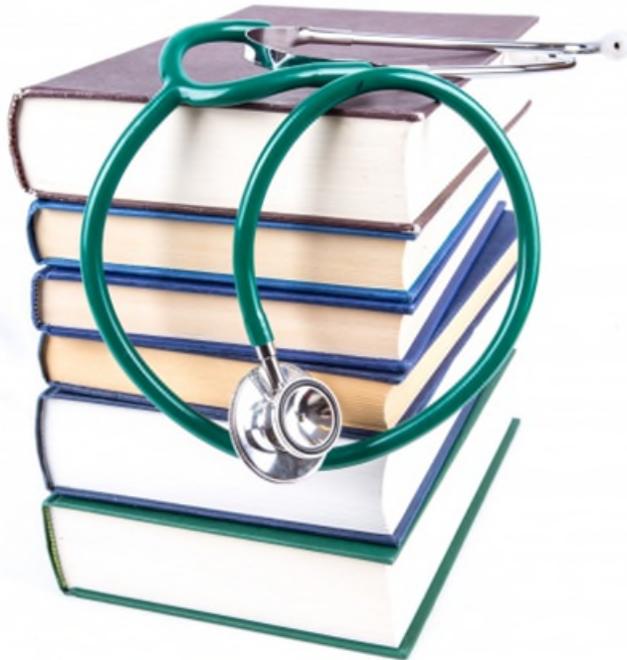
## School of Medicine at Ryerson University in Brampton

The Province is providing Ryerson University with financial support in the planning for a proposal for a new institute of medical education in Brampton.

Planning for a medical school at Ryerson is led by the School of Medicine Planning Committee.

School of Medicine at Ryerson University will be designed around five (5) pillars:

- 1) Focusing on community centric primary care & social determinants of health
- 2) Providing culturally competent care to communities
- 3) Leveraging innovation and technology in practices to improve quality of care and patient outcomes
- 4) Providing future physicians with the skills to develop inter-professional networks of health care to achieve better outcomes for patients
- 5) Focusing on the aging and supporting seniors



## Other Budget Measures – Impact to Brampton

### Education & Childcare

- A new English public elementary school in Brampton will serve 850 students and include a Childcare Centre with seventy-three (73) licensed childcare spaces.

### Community Paramedic Program for Long-Term Care

- Committed \$160M over three years investment for thirty-three (33) communities participating in the program, including Region of Peel.

### Property Tax Reassessment

- Further one year postponement of the property tax reassessment. The Province will consult on reassessment in 2021 to consider COVID-19 impacts. The consultation will include municipal governments.

Significant **provincial supports to the municipal sector** earlier in the year:

- Extended funding through the **Safe Restart Agreement** until the end of 2021, with extensions to December 2022 granted on a case-by-case basis;
- \$500M in additional financial assistance for municipal operations, **the City of Brampton received \$14,6M;**
- \$500M in additional financial assistance funds for municipal transit operations, **Brampton Transit received \$15M.**

## Providing Transportation for Vaccine Appointments



Effective April 12 at 12:01 a.m.



Ontario is permitting **personal care services** to operate for regions in **Grey-Lockdown**



Effective March 29 at 12:01 a.m.



Ontario is permitting **outdoor fitness activities** for regions in **Grey-Lockdown**



**March 23, 2021:** Investing \$3.7M (part of the *2021 Budget*) to help seniors and people with disabilities get their COVID-19 vaccinations, where transportation is a barrier. The Province is launching this initiative to remove that barrier and ensure that anyone who wants a vaccine is able to get a vaccine.

**March 23, 2021:** Announced limited, targeted adjustments to public health and workplace safety measures in the Grey-Lockdown level of the COVID-19 Response Framework. This includes:

- Effective Monday, March 29, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., **permitting outdoor fitness classes, outdoor training** for team and individual sports and outdoor personal training, subject to public health and workplace safety measures, including, but not limited to: a maximum of 10 patrons;
- Effective Monday, April 12, 2021 at 12:01 a.m., **personal care service settings including but not limited to barber shops, hair and nail salons, and body art establishments, will be permitted to operate at 25% capacity** or five patrons (whichever is less) subject to physical distancing and other public health and workplace safety measures.



Government announces additional pandemic support for vaccines, health care, and municipalities

**March 25, 2021:** Introduced Bill C-25, the legislation will (when passed) provide an additional \$7.2B in support for urgent health care needs across the country, the COVID-19 vaccine roll-out, and for local infrastructure projects in our cities and communities. This includes:

- **\$2.2B to address short-term infrastructure priorities in municipalities. The funds would flow through the federal Gas Tax Fund.**
  - The federal government also proposes to rename the federal Gas Tax Fund as the Canada Community-Building Fund.

**March 23, 2021:** Announced \$23.7M for the Province of Ontario to operate a number of safe, voluntary isolation sites in various communities identified under Ontario’s High Priority Community Strategy. These sites will help residents in the province who have COVID-19, or have been exposed to it, access safe isolation accommodations to keep themselves and their community safe.

## Annual Conference and Trade Show 2021

- The virtual Conference is scheduled to take place May 31 to June 4, 2021.
- Registration is now open. Early-bird rate is available until April 23, 2021.
- The Conference highlights include:
  - Workshops and networking
  - Direct engagement with National party leaders
  - FCM's 2021-2022 Board of Directors election;
    - Table Officers election, June 1 and 2
    - Director elections, June 2
    - Annual General Meeting, June 4
  - Virtual trade show.

Public Affairs staff will provide additional information as it becomes available.