



# **Government Relations Matters**

**City Council**  
**April 21, 2021**

**GOVERNMENT  
RELATIONS**

**BRAMPTON**  
Flower City



## Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, April 22, 2021 9:30 AM | Council agenda is available [here](#).

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

## Item 19.1: Regional Major Office Incentives Program (Recommendation)

### Overview:

- Regional Council directed staff to develop detailed recommendations for establishing an office incentives program that uses Tax Increment Equivalent Grants, including a framework and project criteria for enabling Regional participation in local CIPs.
- The Region's incentive will function as a grant to the local municipalities who are also providing TIEG CIPs, who then provide both Regional and local grants to developments approved for the program.
- The proposed program is planned to be open to receive applications for a period of five years.

### City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- City staff have been working with the Region on the major office financial incentive program.
- City Council recently approved the creation of a city-CIP program for employment lands focused on a Tax Increment Equivalent Grant for office use.
- This program will allow the City to 'piggy-back' on the Region's program to maximize incentives to new Brampton office users.

### Staff Recommendation:

#### **Support recommendations**

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### Four Pillars of the Federal Budget 2021:

1. Finishing the Fight Against COVID-19
2. Creating Jobs and Growth
3. Resilient and Inclusive Recovery
4. Fair and Responsible Government

The Budget 2021 indicates deficit of \$354.2B for 2020-21 and predicts a deficit of \$154.7B for 2021-22 fiscal year. The deficit is expected to gradual decline to \$30.7B in 2025-26 fiscal year.

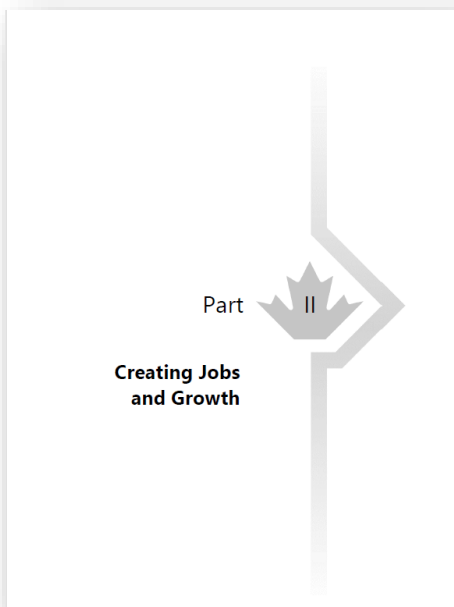




Part I  
Finishing the  
Fight Against  
COVID-19

## Finishing the Fight Against COVID-19

- **National Standards for Long-Term Care:** \$3B/5 years, starting in 2022-23, to support provinces and territories in ensuring standards for long-term care are applied and permanent changes are made.
- **Age Well at Home Initiative:** \$90M/3 years, starting in 2021-22, to launch the Age Well at Home initiative, to help community-based organizations provide practical support for low-income and vulnerable seniors age in place.
- Extending the existing support programs, including:
  - **Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy** and **Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy** (CERS) and Lockdown Support - extending until September 25, 2021
  - **Canada Recovery Benefit** (CRB) - provide up to 12 additional weeks, to maximum of 50 weeks
  - **Canada Recovery Caregiving Benefit** (CRCB) – provide an additional 4 weeks, to a maximum of 42 weeks
  - **Employment Insurance Benefits** (EI) - \$3.9B/3 years, starting in 2021 22, for a suite of legislative changes to make EI more accessible and simple




## Creating Jobs and Growth

- **Establishing a Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care System:** \$27.2B (up to)/5 years, starting in 2021-22 to bring the federal government to a 50/50 share of child care costs with provincial and territorial governments - an average of \$10 a day by 2025-26 for all regulated child care spaces in Canada
- **Canada Recovery Hiring Program (new):** new program for eligible employers that continue to experience qualifying declines in revenues relative to before the pandemic.
- **Affordable Housing:** \$2.5B/7 years, starting in 2021-22 including
  - \$1.5B for the Rapid Housing Initiative to address the urgent housing needs
  - \$600M to renew and expand the Affordable Housing Innovation Fund;
  - \$315.4M years through the Canada Housing Benefit
  - \$118.2M years through the Federal Community Housing Initiative
- **New Permanent Public Transit Fund** (previously announced): \$3B a year in new permanent funding for communities across Canada, beginning in 2026-27.
- **Natural Infrastructure Fund (new):** \$200M/3 years

Additional funding for existing initiatives:

- **Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund (DMAF)** – \$1.4B/12 years
- **Reaching Home: Canada's Homelessness Strategy** – \$567M/2 years
- **Canada Community-Building Fund**

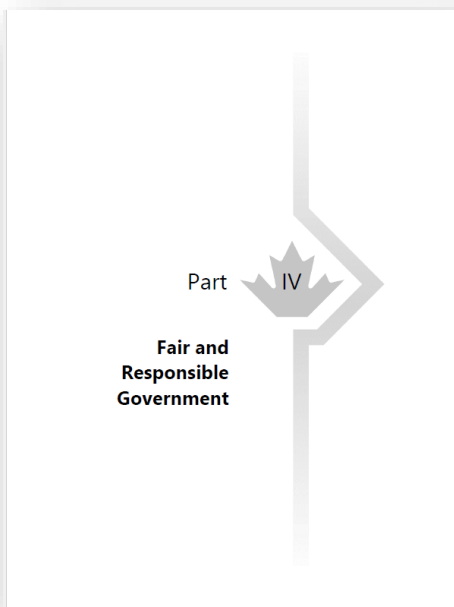




Part  
III  
A Resilient  
and Inclusive  
Recovery

## Resilient and Inclusive Recovery

- **National Framework for Diabetes:** \$25M/5 years, starting in 2021-22, for additional investments for research on diabetes, and prevention, and to work towards the development of a national framework for diabetes.
  - \$10M/5 years, starting in 2021-22, for a new Diabetes Challenge Prize to promote novel approaches to diabetes prevention and interventions.
- **Old Age Security:** Provide a one-time payment of \$500 in August 2021 to OAS pensioners 75+ as of June 2022. Increase regular OAS payments for pensioners 75+ by 10 per cent on an ongoing basis as of July 2022.
- **Black-led Philanthropic Endowment Fund:** \$200M in 2021-22 to establish a new Black-led Philanthropic Endowment Fund led by Black Canadians and that would create a sustainable source of funding, including for Black youth and social purpose organizations.
- **Gun Control:** \$312M/5 years, starting in 2021 22, and \$41.4M ongoing, to implement legislation to help protect Canadians from gun violence.
  - On February 16, 2021, the government introduced legislation to amend the Criminal Code and Firearms Act including *support for handgun bans in our cities*.



**Fair and Responsible Government**

- **Digital Services Tax** (new): Implement a Digital Services Tax at a rate of 3 percent on revenue from digital services that rely on data and content contributions from Canadian users. The tax would apply to large businesses with gross revenue of 750 million euros or more. It would apply as of January 1, 2022, until an acceptable multilateral approach comes into effect.
- **Luxury Tax** (new): Tax on the sales, for personal use, of luxury cars and personal aircraft with a retail sales price over \$100,000, and boats, for personal use, over \$250,000. This measure would come into force on January 1, 2022.
- **Tax on Unproductive Use of Canadian Housing by Foreign Non-resident Owners** (new): A national, annual 1 per cent tax on the value of non-resident, non-Canadian owned residential real estate that is considered to be vacant or underused, effective January 1, 2022.

**April 16, 2021:** Canada and Ontario investing over \$99.4M in 95 projects to improve long-term care homes across Ontario.

- Holland Christian Homes Inc. - Grace Manor is receiving combined \$650,000.

**April 15, 2021:** Announced joint funding for the construction of a new public transit maintenance and storage facility for Brampton's bus fleet. Funding breakdown:

- Government of Canada - \$69.9M
- Government of Ontario - \$58.2M
- City of Brampton - \$46.6M



**April 14, 2021:** Announced the launch of a program across Canada to support green and inclusive community buildings through retrofits, repairs, upgrades, and new builds. As part of the Strengthened Climate Plan, the program will deliver \$1.5 billion in funding over the next five years.

**April 14, 2021:** Announced \$150 million for better ventilation in public buildings to help reduce the risk of aerosol transmission of COVID-19.

**April 13, 2021:** Launched the \$167M *Community Buildings Retrofit* initiative to help communities of all sizes overcome the barriers of limited budgets and expertise when undertaking greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction projects.