



Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
June 9, 2021

**GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS**

BRAMPTON
Flower City



Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, June 10, 2021 9:30 AM | Council agenda is available [here](#).

*Staff from Public Affairs have reviewed the Council agenda.

Item 11.1 Intersection Planning for Safety Based on Vision Zero Principles (For Information)

Overview:

- The report provides an update on intersection planning and operation for Regional roads in keeping with Vision Zero principles.
- Regional staff use the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) warrant process to determine if signals will provide a net safety benefit - includes accounting for special circumstances by examining additional factors using a consistent methodology.
- An appropriate mix of engineering, enforcement, education and empathy countermeasures will help the Region to achieve its Vision Zero and sustainability goals.

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Public Works):

- The City of Brampton is an active stakeholder in the Region's Vision Zero Strategic Plan.
- Brampton undertakes and implements similar countermeasures as outlined in this Report.

Item 14.1 Creating a Welcoming Streets Pilot Program for Brampton (Recommendation)

Overview:

- On November 26, 2020, Regional Council directed staff to investigate the feasibility of a grant program that would support Downtown Brampton business owners with services to include, but not be limited to, additional garbage collection and graffiti clean-up.
- Based on the feasibility study, Regional staff recommend that a “Welcoming Streets” Pilot Program be created
- The report seeks approval to provide one-time funding to the City of Brampton, to hire two program staff for a one-year pilot program, to a maximum of \$250,000.

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning & Economic Development Office):

- The City staff took part in meetings with the Regional staff and provided input to the program design.
- During the pilot program period, Regional staff and City of Brampton staff will monitor the pilot program outcomes and come back to Council with recommendations for the 2023 budget deliberations.
- The pilot program complements the City staff work to address broader issues in downtown Brampton.

Staff Recommendation

Support the recommendation

June 2, 2021: Local school-based pop-up locations in Peel offer expanded options for COVID-19 vaccine to youth. As of Saturday June 5, 2021, youth 12 to 17 in the Region of Peel can receive their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at a variety of school pop-up locations.

Take care
get vaccinated



School Pop-Up Clinics include:

- École Secondaire Catholique Sainte-Famille (June 5)
- Stephen Lewis Secondary School (June 5)
- Iona Catholic Secondary School (June 6)
- **Fletcher's Meadow Secondary School, Brampton (June 12)**
- St. Michael Catholic Secondary School (June 13)
- Ascension of Our Lord Secondary School (June 19)

Remote learning to continue
across Ontario for the
remainder of school year

#KeepingKidsSafe



Modernizing Blue Box
programs and services



June 4, 2021: Expanding its support for long-term care residents by investing \$9 million more in existing Behavioural Specialized Units and for the addition of up to 82 new specialized spaces across the province this year.

June 3, 2021: Released the regulation to transition the Blue Box to full producer responsibility. This transition will occur between July 1st, 2023 and the end of 2025.

June 2, 2021: Announced the continuation of remote learning for all elementary and secondary students across the province for the remainder of this school year.

June 1, 2021: Providing over \$31 million to help improve access to specialized mental health treatment services, reduce waitlists and wait times, and support the mental health and wellbeing of children and youth by addressing the increased demand for services during COVID-19.

Based on the province wide vaccination rate and continuing improvements in key public health and health system indicators, the Province will move into Step One of its Roadmap to Reopen at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 11, 2021.

June 4, 2021: Announced investment of up to \$54.9 million in 58 community-based climate action initiatives from across Canada to build capacity and awareness for local action on climate change.

June 3, 2021: Announced \$240,000 in funding to the National Educational Association of Disabled Students (NEADS) which will benefit an estimated 40,000 recipients with non-permanent disabilities each year.

June 2, 2021: Announced a new Canada recovery hiring program to help hard-hit businesses hire the workers they need to recover and grow as local economies reopen.

- The Business Credit Availability Program and Highly Affected Sectors Credit Availability Program are being extended to December 31, 2021.

June 1, 2021: Investing over \$130 million to provide young people who are facing barriers with good jobs and the supports and skills training they need to join the workforce.





City of Brampton Advocacy Priorities

- Key advocacy priorities include:
 - Transit
 - Higher-Order Transit
 - Active Transportation
 - Climate Change Adaptation, Resilience, and Public Health
 - Economic Development and Recovery
- The City of Brampton advocacy materials have been shared Brampton Members of Parliament (MPs)
 - Public Affairs team is working to facilitate an update meeting with Brampton MPs
- Public Affairs staff participated in a range of workshops and learning sessions focused on opportunities to advance City priorities and secure funding.

FCM Governance Update

Board of Directors

Rowena Santos, Brampton Regional Councillor has been re-elected to FCM Board of Directors.

FCM President

Joanne Vanderheyden, Mayor of Strathroy-Caradoc was acclaimed as FCM's new president. Delegates also elected three Vice-Presidents:

- First Vice-President: Taneen Rudyk, Councillor, Town of Vegreville, AB
- Second Vice-President: Scott Pearce, Mayor of Canton of Gore, QC
- Third Vice-President: Geoff Stewart, Deputy Mayor of Colchester County, NS

Big City Mayors Caucus

Mike Savage, Mayor of Halifax was elected as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Chair of the Big City Mayors' Caucus (BCMC). Mayor Savage succeeds Edmonton Mayor Don Iveso.

The caucus also elected two vice-chairs:

- Valérie Plante, Mayor of Montréal
- Charlie Clark, Mayor of Saskatoon.



Regional Councillor
Rowena Santos
Wards 1 & 5

Policy Advocacy & Resolution

On June 3, delegates attending the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) 2021 Annual Conference debated and passed four (4) critical resolutions on issues of concern for municipalities and local governments.

1. Strengthening Canada's hate speech laws
2. Emergency federal support for inter-community passenger bus service
3. Expand the Rural & Remote stream of the Reaching Home program
4. Preventing accidental 9-1-1 calls on personal devices

The resolutions process ensures FCM's policy remains current with membership and the challenges municipal leaders face on the ground as they work to serve their communities.

City staff work with FCM to leverage the association's expertise and advocacy capacity to identify common priorities and align advocacy efforts.



AMO 2021 Conference: Program Update

Delegation Meetings

The City has requested nine (9) Delegation meetings with the government Minister.

Additionally delegations with the Leaders of the Opposition Parties have been requested:

- Ontario NDP Caucus (Official Opposition) – Andrew Horwath, Leader
- Ontario Liberal Party – Stephen Del Duca, Leader
- Green Party of Ontario – Mike Schreiner, Leader

Advocacy

The Public Affairs team has begun preparations for the conference and will continue to provide Members of Council with regular updates.

The Public Affairs team is working with the Region of Peel to coordinate advocacy efforts.