



Government Relations Matters

**Committee of Council
September 8, 2021**

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Regional Council Meeting

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

The Public Affairs team reviewed the Regional Council agenda and engaged with relevant department staff.

Item 7.1: Adverse Impacts of The International Student Program in Peel Region (Delegation)

Overview:

- Delegation by Punjabi Community Health Services and One Voice Canada

City of Brampton Staff Comments (Planning):

- The City has established a “Brampton Town and Gown Committee” to review and work on student issues, possibly including housing. The Committee includes representation from the major post-secondary institutions, three Councillors and city staff.
- Staff are preparing a report to Council recommending an approach towards lodging houses in Brampton. A Lodging House Steering Committee comprised of multiple city departments is working to finalize the City’s approach.
- At this year’s AMO, the City requested that the Ministry of Colleges and Universities and Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship strike a task force with the City of Brampton and educational institutions to develop solutions and coordinate existing programs to address safe and affordable housing for international students and related impacts on City infrastructure.

Region of Peel Establishing Employee Vaccination Policy

Thanks to the commitment and vigilance of our staff, we have been able to maintain most of our services throughout the pandemic. This policy is meant to encourage our staff to get vaccinated to help our community find a path back to normal.

— Chief Administrative Officer, Janice Baker



August 27, 2021: Today, the Region of Peel announced it will require all Regional employees to disclose and provide documentation of their COVID-19 vaccination status. An Employee Vaccination policy, expected to be in effect by the end of October, will ensure that Regional staff can continue to serve the Peel community in a way that protects them and those around them from COVID-19.

Employees who are not fully vaccinated will be required to complete educational programming about the benefits of the COVID-19 vaccination. They will also need to provide regular negative COVID tests.

September 01, 2021: the Province will require people to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings starting September 22, 2021.

As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated and provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access:

- Restaurants, bars and nightclubs
- Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres;
- Facilities used for sports and fitness activities
- Sporting events;
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments;
- Concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas;

Between September 22 and October 12, 2021, people attending wedding or funeral receptions at meeting or event spaces will be able to provide a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test from no more than 48 hours before the event as an alternative to proof of vaccination.

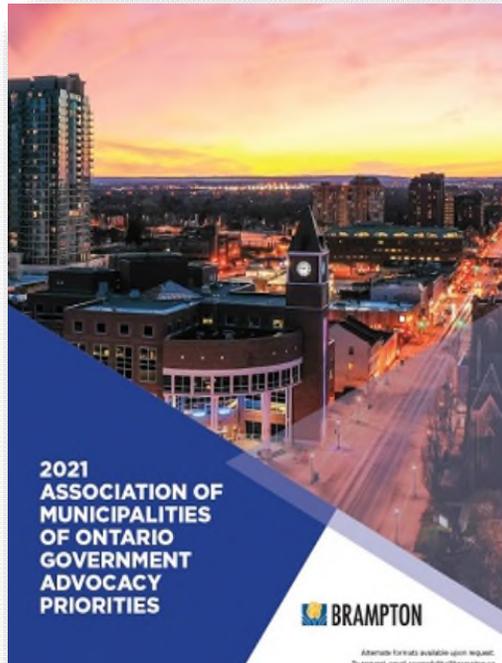


On September 3, 2021 the Ontario Legislature has been prorogued until after the Federal election.

44th Federal General Election is Monday September 20, 2021

- The City has launched “**City of Brampton Federal Priorities**” web page.
 - The Public Affairs team is working with the Mayor’s Office on engagement with local candidates and advocacy for priority initiatives.
- The Brampton Board of Trade’s Federal Candidate Debate
 - Takes place on Thursday September 9
 - Local candidates, from represented parties in the House of Commons, will engage in discussion with Brampton businesses district-by-district.





AMO 2021 Conference: Summary

Delegation Meetings

The City delegation participated in eight (8) meetings with the Provincial government Ministers

Additionally delegations with the Leaders of the Opposition Parties also took place:

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

Advocacy & Engagement

Advocacy issues included transit and higher order transit, infrastructure, health care, environment and economic development and growth.

The Public Affairs team is working with the Mayor's Office on follow-up correspondence and continued engagement.



Municipal Cyber Security Forum

The Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Municipal Information Systems Association of Ontario (MISA ON) will co-host the second annual Municipal Cyber Security Forum.

Information from leading cyber experts on how you can build cyber security resiliency across your municipal organization.

Date: Thursday, October 14, 2021 – 9.30am to 1.30pm

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, October 13, 2021

Registration on-line: \$50.00 plus HST



September 2, 2021: **Frontline Solutions for Canada's Recovery**

- FCM's proposals for federal parties in advance of the 44th Federal Election..
- These recommendations leverage municipal and federal leadership to drive sustainable growth and build better lives for Canadians. They include:
 - Frontline solutions to the housing crisis
 - Frontline solutions to the climate crisis
 - Digital inclusion for all Canadians
 - Frontline community investment



August 31, 2021: **Sustainable Communities Conference 2021**

- Municipal leaders, staff, and community partners learn best practices and gain new insights on most pressing sustainability challenges.
 - **Date:** October 19-21, 2021
 - **Registration on-line:** \$250 for FCM members, \$325 for non-members.

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Thank You!

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