



Government Relations Matters

**Committee of Council
February 2, 2022**

**GOVERNMENT
RELATIONS**

Planning and Growth Management Committee

Thursday, 2 February 2022 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee

Thursday, 2 February 2022 @ 1:00 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

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

5.1 Peel 2051: Official Plan Review and Municipal Comprehensive Review Comment Response Summary and next steps

Overview:

- Regional report provides an overview of key comments received, regional staff responses and proposed revisions to draft Peel 2051 policies and mapping recommended
- Discussions remain ongoing with local area municipalities with policies and mapping updated based on the results of these discussions
- Final report to Regional Council planned before the end of Spring 2022 with recommendation to adopt a new Regional Official Plan, to be submitted to the Province prior to July 1, 2022

January 31, 2022: First stage of Ontario’s gradual easing of public health measures.

Ontario cautiously and gradually easing public health measures



January 31

- Social gathering limit of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors
- Capacity limit of 50% in indoor public settings, including restaurants
- Spectator capacity limit of 50% or 500 people (whichever is less) at facilities such as sporting events and concert venues



February 21

- Social gathering limit of 25 people indoors and 100 people outdoors
- Removing capacity limits in indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required
- Capacity limit of 50% at spectator events, including sporting events and concert venues
- Increasing indoor capacity limits to 25% in higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including nightclubs



March 14

- Increase social gathering limits to 50 people indoors with no limits for outdoor gatherings
- Lifting capacity limits in all indoor public settings. Proof of vaccination will be maintained in existing settings.
- Lifting remaining capacity limits on religious services

Effective January 31, 2022:

- Social gathering limits of 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors
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Dates are subject to stable or improving health indicators



January 28, 2022: Provincial Government doubled funding for the Indigenous Community Capital Grants Program from \$3.0 million to \$6.0 million. The 2022-2023 application period is now open and will close on February 18, 2022

January 27, 2022: Government of Ontario investing \$18 million over two years to help 18 municipalities improving aging and outdated storm and wastewater infrastructure. The Region of Peel is included within the identified 18 municipalities.

January 31, 2022 As part of the \$85 million in new funding announced to reduce immigration application inventories in the Economic and Fiscal Update 2021, the Government of Canada announced these funds will support additional staff to return to processing service standards in various programs by the end of the year. In addition, digital solutions will be developed and expanded to reduce in-person engagements and shorten wait times.

January 28, 2022 The federal government announced the second round of applications is open under the \$200 million Low Carbon Economy Fund's Champions stream that supports the transformational projects that significantly decrease greenhouse gas emissions and create jobs

The federal government announced its intention to appoint a special representative on combatting Islamophobia as part of a renewed Government of Canada Anti-Racism Strategy. Details relating to the special representative to be confirmed at a later date.

January 27, 2022 The Government of Canada launched a call for applications for projects supporting public transit systems across Canada under the \$2.75 billion Zero Emission Transit Fund and \$400 million Active Transportation Fund. Both programs are accepting applications under the planning and capital streams.



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January 28, 2022: Working with the Ontario Association of Fire Chiefs, AMO is reviewing proposed regulations and part of provincial consultation into a proposed firefighter certification model. The focus will be as to whether this certification process will create additional training or new cost pressures on municipal fire services



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January 26, 2022: AMO delivered its pre-budget submission to the provincial Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. Comments included a focus on a provincial budget that continues to address pandemic-related municipal costs; does not impose new unfunded responsibilities upon municipalities; and accounts for inflation in cost-share programs



January 26, 2022: FCM's Big City Mayors' Caucus issued a statement calling on the federal government, in partnership with provincial governments, to cover 2022 transit operating shortfalls. Municipalities across Canada continue to face transit related financial pressures as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and associated ridership and farebox revenue shortfalls.