

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
February 16, 2022



Diversity, Equity, and Anti-Racism Committee

Thursday, 17 February 2022 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee

Thursday, 17 February 2022 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting Agenda is available [here](#)

Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, 17 February 2022 @ 1:30 PM | Meeting Agenda is available [here](#)

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

6.1 Peel's Approach to Indigenous Engagement

Overview:

- To date, the Region of Peel's engagement with Indigenous community agencies and residents has been ad-hoc and siloed across the organization
- The Region of Peel has established collaborative working relationships with Indigenous community partners through its mass vaccination planning
- Building on success achieved through the Region's mass vaccination planning, meetings have begun with the objective of understanding what an Indigenous-centred approach to working with Indigenous communities in supportive and sustainable ways, would look like

Staff Comments:

- The City of Brampton has engaged in discussions with Indigenous governments/bands, other municipalities including the Town of Caledon and other levels of government to learn best practices and pathways going forward.
- A City working group has been created to develop a coordinated approach throughout the organization and to work positively with Indigenous governments and bands to advocate for truth and reconciliation beyond regulatory compliance
- The City has delivered training on Duty to Consult in November 2021 in collaboration with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

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 17

- Social gathering limit of 50 people indoors and 100 people outdoors
- Capacity limit of 50 people indoors, and no limit outdoors for organized public events
- Lifting capacity limits in select indoor public settings where proof of vaccination is required
- Capacity limit of 50% at spectator events, including sporting events and concert venues



March 1


- Lifting capacity limits in all indoor public settings
- Lifting proof of vaccination requirements

Dates are subject to stable or improving health indicators.





Provincial Government


Updates



Starting February 18,
youth aged 12 to 17 will
be eligible to book their
COVID-19 booster doses



**Expanding access
to free rapid tests**



**Ontario is extending
the health card
renewal requirement
until September 30**

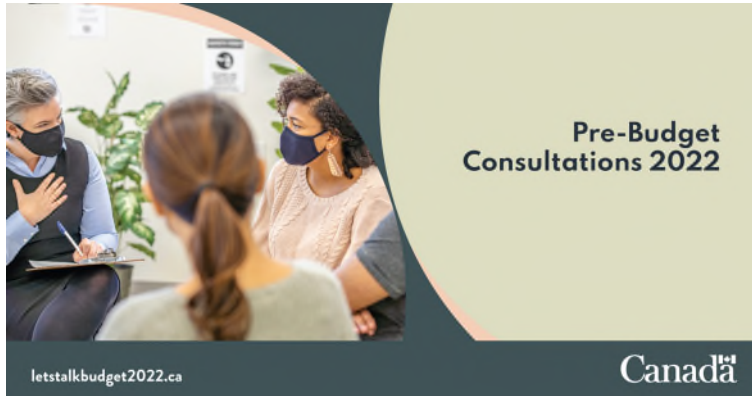


February 14, 2022 Effective February 18, booster dose eligibility is expanded to include youth aged 12 to 17 years of age.

February 11, 2022 Government of Ontario declares State of Emergency to end protest-related disruptions to protect international border crossings and transportation infrastructure

February 9, 2022 Ontario Government distributing 5.0 million free rapid COVID-19 test kits to pharmacies and grocery stores across the province each week with one test kit permitted per household

The requirement to renew health cards in Ontario has been extended to September 30, 2022



The City's Federal Pre-Budget Submission will be submitted by February 25, 2022 and will include the following advocacy topics:

- Transit
- Active Transportation
- Climate Change – Adaption & Resilience
- Economic Growth
- Housing

On February 9, 2022, the federal government is extended the Local Lockdown Program and Canada Worker Lockdown Benefit by one month to March 12, 2022. The programs assists employers and workers affected by workplace capacity limitations

Advocacy

Government Relations

Automobile Insurance – Bill 42, Ending Discrimination in Automobile

Ryerson University Partnership: Meetings & Shared Advocacy

Submitted Provincial Pre-Budget Submission on February 11, 2022

University of Guelph-Humber: Government Relations Team Collaboration

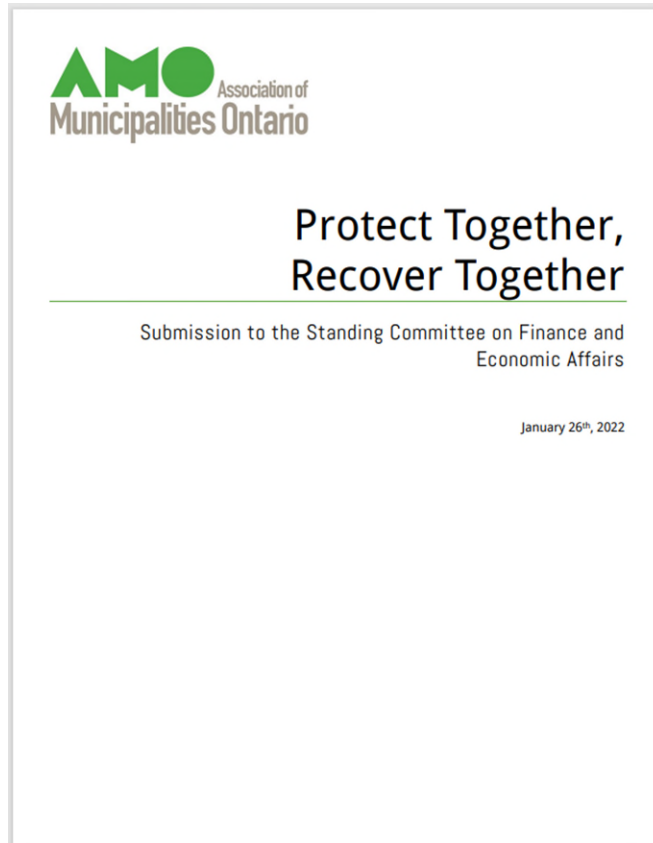
Update on Sponsorship and Grants Activities

William Osler Health System: Shared Advocacy

Association of Municipalities Ontario



Call to Re-Examine Hospital Capital Funding



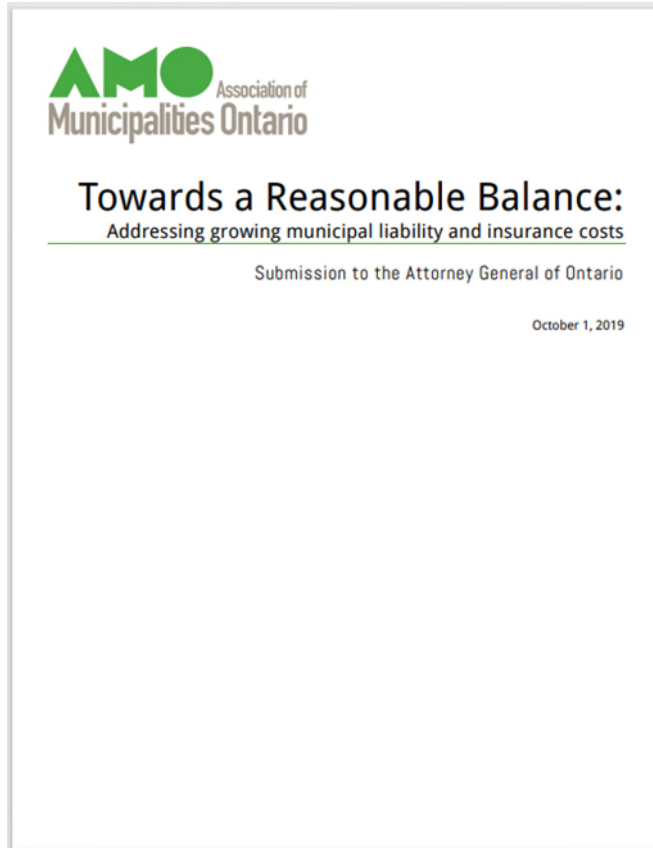
- AMO’s provincial pre-budget submission included a call to re-examine and re-evaluate the local funding of provincial hospitals
- The submission highlights the impact of the “local share” capital donations in funding hospital construction and expansion.
- On February 8, AMO released a proposed resolution for municipalities to consider in support of their call for the provincial government to re-examine hospital capital funding

**The public affairs team is reviewing the proposed resolution with City staff and will provide further information for Council’s consideration on March 2, 2022*

Association of Municipalities Ontario



Call to Action on Joint & Several Liability



- In 2018, Premier Ford committed to reviewing the matter of Municipal Joint and Several Liability with a review being conducted in 2019. The results are forthcoming
- To help drive the policy discussion, AMO submitted [*Towards a Reasonable Balance – Addressing Growing Municipal Liability and Insurance Costs*](#) in October 2019
- AMO is now asking for municipal councils to lend their support to the 7 recommendations contained in the AMO submission to re-establish the priority for provincial action

THANK YOU!

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