



# **Government Relations Matters**

**City Council**  
**October 28, 2020**

**ROPA 30 Appeals Oversight Committee (R30AOC)**

Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM

*Agenda not available at time of preparing this presentation*

**Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee (WMSAC)**

Thursday, October 29, 2020 at 11:00 AM

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**October 27, 2020:** Mayor Brown hosted Premier Doug Ford, Minister of Health Christine Elliott, Associate Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria joined Mayor Patrick Brown, and Dr. Naveed Mohammed, President & CEO, William Osler Health System, to announce an additional \$116.5M to create up to 766 more beds at 32 hospital and alternate health facilities across the province.

## Taking further action to address COVID-19 hotspots



- William Osler Health System will receive up to 87 beds, including 41 at Brampton Civic Hospital, to help alleviate hospital capacity pressures, reduce wait times and prepare for any surges in COVID-19 cases
- "Today's announcement is good news for Brampton residents," said Patrick Brown, Mayor of Brampton. "Our City Council declared a health care emergency and the 87 new patient beds at the William Osler Health System will help alleviate capacity pressures. I want to thank Premier Ford for responding to our concerns with a positive step in the right direction."
- In total, the province is investing \$351M for more than 2,250 new beds at 57 hospital and alternate health facilities across the province.

**October 22, 2020:** introduced *Bill 222: Ontario Rebuilding and Recovery Act, 2020*, which, if passed, would accelerate the building of key infrastructure projects, transportation and transit projects, and affordable housing. Key proposals

- Expand designations for major provincial transit projects to streamline project management and accelerating development as under the *Building Transit Faster Act*.
- Amend the *Transit Oriented Communities Act* to exempt Hearings of Necessity under the *Expropriations Act* for provincial transit projects and allows the government to pursue new types of commercial arrangements.
- Signaled the potential use of Minister's Zoning Orders to facilitate building of long-term care residences.
- Leverage recent apprenticeship system investments to build a workforce pipeline in the skilled trades

**October 22, 2020:** Investing \$410,000 in surveillance technology to help Peel Regional Police deter aggressive driving and gun and gang violence along the Highways 410 and 403.



## Government announces new support for businesses



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**October 20, 2020:** Announced an investment of \$12M in the Canada United Small Business Relief Fund. Applications opened on October 26th, and support small businesses across sectors and industries with grants of up to \$5,000.

**October 21, 2020:** Launched an appointment process for the National Seniors Council, which advises on current and emerging issues and opportunities related to the quality of life and well being of seniors. Applications are due by November 1, 2020.

**October 27, 2020:** Launched the Rapid Housing Initiative that will invest \$1B to create up to 3,000 new permanent, affordable housing units across Canada.

- Quickly develop new new modular multi-unit rentals, convert non-residential buildings into affordable multi-residential homes, and rehabilitate buildings that are abandoned or in disrepair into affordable multi-residential homes.
- Region of Peel has been allocated \$30.4M through the Major Cities Stream.