



Government Relations Matters

City Council
October 14, 2020



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Government Relations Committee (Select Agenda Items)
Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 11:00 AM
Committee agenda is available [here](#).

6.1 Update on the Region of Peel's Advocacy Priorities

Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee (Select Agenda Items)
Thursday, October 15, 2020 at 1:30 PM
Committee agenda is available [here](#).

5.3: Angela's Place – Conversion to Permanent Housing

6.1 Update on the Region of Peel’s Advocacy Priorities (For Information)

Overview

- The report provides a summary of 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference.
- An update of Region of Peel advocacy activities is provided, including advocacy related to the impacts of COVID-19.

City of Brampton (Comments from Public Affairs)

- Provides an overview of well established Regional advocacy positions, while recognizing recent advocacy efforts have been focused on advancing Council endorsed positions including:
 - Federal and Provincial Funding for Associated COVID-19 Costs & Stimulus Infrastructure Funding
 - Provincial Inquiry into Long-Term Care
 - Provide Service Managers the funding and flexibility for affordable housing
 - Maintaining a strong Early years and Child Care System
 - Mental Health & Addictions
 - Sustainable Funding to Support Peel’s Strategy to Address Human Sex Trafficking
- Identifies upcoming advocacy opportunities, including quarterly meetings with Peel MPs/MPPs, 2020 Provincial Budget and Federal Fiscal Update

City Staff Recommendation

Receive Report

5.3: Angela's Place – Conversion to Permanent Housing (Recommendation Report)

Overview

- On October 7, 2020, the Peel Housing Corporation (PHC) approved the Regional recommendation to use Angela's Place for permanent affordable housing for families experiencing homelessness.
- Under the new model, PHC will continue to manage the property and be responsible for capital planning and asset management. If approved by Regional Council, the new model will be operational as of the end of Q2 2021.

City of Brampton (Comments from Planning)

- This proposed new service delivery model will demonstrate PHC's ability to deliver innovative operational supports with improved outcomes.
- An evaluation within 3-5 years is recommended to assess the effectiveness of using Angela's Place for permanent housing for families experiencing homelessness.
- The project will continue to be funded within the existing budget for Angela's Place.

City Staff Recommendation

Support the recommendation

Provincial Government Updates

Supporting affected businesses



Recovery support for your small business



October 9, 2020: \$300M in funding for small businesses impacted by additional public health measures.

- Funding to help with fixed costs: property taxes, hydro and natural gas bills.

October 9, 2020: introducing additional targeted public health measures in the Ottawa, Peel, and Toronto:

- Prohibiting indoor food and drink service in restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments, including nightclubs and food court areas in malls
- Closing of indoor gyms, casinos, indoor cinemas, performing arts venues.

*Effective Saturday, October 10, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. for a minimum of 28 days.

October 8, 2020: announced \$9M through the new Reconnect Festival and Event Program, offering non-capital funding to in-person and online events.

October 7, 2020: Introduced Bill 215: Main Street Recovery Act, 2020, if passed the bill will assist businesses in recovery from financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic – part of the \$60M Ontario's Main Street Recovery Plan.

October 6, 2020: Introduced Bill 213: Better for People, Smarter for Business Act, if passed the bill intends to modernize regulations, digitize processes, reduce costs, and strengthen economy recovery.



Protecting Canadians from COVID-19

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October 9, 2020: announced intention to introduce new, targeted supports to help businesses and other organizations experiencing a drop in revenue as a result of COVID-19 mitigation measures. The government plans to introduce legislation to provide support through:

- New *Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy*, which would provide simple and easy-to-access rent and mortgage support until June 2021
- Top-up Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy of 25 per cent for organizations temporarily shut down by a mandatory public health order
- Extension of the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy until June 2021
- Expanded Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA), which would enable the eligible businesses, and not-for-profits to access an interest-free loan of up to \$20,000, in addition to the original CEBA loan of \$40,000.



October 9, 2020: FCM released the Board of Directors voting results. Regional Councillor Rowena Santos, has been elected to the Ontario Caucus, by the registered voters.

Councillor Santos' name will go forward for ratification at FCM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) on October 15, 2020.