

# Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council  
November 23, 2022



**The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 8, 2022.**

## **Regional Council - Inaugural Meeting**

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

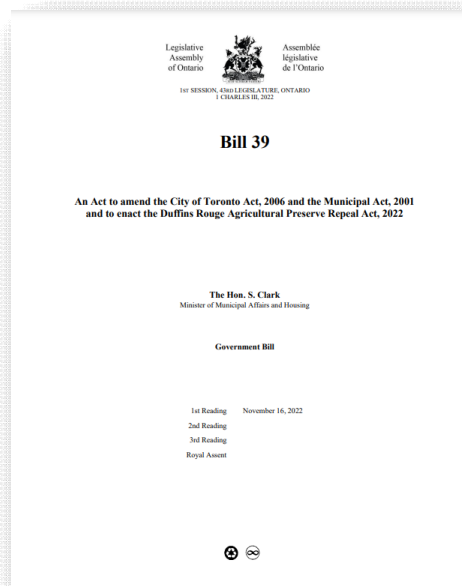
### Meeting Agenda

(Highlights)

- Introduction of 2022 - 2026 Regional Councillors
- Appointment of Regional Chair\*
- Addresses by the Chair and Regional Officials (Mayors)

\* Bill 39 introduced on November 16, 2022 stipulates that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing would appoint the Chair of the Region of Peel.

## Bill 39, Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022



### November 16, 2022: Better Municipal Governance Act, 2022

- Bill 39 includes proposed changes to the Municipal Act, the City of Toronto Act and other Acts;
- Provincially-appointed facilitators will assess the regional governments in Durham, Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York;
- Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to reappoint the existing chairs: in Niagara, Peel and in York;
- Enabling the Mayors of Toronto and Ottawa to propose and amend certain municipal by-laws related to prescribed provincial priorities with more than one third Council voting in favor.



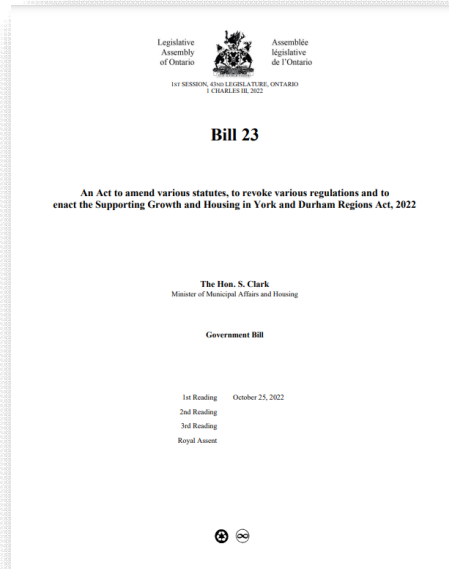
### November 14, 2022: Fall Economic Statement

- Anticipating a \$12.9 B deficit this fiscal year, following a \$2.1 B surplus in 2021-22. Forecasting deficits of \$8.1 B in 2023–24 and \$0.7 B in 2024–25.
- Additional \$40 M in 2022–23, for a total of \$145 M for the latest round of funding in the *Skills Development Fund*.
- *Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)*: increasing the monthly earnings exemption from \$200 to \$1,000 per month.
  - Adjust core allowances under the ODSP to inflation annually, beginning in July 2023.
- Proposing to double the *Guaranteed Annual Income System* payment for all recipients for 12 months starting January 2023
- Extending the cuts to the gas tax and fuel tax: the rate of tax on gasoline and fuel (diesel) to remain at 9 cents per litre until December 31, 2023

This year Fall Economic Statement also includes the *Building Ontario* progress report.



## Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

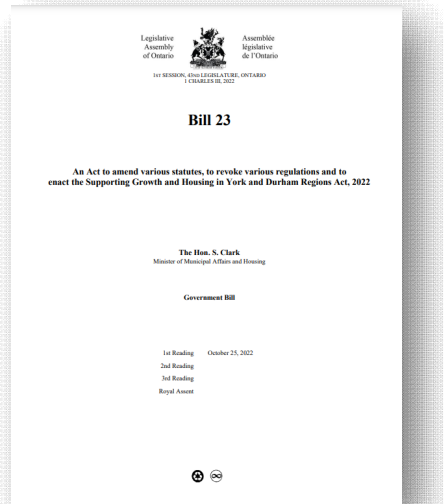


### October 25, 2022: Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

- ❖ Amends the Planning Act, the Development Charges Act and other acts.
- ❖ The stated intention to streamline housing development and increase housing supply.
- ❖ Bill 23 assigns to Brampton a target of 113,000 new units by 2031.
  - This number exceeds the City's entire growth allocation for the next 30 years
  - Adds approximately 400,000 new residents to Brampton within nine years.

Currently there are approximately 9,000 units in Brampton and 20,000 units in Mississauga that, despite having received all approvals, are not yet under construction.

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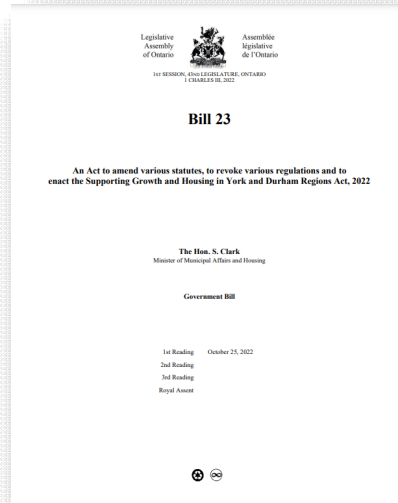


### Changes to Municipal Funding

Significant changes to the funding that Brampton can receive from the development community to pay for growth and parkland:

- Mandatory phase-in of new Development Charges (DC) rates over a 5-year period with a percentage reduction each year over a five year period – 20% during the first year, 15% the second year, 10% the third year and 5% the fourth year the DC By-law is in effect;
- Capping the maximum amount of land to be conveyed for parkland, freezing parkland rates at the rate in effect at rezoning/site plan approval, and decreasing the maximum alternative dedication rate;
- Municipalities to spend or allocate 60% of parkland reserve funds annually and spend at least 60% of DC reserves for priority services.

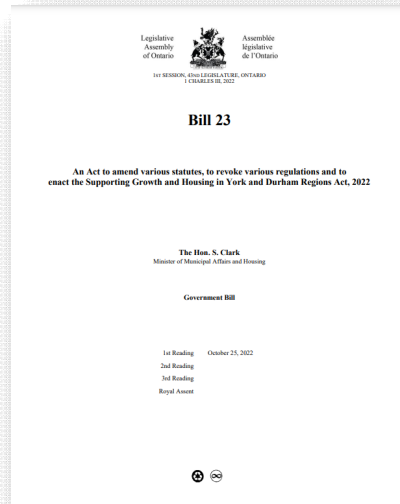
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### Changes to Municipal Planning

- Removing the Region of Peel's approval powers related to Official Plans, plans of subdivision/consents to sever, and making the Minister the approval authority for Brampton Plan and future amendments
- Removing third party appeals to the Ontario Land Tribunal
- Greatly limiting the ability for the Conservation Authorities to comment on development applications
- Mandating “as-of-right” zoning for up to three residential units within a detached, semi-detached, or rowhouse, to support intensification
- Requiring municipalities to update their zoning to provide “as of right” permissions to meet the minimum density targets for Protected Major Transit Station Areas (MTSAs) within one year of the MTSA being approved

## Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022



### Other Proposed Changes

- Amendments to the Greenbelt Plan
- Proposed review and integration of the Provincial Policy Statement and Growth Plan through a province-wide planning policy instrument
- Proposed updates to the Ontario Wetland Evaluation System
- Consultation on proposed changes to the Ontario Building Code
- Consumer protection legislation for new home buyers from developers canceling projects or terminating purchasing agreements

The new proposed legislation is accompanied by public consultations through numerous postings on the Environmental Registry of Ontario and Ontario Regulatory Registry.





### November 3, 2022: Fall Economic Statement

The government outlined predictions for the 'soft and hard landing' scenarios in regards to the country's economic performance:

| Soft Landing         | Hard Landing         |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| GDP slows to 0.7%    | GDP shrinks -0.9%    |
| Jobless rate of 6.1% | Jobless rate of 6.6% |
| Deficit of -\$36.8B  | Deficit of -\$49.1B  |

- Eliminate interest on all student loans and apprentice loans in Canada, including those currently being repaid, beginning on April 1, 2023.
- Launch the new Canada Growth Fund to reduce GHG emissions, grow the economy, and create good jobs.
- Introduce major investment tax credits for clean technologies and clean hydrogen (30% of the capital cost of investments)



### **Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022**

AMO was not provided an opportunity to present to the Legislature's Standing Committee on Heritage and Culture during its review of Bill 23.

The AMO submission with comments on Bill 23 was shared with all MPPs.

Bill 23 includes several key concerns:

- changes to infrastructure financing that would shift costs from developers to municipalities;
- changes to municipal governance and municipal planning approvals, the legislative proposals strip municipalities of the tools required to manage growth deliberately and responsibly;
- serious risks to the environment and human health.

### **Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting**

- November 25, 2022 in Toronto



## Bill 23, More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022

Mayor Cam Guthrie made a presentation to the Standing Committee on Heritage, Infrastructure and Cultural Policy. Mayor Guthrie's indicated that OBCM supports the governments' goal of building 1.5 million homes over the next 10 years. OBCM made the following three requests:

- That the proposed changes to DC's and Parkland Dedication rates be reviewed through the Housing Supply Action Plan Implementation Team to better understand the impact on municipal revenues.
- That all housing partners, not just municipalities, sign pledges setting out the actions each partner must take to ensure that all partners are held accountable if targets are not met.
- That the Province extend the commenting periods for the more than 20 regulatory and environmental registry postings and continue consultations with municipalities.



### Big City Mayors Caucus

- December 5, 2022 in Ottawa

### 2022 Advocacy Days

- December 6-7, 2022 in Ottawa
  - Infrastructure
  - Resilient communities
  - Housing affordability

### Upcoming Board of Directors Meeting

- December 8, 2022 in Ottawa

### 2023 Sustainable Communities Conference

- February 7 – 10, 2023, Ottawa and online
- Early-bird registration available till December 16, 2022





THANK YOU!

