

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
March 1, 2023



### **Government Relations Committee**

Thursday, 2 March 2023 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

### **Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee**

Thursday, 2 March 2023 @ 1:00 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

*The Government Relations team reviewed the committee agendas  
and engaged with relevant department staff.*

### **7.1 Update on Region of Peel Advocacy Priorities (For Information)**

#### Summary:

- The staff report provides a high-level overview on the status of the Region of Peel key advocacy priorities.

#### Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The report provides an update on some of the key legislative changes with significant impacts to municipalities such as Bill 23, the More Homes Built Faster Act and Bill 39, the Better Municipal Governance Act, the forthcoming regional governance review and provincial actions to improve health care delivery and wait times.
- The report includes appendices, with a detailed updated to Peel's advocacy positions, and the Regional pre-budget submissions.
- A number of relevant Regional key advocacy positions are in line with Brampton's advocacy and the GR staff are in ongoing contact to enable collaboration and joint advocacy work.

#### Staff Recommendation:

- Receive the report.

### **7.2 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference (Recommendation)**

#### Summary:

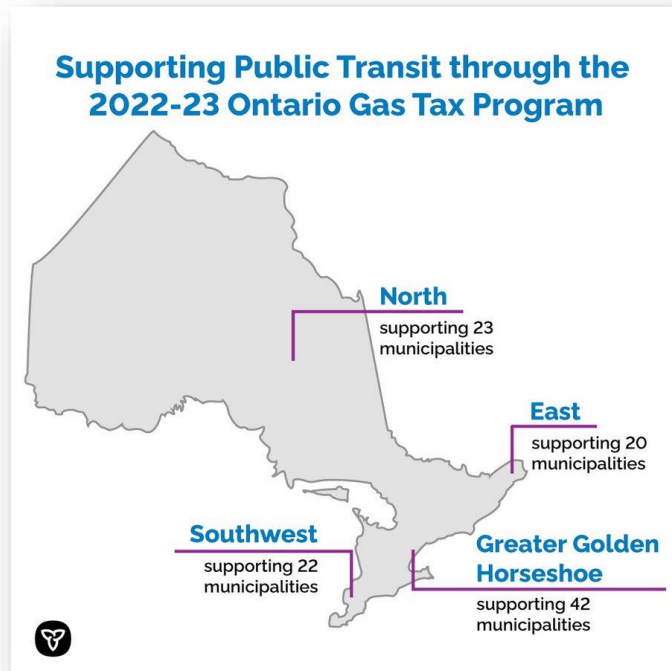
- The report outlines the proposed Regional approach to advocacy activities during the 2023 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference and AGM.
- The regional staff propose July 13, 2023 for an opportunity to review the proposed advocacy priorities and draft advocacy materials.

#### Staff Comments (Government Relations):

- The recommendation report includes an overview of the proposed Region of Peel advocacy positions for 2023 AMO Conference including municipal fiscal sustainability, funding for infrastructure, affordable housing, supports for community-based care, and investments in sustainable communities.
- The regional advocacy themes are in-line and support the City of Brampton advocacy work.
- The GR staff continue to engage with the Region to maximize the impact of joint advocacy efforts and secure positive action by the Province.

#### Staff Recommendation:

- Support the recommendation.



### February 23, 2023: Provincial Gas Tax Funding Allocations 2022-23

- Province announced allocations of more than \$379.5 million through the Provincial Gas Tax to support transit operations and improvements for 107 municipalities across the province.
- To make up for reduced gas sales due to the pandemic, this year's gas tax program includes one-time additional funding of \$80 million.
- **The City of Brampton 2022-23 allocation is \$16,182,094** (Brampton's 2021-22 allocation was \$ 15,625,839).
- The funding can be used to extend service hours, buy transit vehicles, add routes, improve accessibility or upgrade infrastructure.

The 2023 Ontario Budget will be tabled on Thursday March 23, 2023.



### **February 23, 2023: Government of Canada and Ontario Reach Agreement in Principle to Improve Health Services**

- Investment of \$73.97 billion in federal funding over 10 years in Ontario.
- Includes \$8.413 billion for a new bilateral agreement focused on the four shared health care priorities:
  - access to high-quality family health services;
  - a resilient and supported health workforce;
  - access to timely, equitable, and quality mental health, substance abuse services;
  - access to electronic health information.
- \$776 million in one-time Canada Health Transfer (CHT) top-up for urgent needs, especially in pediatric hospitals and emergency rooms, and long wait times for surgeries.

### **February 23, 2023: *An Immigration System for Canada's Future Engagement***

- Announced the start of a broad-based engagement initiative.
- Also be launching a survey, to be available to the public later in March in addition to the dialogue sessions and thematic workshops with stakeholders.



### AMO Updates

- A Call to the Provincial government to End Homelessness in Ontario.
- **The Peter J. Marshall Municipal Innovation Award**
  - recognizes municipal governments that demonstrate excellence in the use of innovative approaches to improve capital and/or operating efficiency and to generate effectiveness through alternative service delivery initiatives and partnerships.
  - Submissions for the 2023 PJ Marshall Award are due by May 26, 2023.



### 2023 Annual Conference & Trade Show

- The Conference theme is *Local action, national results*.
  - When: **May 25-28, 2023**
  - Where: **Metro Conference Center, Toronto**
  - Registration opened: **February 21, 2023, 2 p.m.**
  - Early-bird pricing until: **April 21, 2023**
  - Registration fee: \$985 (early-bird); \$1,161 (regular)
- The conference program includes policy discussions, workshops, study tours and networking opportunities, and advocacy.
- **Big City Mayors' Caucus (BCMC)** meets May 25.
- FCM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place May 28.



THANK YOU!

