

# Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council  
March 29, 2023



**There are no Regional Council or Committee meeting scheduled for this week.**

*The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 13, 2023 at 9:30 AM.*

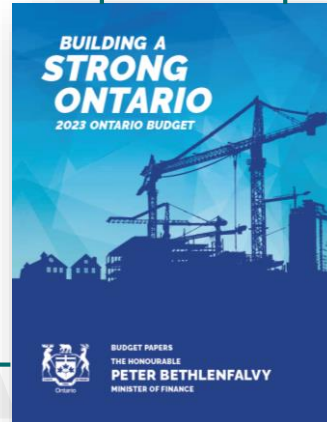
## Ontario 2023 Budget: Brampton Context

### Innovation District – B Hive

\$4 million in 2023–24 to **support the City of Brampton in attracting more entrepreneurs and business investment**, attracting international entrepreneurs and business investment through the Brampton Innovation District, including B Hive Brampton.

### Transit – Removing Double Fares

Eliminating double fares for most local transit when using GO Transit services – after riders pay their fare for a GO bus or train, they do not pay again when accessing Brampton Transit.



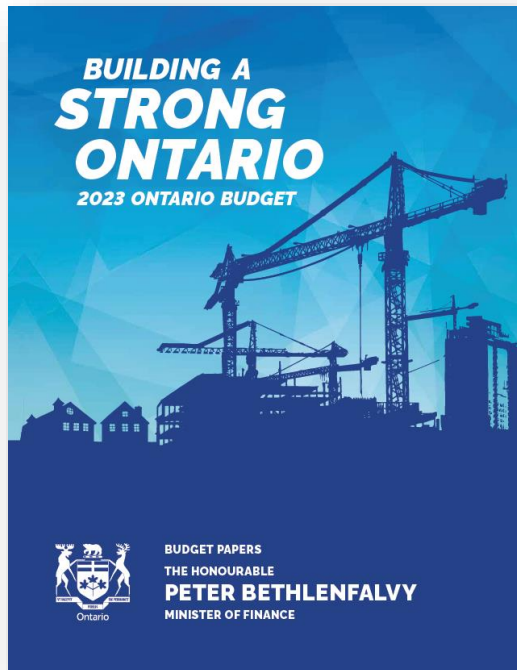
### Transit – More Payment Options

Working to expand the credit card payment system used by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and to introduce debit tapping payment capability to all transit systems in the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) – more options for Brampton Transit riders to pay fares on a PRESTO device, including with credit cards, smartphones, or smartwatches.

### First Responder Mental Health

Development of a purpose-built facility in the **Region of Peel** to provide a full continuum of care for first responders experiencing Post-Traumatic Stress Injury and other concurrent mental health disorders.

The Budget reiterates the provincial commitment towards transformation of *Peel Memorial Centre* into a new 24/7 inpatient care hospital.



### Budget 2023: Building a Strong Ontario

#### Fiscal Highlights:

- \$204.7 billion Budget with a projected 2022–23 deficit of \$2.2 billion, and 2023-24 deficit of \$1.3 billion, and surplus of \$4.4 billion in 2025–26.
- Real GDP growth of an estimated 3.7% in 2022.
- The debt-to-GDP ratio is projected to be 37.8% in 2022-23, unchanged for the following year.
- 2022–23 total expense outlook of \$202.6 billion, \$3.9 billion higher than the 2022 Budget, with \$20.6 billion in revenue increase.

# Provincial Government

## Ontario 2023 Budget: Spending Priorities

### ECONOMY



### INFRASTRUCTURE & SKILLS



### HEALTH CARE



## Budget 2023: Building a Strong Ontario

- **New Ontario Made Manufacturing Investment Tax Credit**, to provide a 10% refundable Corporate Income Tax credit to help local manufacturers lower their costs, invest in workers, innovate and become more competitive.
- \$224 million in 2023–24 for a new capital stream of the **Skills Development Fund** to leverage private-sector expertise and expand training centres, including union training halls to provide more accessible, flexible training opportunities for workers.
- \$48+ billion in **hospital infrastructure** over the next 10 years, includes supports for more than 50 hospital projects.
- \$425 million over three years for **mental health and addictions** services.
- Up to \$569 million in 2023-24 to **connect more people to care**, including nearly \$300 million for contract rate increases for the home and community care workforce.
- \$70.5 billion for **transit** over the next 10 years, including continuing transformation of the GO Transit rail network, and continued Subway expansion.
- \$27.9 billion to support the planning and construction of **highway expansion** and rehabilitation projects such as Highway 413.





### March 17, 2023: Launched the Housing Accelerator Fund (HAF)

\$4 billion program to help cities, towns, and Indigenous governments unlock new housing supply by speeding up development and approvals.

- Funding for local governments to fast track the creation of 100,000 new homes across the country.
- Local governments are now invited to develop innovative action plans, in line with the flexible criteria, to remove barriers to building more homes, faster by thinking big and being innovative in their approaches.
- **Application portal for the *Housing Accelerator Fund* will open this June.**
- A full list of eligible system reforms is available on the website of the *Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation*.



### **March 28, 2023: Budget Presentation**

“A plan to make life more affordable, strengthen public health care, and create good middle class jobs in a growing, clean economy.”

*\*The Budget 2023 has not been released at the time this presentation was prepared.*

### **March 16, 2023: Announced \$1 million in funding to Indus Community Services**

- Funding to support a project focused on mental health for youth in Region of Peel's South Asian communities.
- "Boost Wellness of Transitional Age Youth" project aims to support approximately 1,000 youth and younger adults through education and supportive services with an emphasis on reducing isolation, fostering social connections and promoting mental health and healing in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and post-pandemic recovery.



### 2023 Annual Conference & Trade Show

- When: May 25-28, 2023
- Where: Metro Toronto Convention Centre
- **Early-bird pricing until: April 21, 2023**
- **Registration fee: \$985 (early-bird); \$1,161 (regular)**
- The conference program includes policy discussions, political keynote speeches, workshops, study tours and receptions/networking opportunities, and advocacy.

#### Conference Program:

- Big City Mayors' Caucus (BCMC) meets May 25.
- FCM's Annual General Meeting (AGM) takes place May 28.





THANK YOU!

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