

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
May 3, 2023



### **Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Thursday, May 4, 2023 @ 10:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

### **Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee**

Thursday, May 4, 2023 @ 1:00 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

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

*The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023 @ 9:30 AM.*



### May 1, 2023: New Mental Health Learning and Funding Increase

Announced an additional \$12 million this year and \$14 million next year to provide students with increased access to school-based mental health professionals and services, including over the summer months.

The new mandatory mental health literacy resources will include:

- New learning materials for Grade 7 and 8 students that are aligned with the Health and Physical Education curriculum that will help students learn how to manage stress, understand the relationship between mental health and mental illness.
- Mandatory learning on mental health literacy for Grade 10 students will start in fall 2024 and will include how to recognize signs of being overwhelmed or struggling, as well as where to find help.

### April 27, 2023: Funding to Support Bail Reform

Announced \$112 M to support new technology, establish violent crime bail teams, expand the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Squad and provide prosecutors with the resources they need to conduct complex bail hearings.

- *New Bail Compliance and Warrant Apprehension Grant*: \$24 M/3 years to help the OPP and municipal and First Nations police services establish dedicated bail compliance teams, and to acquire bail compliance technology;
- \$48 M to create a dedicated Bail Compliance Unit within the OPP's Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement Squad;
- \$26 M to create Intensive Serious Violent Crime Bail Teams within the courts system for dedicated prosecutors and subject matter experts to prepare for and properly conduct the often lengthy and complex bail hearings;
- Bail Compliance Dashboard: a new province wide bail monitoring system to allow police services to monitor high-risk offenders with the most accurate data possible.



### Bill 97, Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act, 2023

Bill 97, the Helping Homebuyers, Protecting Tenants Act proposes significant changes to the provincial planning framework and increased support for renters in Ontario.

The Bill proposes changes to amend the Planning Act to introduce new Minister's Regulations. Other changes propose to amend the Residential Tenancies Act, 2006; Municipal Act, 2001; City of Toronto Act, 2006; and Building Code Act, 1992 to protect tenants against evictions due to renovations, demolitions, conversions, and landlords' own uses.

- The Province is currently soliciting comments for nine postings on which the City will be commenting through the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) and Ontario's Regulatory Registry (ORR), prior to May 6, May 21, and June 5, 2023 deadlines.



A staff report on today's agenda focuses on the three postings with a commenting deadline of May 6, 2023.



# Association of Municipalities of Ontario

## Updates

### Ending Homelessness Symposium

May 3-4, 2023  
Sheraton Toronto Airport  
Hotel & Conference Centre



## Ending Homelessness Symposium

AMO's Ending Homelessness Symposium will offer perspectives on the root causes of homelessness and provide an opportunity to understand experiences from across the province, share ideas with peers and build coordinated and strategically aligned solutions.

### Program highlights:

- The State of Homelessness in Ontario
- Housing Solutions for Ending Homelessness
- Health Solutions for Ending Homelessness
- Social Services and Income Security Solutions for Ending Homelessness
- Municipal Policy Tools for Ending Homelessness

The event is open to elected officials; municipal staff; social, health, and economic partners; and all interested sector associations.



THANK YOU!

