

Government Relations Matters

City Council
May 31, 2023



Emergency Management Program Committee

Thursday, June 1, 2023 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#)

The next Regional Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 8, 2023 at 9:30 AM.

Staff have reviewed the Committee agenda and reached out to department staff for comments.



May 25, 2023:

Province Wide Homelessness Prevention

- Announced nearly \$770,000 to help the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) work with communities to connect people experiencing or at risk of homelessness with the local services and supports they need.
- The CAEH will use the funding to provide ongoing support to Ontario's 47 service managers – who deliver support services and homelessness prevention programs in local communities – so they can maintain and improve local by-name lists.

May 29, 2023:

Electrification of the City of Brampton's Transit System



- Announced a joint investment of \$1.1 million to plan the electrification of the City of Brampton's transit system.
- The plan will guide Brampton's transition to a full fleet of zero emission electric buses. The study, being undertaken by CUTRIC, includes cost and saving assessments, fleet and facility requirements, energy as a service, resourcing, risk analysis, and advanced predictive modeling for bus deployment.
- Funding will support Brampton Transit as we undertake their Zero Emission Bus Implementation Strategy and Rollout Plan. The plan will guide Brampton's transition to a full fleet of zero emission electric buses.



AMO Annual Conference & AGM

Proposed Delegation Meetings:

- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
- Ministry of Finance
- Ministry of Infrastructure
- Ministry of Transportation
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade
- Ministry of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry
- Opposition Parties: the Official Opposition – NDP, Ontario Liberal Party, Green Party of Ontario

The deadline to submit delegation requests is Friday, June 9, 2023.



2023 Annual Conference & Trade Show

- The Conference took place May 25-28, 2023 in **Metro Conference Centre, Toronto** with a theme of *Local action, national results*.
- More than 1,500 municipal elected officials gathered to engage national party leaders and representatives, to shape FCM's policy priorities, and to discuss the challenges and the opportunities facing the municipal sector.



The Conference

Workshops, plenary panel discussions and presentations and study tours focused on key municipal issues.

Keynote addresses included Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Conservative Party of Canada Deputy Leader Melissa Lantsman, NDP leader Jagmeet Singh, and Green Party Leader Elizabeth May.

The Prime Minister's Address

- Recognized housing affordability crisis, and the need for more housing supply as a challenge across the country.
- Looking to double housing construction to double over the coming years.
- The Housing Accelerator Fund provides direct funding for municipalities.
- Predictable transit funding to have direct links to housing.
- Next long term infrastructure program, linked to housing, to be revealed in the fall.

Policy Resolutions

- FCM members voted in favour of three key resolutions designed to address some of the key national challenges:
- **Establishing an Urgent Intergovernmental Platform on Mental Health:** Calling on the federal government to acknowledge mental health as a national emergency, to commit to tripartite policy discussions aimed at making mental health an integral part of Canada’s healthcare system, and developing a comprehensive national mental health strategy.
- **Urgent Action Needed to Address the Crisis of Homelessness:** Mandating FCM to call on the federal government to provide long-term funding and resource supports for local governments as they address homelessness.
- **New Growth Framework For Municipalities:** Declaring that Canada needs a modernized fiscal framework for municipalities. FCM will lead the development of a Municipal Growth Framework that links municipal financial capacity to factors such as national population growth and economic growth.





AGM and FCM's Elected Leadership

Board of Directors

- **Regional Councillor Rowena Santos** was re-elected to the Ontario Caucus of the FCM Board of Directors.

FCM Leadership

- **Scott Pearce**, Mayor of the Township of Gore, was confirmed as FCM's new president.
- **First Vice-President: Geoff Stewart**, Deputy Mayor, Municipality of the County of Colchester, NS.
- **Second Vice-President: Rebecca Bligh**, Councillor, City of Vancouver, BC.
- **Third Vice-President: Tim Tierney**, Councillor, City of Ottawa, ON.



THANK YOU!

