



# **Government Relations Matters**

**Committee of Council  
November 18, 2020**

## **Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee**

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 9:30 AM

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5.1: Transition of the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility  
November 2020 Update: Comments on Draft Blue Box Regulation

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

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 1:30 PM

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## 5.1: Transition of the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility (Recommendation) November 2020 Update: Comments on Draft Blue Box Regulation

### Overview

- On October 19, 2020, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks posted the draft blue box regulation, setting out how the blue box program will transition to full producer responsibility.
- Comments on the draft regulation will be accepted for a 45 days period & are due on December 3, 2020.
- The recommended direction noted in this report will form the basis of the Regional comments to be submitted to the Ministry

### City of Brampton (Comments from Public Affairs)

- Staff are working to prepare comments on the City's behalf
- Draft comments will be shared with Council prior to submission

### City Staff Recommendation

Support the recommendation

Ontario updating COVID-19 Response Framework by lowering the thresholds to help stop the spread of COVID-19



Ontario providing additional public health support for Peel Region

**November 13, 2020:** Updated the Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework, by lowering the threshold for each of the five levels for: weekly incidence rates, positivity rate, effective reproductive number ( $R_t$ ), outbreak trends and the level of community transmission.

**November 9, 2020:** Announced additional public health support for Peel Region:

- Three new community-based testing centres in Brampton at Snelgrove Community Centre, Gore Meadows Community Centre and Greenbriar Community Centre
- Mobile testing sites, including at the Canadian Mental Health Association's (CMHA) Peel Dufferin Mobile Health Clinic in Brampton
- Limited walk-in availability at assessment centres locations
- Up to 70 case & contact management staff have started onboarding to support Peel Region Public Health

**November 9, 2020:** Announced \$2M over two years through its new Inclusive Community Grants program to strengthen communities and provide local opportunities for older adults and people with disabilities.

# Provincial Government | Legislation

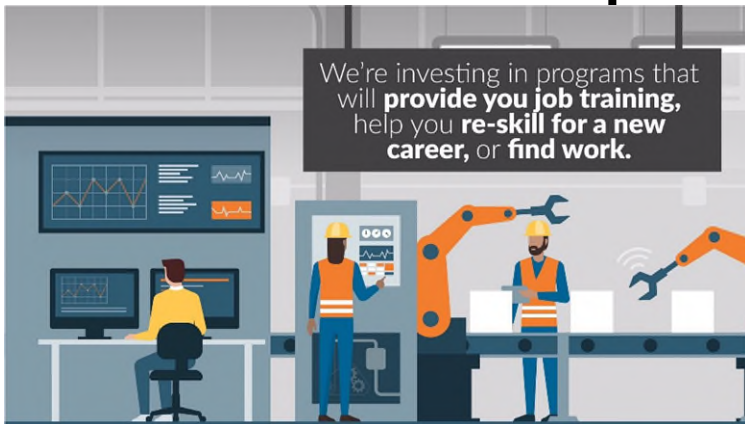
## Bill 229, Protect, Support & Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

- On November 5, 2020, the Ontario government tabled Bill 229 entitled, “Protect, Support & Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020”.
- Bill 229 proposes significant changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and to the role that conservation authorities have in land use planning.
- Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act include:
  - A section that requires persons appointed to conservation authorities by municipalities to be municipal Councilors
  - The Minister to appoint a representative from the agricultural sector
  - The Minister can order a conservation authority to not issue a permit or class of permits
  - Applicants can appeal decisions of CA permits/permit conditions within 30 days directly to the Minister
  - Minister can make any decision including issuing a permit
  - The power to “enter into and upon land” to survey for “any purpose necessary to any project under consideration or undertaken now requires the “consent of the occupant or owner.”
  - The ability to issue a stop-work order would be removed
  - Conservation Authorities can no longer expropriate “any land that it may require”, power to “acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise” remains
  - Conservation Authorities are no longer included in the definition of a “public body,” which would prohibit their ability to appeal certain land use planning decisions to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

**Staff will monitor for release of the regulations required to enact the proposed changes**

**November 13, 2020:** Announced the details of an investment of \$1.5 billion in the Workforce Development Agreements (WDAs) with provinces and territories.

- Ontario's allocation is \$614M
- Funding to assist underrepresented groups and those in sectors that have been hardest hit by the pandemic – such as construction, transportation & hospitality.
- The funding is in addition to the \$3.4B provided to provinces and territories in 2020-21 under the Workforce Development Agreements (WDAs) and Labour Market Development Agreements (LMDAs).
- Under the WDAs and LMDAs, provinces and territories have flexibility to support their individual recovery efforts from the pandemic.







## Upcoming Meetings and Advocacy

### *Board of Directors*

- The FCM Board of Directors is meeting November 16 to 26, 2020

### *FCM Advocacy Days*

- November 16 to 26, 2020
- FCM's elected board members hold meetings with parliamentarians