

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
September 6, 2023



Regional Council – Summer Break

The regular Regional Council meeting schedule resumes Thursday, September 14, 2023 @ 9:30 AM.

August 21, 2023

Building Faster Fund

Three-year, \$1.2 billion fund will reward municipalities that deliver on housing targets.



- The Ontario government is launching the Building Faster Fund, a new three-year, \$1.2 billion program that provides new funding based on performance against provincial housing targets.
- The fund aims to ensure that more municipalities have the tools needed to build homes and to expand eligibility for the Building Faster Fund.
- The province is also expanding strong mayor powers to municipalities projected to have populations of 50,000 or larger by 2031 that commit to meeting their provincial targets.
- The fund will provide \$400 million in new annual funding for three years to municipalities that are on target to meet provincial housing targets by 2031.

August 22, 2023

More Homes, Built Faster

Province announces next steps in its plan to increase the supply of homes of all types.

- Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Steve Clark, announced that the province intends to appoint regional facilitators in Durham, Halton, Niagara, Waterloo, York and Simcoe County by September 11, 2023.
 - They will be tasked with assessing local governance structures in these communities to ensure they are prepared to support future growth and meet the needs of their residents.
- Minister Clark also announced the next steps in the province's work to update the provincial definition of affordable housing.
 - The government intends to introduce changes to the Development Charges Act that would, if passed, incorporate income factors in addition to market factors in this definition.
- The Ontario government will also host a Housing Forum in Toronto in November 2023 to engage municipal partners and other key stakeholders on the province's Housing Supply Action Plan.





September 5, 2023:

Cabinet Shuffle

- Following the resignation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier announced changes to the Executive Council.

Key Changes

- **Paul Calandra** became Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;
- **Prabmeet Sarkaria** became Minister of Transportation;
- **Caroline Mulroney** became President of the Treasury Board;
- **Stan Cho** became Minister of Long-Term Care;
- **Rob Flack** became Associate Minister of Housing (specific mandate on attainable housing and modular homes reporting to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing).

City of Brampton at the 2023 AMO Conference & AGM

August 20 – 23, City of London



The City delegation held the following delegation meetings:

- Ministry of Transportation - Minister Mulroney
- Ministry of Infrastructure - Minister Surma
- Ministry of Energy - PA Sarrazin
- Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation & Trade - PA Dowie
- Ministry of Health - Minister Jones (Deputy Premier)
- Ministry of Finance - Minister Bethlenfalvy
- Ministry of Natural Resources & Forestry - Minister Smith
- Opposition Party Leaders
 - NDP – MPP Marit Stiles, Leader
 - OLP, Caucus Members
 - GPO – MPP Mike Schreiner, Leader



Advocacy Priorities

- Critical infrastructure essential for growth and servicing of new development.
- Funding for transit and Higher Order Transit.
- Need for continued investment in health care infrastructure and services.
- Highlighted Brampton's leadership in new housing starts and our plan to build more housing.
- Importance of a fair and balance approach to Peel Region dissolution and fiscal sustainability.

Staff will follow-up on feedback received during the Conference and continue engagement with Brampton MPPs and the Provincial government.

Association of Municipalities of Ontario

Update



August 22, 2023

\$750K Investment – Federal Canada Community Revitalization Fund

- MP Ruby Sahota announced an investment of \$750,000 to enhance Brampton North under the Federal Canada Community Revitalization Fund (FCCRF).
- The city will be able to enhance Sesquicentennial Park and Activity Hub by reinventing the space and increasing accessibility to outdoor spaces.
- In addition, the project will construct the Hub and will also support the purchase and installation of recreational elements to support accessibility.



August 23, 2023

Federal Cabinet Retreat



- Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his cabinet members attended the annual summer retreat in Prince Edward Island from August 21 – 23.
- Key issues discussed at the retreat include the rising cost of housing and the urgency of climate policies to address the extreme weather conditions.



Zero Carbon Retrofit of Susan Fennell Sportsplex

- Investment of **\$7.5 million in loans and \$2.5 million in grants through FCM's Green Municipal Fund (GMF) for a total of \$10 million** to support deep energy upgrades and measures to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions at the Susan Fennell Sportsplex.
- Through this project, the city aims to reduce the facility's carbon footprint by utilizing energy efficiency measures, renewable energy, and carbon offsets as part of its long-term goal towards Zero Carbon transition.



Municipal Growth Summit

- On September 28, FCM will bring together leaders in government, business, labour and civil society, to establish a shared vision for a new Municipal Growth Framework.
- Participants will be encouraged to explore how a new Municipal Growth Framework will enable Canada's growth in redefining how all three orders of government work together.

THANK YOU!

