# Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council September 6, 2023



# Region of Peel

Regional Council



#### Regional Council – Summer Break

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

### **Provincial Government**



Updates



#### **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.



### **Provincial Government**



Updates



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.



### **Provincial Government**



Updates



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).

### Association of Municipalities of Ontario



2023 AMO Conference & AGM



#### City of Brampton at the 2023 AMO Conference & AGM

August 20 – 23, City of London

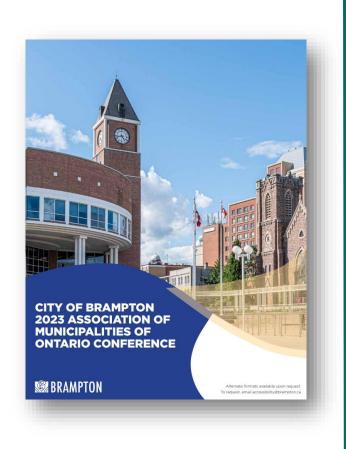
The City delegation held the following delegation meetings:

- 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

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#### **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



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### Federal Government



Updates



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.

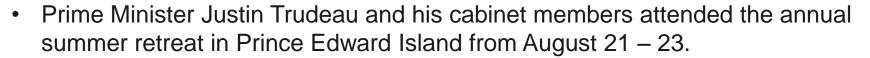
### Federal Government



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#### **Federal Cabinet Retreat**



Key issues discussed at the retreat include the rising cost of housing and the urgency of climate policies to address the extreme weather conditions.



### Federation of Canadian Municipalities



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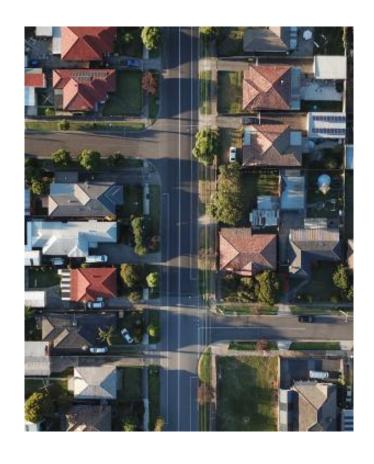
#### **Zero Carbon Retrofit of Susan Fennell Sportsplex**

- 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.

### Federation of Canadian Municipalities



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#### **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.

