

Government Relations Matters

Committee of Council
November 15, 2023



Regional Council: Budget Deliberations

Thursday, 16 November 2023 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).



2024 Region of Peel Budget Process

Day 1	November 16, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Budget Corporate Overview Presentation • Police Services Budget Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2024 Fees and Charges – Council Report ○ 2024 Overview and Update on the Status of Reserves – Council Report ○ Improvements in Service Delivery – Council Report
Day 2	November 23, 2023	<p>Regional Services Budget Presentations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Support • Water and Wastewater • Transportation • Paramedics • Seniors Services • Public Health • Community Investment • Waste Management • Early Years and Child Care
Day 3	November 30, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation Authorities Budget Presentations
Day 4	December 7, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional Budget deliberation

6.2 2024 Corporate Budget Overview (Staff Presentation)

2024 Regional Budget Overview \$5.9B

Operating Budget - \$3.4B & Capital Budget - \$2.5B
10-Year Capital Plan - \$20.4B

 Property Tax Supported		 Utility Rate Supported	
Operating Budget	\$2,731M	Operating Budget	\$701M
Budgeted Rate Stabilization Reserve draws	(\$75M)	Budgeted Rate Stabilization Reserve draws	(\$5M)
Capital Budget	\$1,121M	Capital Budget	\$1,414M
10-Year Capital Plan	\$5,843M	10-Year Capital Plan	\$14,530M
*Property Tax Increase	4.5%	Average Utility Rate Increase	6.8%
(includes 1.0% Infrastructure levy, 0.9% Community Safety Levy)		(includes 5.3% for Infrastructure)	
**Impact :		Impact:	
Average Home assessed at \$580,400	\$247	Household water consumption of 290m ³	\$78
Small Business assessed at \$641,900	\$435	Small Business water consumption of 695m ³	\$82
Commercial assessed at \$1,925,700	\$1,303		
Industrial assessed at \$1,937,300	\$1,447		
Region's Portion of Annual Residential Municipal Tax Bill	\$2,566	Annual Residential Water Bill	\$974

* Assumed weighted average municipal portion of tax bill is approximately 42 per cent

** Weighted average of three local municipalities. Actual impact will vary based on the MPAC assessment and the local municipality.

Average property tax increase	Utility rate increase
4.5%	6.8%
Property tax impact	Utility rate impact
Average Residential	Residential
+ \$ 237	+ \$ 78
Average Small Business Owner	Small Business Owner
+ \$ 435	+ \$ 82

Property tax impact

Residential		
Brampton	Caledon	Mississauga
10.9%	6.3%	10.8%
+\$265	+\$107	+\$251

November 1, 2023

Ontario Helping to Build More Rental Housing



- Prior to the release of the Fall Economic Statement, the provincial government announced the **removal of the full 8% provincial portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) on qualifying new purpose-built rental housing.**
- The removal of the provincial portion of the HST would apply to new purpose-built rental housing such as apartment buildings, student housing, and senior residences built specifically for long-term rental accommodation, that meet the criteria.
- The enhanced rebate would apply to qualifying projects that begin construction between September 14, 2023, and December 31, 2030, and complete construction by December 31, 2035.

November 2, 2023

Building a Strong Ontario Together

- On November 2, the Province released the *2023 Fall Economic Statement* introducing new tools to help build critical infrastructure faster and smarter, continuing to attract investments and more jobs, and providing better services for people.

Launching the Ontario Infrastructure Bank (OIB)

- The OIB is a new arms-length, board-governed agency to enable public-sector pension plans and other trusted institutional investors to participate in large-scale infrastructure projects with initial funding of \$3 billion.
- Projects will be focused on long-term care homes, affordable housing and infrastructure in the municipal, community, energy and transportation sectors.



New Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund

- \$200 million over three years for the repair, rehabilitation, and expansion of a variety of municipal water infrastructure projects to unlock new housing opportunities.
- Eligible municipalities will be able to nominate housing-enabling water and wastewater projects through the fund in early 2024.

November 9, 2023

Ontario To Ban Requirements for Canadian Work Experience in Job Postings

- The Ontario government will introduce legislation that, if passed, would make it the first province in Canada to help more internationally-trained immigrants work in the fields they've studied in by banning the use of Canadian work experience as a requirement in job postings or application forms.
 - This change would help more qualified candidates progress in the interview process and follows legislation to prohibit regulated professions from requiring discriminatory Canadian work experience requirements in licensing for more than 30 occupations, which comes into effect December 2023.
- The legislative changes are part of a larger package that will expand on the actions introduced in the [Working for Workers Acts, 2021](#), [2022](#), and [2023](#).



Helping newcomers
start careers
in Ontario

November 6, 2023

Expansion of the Security Infrastructure Program



- On November 6, Minister of Public Safety, Democratic Institutions, and Intergovernmental Affairs, announced an additional investment of \$5 million to help Canadian communities at risk of hate-motivated crimes protect and strengthen the security of their community centres, places of worship, and other institutions.
- A new temporary measure in the Security Infrastructure Program (SIP) will cover new sites, such as office spaces and daycares, that are linked to communities at risk of hate-motivated crime, as well as costs associated with time-limited security guards.
 - Projects must be completed by March 31, 2024.

November 9, 2023

Federal Fall Economic Statement



**2023 Fall Economic
Statement**

November 21, 2023

Canada

- The federal government will release the 2023 Fall Economic Statement on November 21, 2023.
- The Fall Economic Statement will provide information on the state of the Canadian economy and update on the government's economic plan to help create good jobs, to build more homes, and to make life more affordable.

November 9, 2023

Government of Canada and FCM invest over \$6.2 million in Ontario green projects to achieve net-zero targets

- The federal government announced an investment of more than \$6.2 million through the Green Municipal Fund (GMF) to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from municipal buildings in the Town of Beckwith and the Region of Peel.
- GMF will provide \$525,000 to support the following three feasibility studies by the Region of Peel, with each receiving \$175,000 in funding.
 1. Peel Regional Police (PRP) will construct a new operational facility to better accommodate services, supporting the entire police force and housing other departments. The study will aim to reduce the carbon footprint of this building and address climate change throughout its design process.
 2. **PRP will construct a new division on five acres of land within the City of Brampton to transition a portion of the 22nd Division. The study will evaluate how to design a net zero police division.**
 3. The Region of Peel is looking to upgrade the Clarkson Wastewater Treatment Plant to better integrate energy recovery, conservation, and on-site generation measures. The proposed upgrades will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase wastewater treatment capacity.



Canada

FUNDING

FCM and the Government of Canada invest \$6.2 million for Green Projects in Ontario

November 2, 2023

OBCM Statement on Ontario Fall Economic Statement



- OBCM released their statement on the Ontario Fall Economic Statement highlighting their support for the:
 - Newly announced Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund.
 - New Ontario Infrastructure Bank (OIB).
 - Province's call on the federal government to act urgently and provide a more robust set of support to combat the rise in auto thefts in our communities.
 - Increased funding announced in the 2023 Budget to support homelessness prevention as well as mental health and addictions programs.
- OBCM will continue to advocate for making municipalities financially whole when it comes to the impacts of Bill 23 and for better measures to allow municipalities to qualify for the Building Faster Fund.

The Council of The Federation

Canada's Premiers: Update



November 6, 2023

Council of Federation Meeting

- On November 6, The Council Of The Federation held a meeting and their statement indicated:
 - Premiers have agreed to “explore legislative frameworks similar to Québec that require provincial authorization before municipalities or public agencies enter into any agreements with the federal government”, in the context of federal investments in Strategic Infrastructure and;
 - Premiers believe that provinces and territories must have a critical role in the delivery of housing programs and that the issue cannot be solved by the federal government and municipalities acting without the meaningful involvement and support of provinces and territories.
- FCM responded with an appeal for streamlining collaboration and for all orders of government to work together, with municipalities having a full seat at the table.



CANADA'S
PREMIERS

Update

November 21, 2023

FCM Advocacy Days (November 21 – 24, 2023)

- FCM's Advocacy Days and the Board of Directors Meeting will be taking place from November 21 – 24 in Ottawa which will provide an opportunity to share what is happening in local communities directly with federal parliamentarians.
- The priority issues that will be discussed include the Municipal Growth Framework, Housing and Infrastructure, Climate, Public Safety, and Rural and Northern Communities.

The background image is a dark teal-tinted photograph of a city street. On the right, a prominent brick building features a tall clock tower with a pointed roof and two clock faces. The building has a curved facade with large windows. To the left, a bus stop shelter is visible with the word "Wellington" on its top edge. A Canadian flag flies on a pole in front of the brick building. The overall scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn.

THANK YOU!

The logo consists of a stylized white icon of a person's head and shoulders, enclosed within a square frame. The icon is composed of several curved lines that suggest a face and hair.

BRAMPTON