

# Government Relations Matters

City Council  
November 1, 2023



### **Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee**

Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ 9:30 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

### **Audit and Risk Committee**

Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ 11:00 AM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

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

Thursday, November 2, 2023 @ 1:30 PM | Meeting agenda is available [here](#).

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### Minister Miller Announced Steps to Strengthen Canada's International Student Program



- Marc Miller, Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship (IRCC), announced plans to implement several measures aimed at strengthening Canada's International Student Program and at better protecting students from fraud.
- These measures include the following:
  - Starting December 1, 2023, post-secondary designated learning institutions (DLI) will be required to confirm every applicant's letter of acceptance directly with IRCC.
  - In time for the fall 2024 semester, IRCC will adopt a "recognized institution" framework to benefit post-secondary DLIs that set a higher standard for services, support and outcomes for international students.
  - IRCC will complete an assessment of Post-Graduation Work Permit Program criteria and begin introducing reforms to better calibrate it to meet the needs of the labour market, as well as immigration goals.

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## OBCM Statement on Upcoming Ontario Fall Economic Statement



- Ontario Big City Mayors released their statement on the upcoming fall economic statement focusing on three priority areas: housing, municipal finance reform, and OBCM's health and homelessness strategy.
- **Housing:**
  - Details on how municipalities will be made whole from the impacts of Bill 23.
  - Clear timelines and details of the consultation process for the Building Faster Fund eligibility criteria.
  - Creation of an accountability framework for identifying the barriers to building.
- **Municipal Finance Reform:**
  - A commitment from the government that they will work with all municipalities on a new fiscal deal for Ontario's cities.
  - A commitment to working with the federal government on a new round of federal-provincial infrastructure funding to support provincial housing targets.



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## Cont'd – OBCM Statement on Upcoming Ontario Fall Economic Statement



- **Health and Homelessness Strategy:**

- A commitment to adopting some of the proposed actions included in the Health and Homelessness Strategy, especially funding for an innovative pilot program that will see low-barrier, 24/7, community hubs built to meet the needs of each individual municipality.
- A commitment to work with the federal government on a program that provides appropriate investment and the urgent funding needed for homelessness and refugee support.

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### **City of Brampton only Canadian City named on the list of “Top Green Fleets”**



- The National Association of Fleet Administrators recognized Brampton as the only Canadian city on its Top Green Fleets list for the 2023 Green Fleet Awards competition.
- Brampton Fleet Services have either switched or are transitioning dozens of vehicles, including:
  - Replacing 34 diesel vehicles with hybrids.
  - 36 gasoline vehicles with fully-electric vehicles.
  - 22 propane ice resurfacing machines with natural gas-powered ice resurfacers.
  - 10 fully electric pieces of turf maintenance equipment.
  - The purchase of another 35 fully electric vehicles.



THANK YOU!

