Government Relations Matters

City Council November 1, 2023



Region of Peel

Regional Committees



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.



Federal Government



Updates



October 27, 2023

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.

Ontario Big City Mayor's

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-OBCM-Ontario's Big City Mayors

October 27, 2023

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:

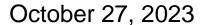
- A commitment from the government that they will work with all municipalities on a new fiscal deal for Ontario's cities.
- A commitment to working with the federal government on a new round of federalprovincial infrastructure funding to support provincial housing targets.



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



- 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.







October 26, 2023

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.
 - o 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.

