

# Government Relations Matters

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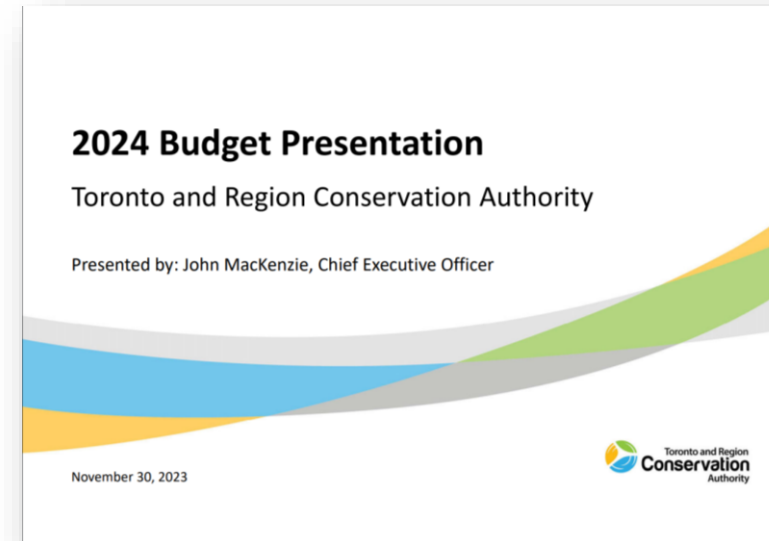
## **Regional Council: Budget Deliberations – Day Three**

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

## 6. Delegations

6.1 – Credit Valley Conservation (CVC)

6.2 – Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)



November 21, 2023

### Ontario Responds to the Federal Fall Economic Statement

- The Minister of Finance's statement on the federal Fall Economic Statement (FES) expressed support for the new measures to encourage increased housing supply.
  - These policies, including \$15B in new funding under the Apartment Construction Loan Program, build on the recent decision to remove the HST from purpose-built rental housing, making it cheaper and easier to build rental homes.
- The provincial government is calling on the federal government to:
  - Implement a new infrastructure program that aligns with provincial infrastructure priorities and is flexible, predictable and fair.
  - Provide funding that builds on the recently announced \$200M Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund.
  - Remove the carbon tax on all forms of home heating.
  - Provide its fair share of support for municipalities and people at risk (e.g., asylum claimants).



November 22, 2023

### ***The Building Infrastructure Safely Act, 2023***

- The province proposes to prohibit underground infrastructure owners and operations from charging fees to locate telecommunications lines, water mains, and gas pipelines, aiming to enhance safety and efficiency in construction.
  - The legislation intends to prevent infrastructure damage, reduce construction costs, and align with practices in Canada and the U.S., facilitating quicker and safer infrastructure projects.
- The Act is complemented by upcoming regulations to streamline processes, aiming to expedite housing, road, and transit development in Ontario.



November 24, 2023

### Combating Auto Theft

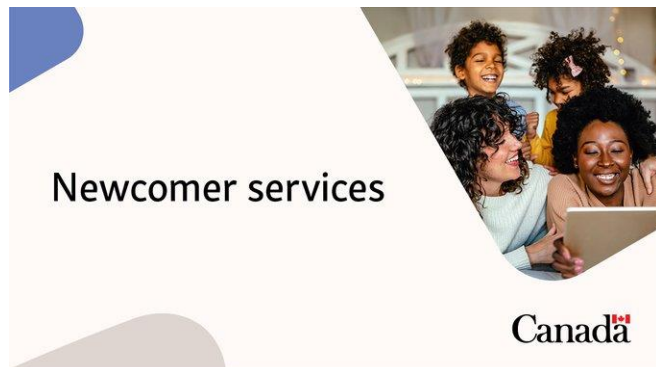
- The government announced an investment of \$18M over three years to help police services combat and prevent auto theft and protect communities.
- The Preventing Auto Thefts (PAT) grant will provide funding for 21 projects that feature new and enhanced crime-fighting measures focused on prevention, detection, analysis and enforcement.
  - **Peel Regional Police will receive \$0.9M.**
- Funding for projects includes:
  - Acquiring resources, surveillance equipment, software and GPS tracking devices.
  - Providing training to police investigators to enhance skillsets specific to auto theft.
  - Creating new units dedicated to auto theft, including cross-jurisdictional units to serve more than one police service to break down silos and address organized criminal activity.
  - Expanding data collection/analysis efforts to capture more metrics on the linkage to organized crime and other criminal activity.
  - Partnerships with organizations such as the Insurance Bureau of Canada, the Canadian Automobile Association, and local car dealerships to help in the development of prevention strategies and public education campaigns.



November 24, 2023

### Increased Support for Asylum Claimants

- On November 24, 2023 the Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship, announced that the Government of Canada will provide the Region of Peel with **\$7M** to open a new reception centre near Pearson International Airport.
  - The centre will provide more streamlined services and supports to asylum claimants, as well as additional shelter.
  - In addition, the centre will be operated in partnership with community organizations that have the experience, skills and capacity needed to serve this population.



November 22, 2023

### Statement on the Federal Fall Economic Statement

- AMO's statement on the release of the federal Fall Economic Statement anticipated stronger action from the federal government in response to the national housing and homelessness crisis, including net new investments for community and social housing as well as housing benefits to individuals.
- AMO reiterated that Ontario needs significant new funding for the critical infrastructure that reflects the scale of investment required to address provincial housing needs, in addition to the significant asset management costs faced by municipalities across the province.





November 23, 2023

## Research by FCM Links Housing Challenges to Infrastructure Challenges

The cost of municipal infrastructure required to support every new housing unit is **\$107,000 per home.**



- With the federal government's release of the Fall Economic Statement, a number of investments were announced directly linked to housing.
- New research commissioned by FCM estimates that, on average across the country, the cost of the municipal infrastructure required to support new housing is in the range of **\$0.107M** per home.
  - When considering the 5.8M homes that the federal and provincial governments are directing municipalities to approve by 2030, the scale of the gap could reach an equivalent of \$600B in municipal infrastructure investment.
- FCM continues to advocate for a new Municipal Growth Framework and federal infrastructure investments in Budget 2024.

THANK YOU!

