



Government Relations Matters

**Committee of Council
November 18, 2020**



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Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 9:30 AM

<https://pub-peelregion.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=7dcb65e1-79c4-4ba5-851c-4d0a36eb3cfa&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>

5.1: Transition of the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility
November 2020 Update: Comments on Draft Blue Box Regulation

Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 1:30 PM

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5.1: Transition of the Blue Box Program to Full Producer Responsibility (Recommendation) November 2020 Update: Comments on Draft Blue Box Regulation

Overview

- On October 19, 2020, the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation & Parks posted the draft blue box regulation, setting out how the blue box program will transition to full producer responsibility.
- Comments on the draft regulation will be accepted for a 45 days period & are due on December 3, 2020.
- The recommended direction noted in this report will form the basis of the Regional comments to be submitted to the Ministry

City of Brampton (Comments from Public Affairs)

- Staff are working to prepare comments on the City's behalf
- Draft comments will be shared with Council prior to submission

City Staff Recommendation

Support the recommendation

Ontario updating COVID-19 Response Framework by lowering the thresholds to help stop the spread of COVID-19



Ontario providing additional public health support for Peel Region

November 13, 2020: Updated the Keeping Ontario Safe and Open Framework, by lowering the threshold for each of the five levels for: weekly incidence rates, positivity rate, effective reproductive number (R_t), outbreak trends and the level of community transmission.

November 9, 2020: Announced additional public health support for Peel Region:

- Three new community-based testing centres in Brampton at Snelgrove Community Centre, Gore Meadows Community Centre and Greenbriar Community Centre
- Mobile testing sites, including at the Canadian Mental Health Association's (CMHA) Peel Dufferin Mobile Health Clinic in Brampton
- Limited walk-in availability at assessment centres locations
- Up to 70 case & contact management staff have started onboarding to support Peel Region Public Health

November 9, 2020: Announced \$2M over two years through its new Inclusive Community Grants program to strengthen communities and provide local opportunities for older adults and people with disabilities.

Provincial Government | Legislation

Bill 229, Protect, Support & Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020

- On November 5, 2020, the Ontario government tabled Bill 229 entitled, “Protect, Support & Recover from COVID-19 Act (Budget Measures), 2020”.
- Bill 229 proposes significant changes to the *Conservation Authorities Act* and to the role that conservation authorities have in land use planning.
- Amendments to the Conservation Authorities Act include:
 - A section that requires persons appointed to conservation authorities by municipalities to be municipal Councilors
 - The Minister to appoint a representative from the agricultural sector
 - The Minister can order a conservation authority to not issue a permit or class of permits
 - Applicants can appeal decisions of CA permits/permit conditions within 30 days directly to the Minister
 - Minister can make any decision including issuing a permit
 - The power to “enter into and upon land” to survey for “any purpose necessary to any project under consideration or undertaken now requires the “consent of the occupant or owner.”
 - The ability to issue a stop-work order would be removed
 - Conservation Authorities can no longer expropriate “any land that it may require”, power to “acquire by purchase, lease or otherwise” remains
 - Conservation Authorities are no longer included in the definition of a “public body,” which would prohibit their ability to appeal certain land use planning decisions to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal

Staff will monitor for release of the regulations required to enact the proposed changes

November 13, 2020: Announced the details of an investment of \$1.5 billion in the Workforce Development Agreements (WDAs) with provinces and territories.

- Ontario's allocation is \$614M
- Funding to assist underrepresented groups and those in sectors that have been hardest hit by the pandemic – such as construction, transportation & hospitality.
- The funding is in addition to the \$3.4B provided to provinces and territories in 2020-21 under the Workforce Development Agreements (WDAs) and Labour Market Development Agreements (LMDAs).
- Under the WDAs and LMDAs, provinces and territories have flexibility to support their individual recovery efforts from the pandemic.





Upcoming Meetings and Advocacy

Board of Directors

- The FCM Board of Directors is meeting November 16 to 26, 2020

FCM Advocacy Days

- November 16 to 26, 2020
- FCM's elected board members hold meetings with parliamentarians