

Government Relations Update

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Government Relations Update - Overview



Federal & Provincial Landscape

- Federal Updates
 - 2021 Federal Budget
- Provincial Updates

Recent and Upcoming Advocacy

- Mass Vaccination Efforts
- Mental Health & Addictions Campaign

AMO Conference

- Advocacy Priorities and Delegations
- Conference Preparation – Next Steps

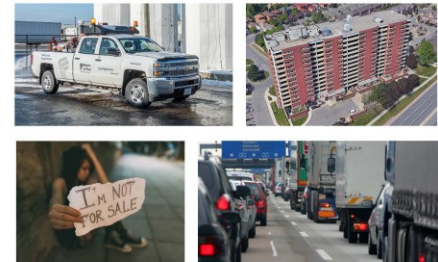
2021 Federal Budget

Budget 2021: A Recovery Plan for Jobs, Growth, and Resilience

- Released April 19th
- Continue to focus on addressing COVID-19 challenges
 - Extending COVID supports (CEWS, Rent Subsidy and CRB)
- Focus now turning to economic recovery and stimulus
- Key Priority Areas: infrastructure, child care, seniors, climate change and housing

2021 Region of Peel

Federal Pre-Budget Submission



2021 Federal Budget

Infrastructure & Transit

- \$22.6M for first National Infrastructure Assessment
- \$1.9B for National Trade Corridors Fund
- \$14.9B for public transit projects (e.g. light-rail transit, and electric buses, active transportation infrastructure)

Climate Change & Green Recovery

- \$17.6B in green recovery measures
- \$9.4M over 5 years:
 - increase domestic and international capacity
 - actions to address climate
 - enhance cleantech policy capacity



2021 Federal Budget

Housing & Homelessness Supports

- \$1.5B - Rapid Housing Initiative
- \$600M over 7 years - Affordable Housing Innovation Fund
- \$567M over two years - Reaching Home Program



Child Care

- \$27.2 billion over five years towards a Canada-wide early learning and child care system, in partnership with provinces
 - 50% reduction in average fees for regulated early learning and child care by the end of 2022
 - An average of \$10 a day by 2025-26 for all regulated child care spaces in Canada



2021 Federal Budget

National LTC Standards

- \$3 billion over five years, starting in 2022-23 to ensure standards for long-term care are applied and permanent changes are made
- \$90 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, to Employment and Social Development Canada to launch the Age Well at Home initiative



Supports for Seniors

- Increasing Old Age Security (OAS) benefits for seniors age 75 and older
- One-time payment of \$500 in August 2021
- increase regular OAS payments for 75 and over by 10%



Provincial Landscape

Independent Commission into Long Term Care Final Report (Released April 30)

- Included 85 recommendations
- Alignment with some of the Region's priorities including a focus on emotion-based care
- Region to participate in the Ministry of LTC's Response and Recovery Table
- May 2021 MP/MPP briefing sessions dedicated to raising awareness the Region's Long Term Care advocacy priorities and initiatives



Provincial Landscape



Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP), Public Transit Stream

- New application in-take opened June 3 and will remain open till March 2024
- Extension provides increased flexibility
- Region has over \$3.8 million remaining to submit for new projects

Blue Box Regulation (Released June 3, 2020)

- Transitions Blue Box program in 3 group between July 1, 2023, to Dec. 31, 2025
- Fully transitioned program to start January 1, 2026
- Reg. confirms transition for Peel as Oct. 1, 2024, which is aligned with the Region's position

Recent & Upcoming Advocacy



Ongoing Support for Peel's Mass Vaccination Efforts

- Ongoing advocacy efforts to address unique needs of Peel
- Focus on Delta variant 'Areas of Concern', including Peel – announced June 10th
 - Accelerate second doses to combat spread of variant, avoid 4th wave

Suspension of Non-Essential Air Travel during COVID-19 Pandemic

- Escalating threat of spread of variant in Peel
- Region has advocated for all non-essential travel to Pearson to be suspended (April 26, 2021)
- Federal government has restricted travel from India and Pakistan until June 21, 2021

Recent & Upcoming Advocacy



Mental Health and Addictions Awareness Campaign

- Raise awareness on mental health advocacy priorities which focus on:
 - Addressing long standing funding inequities
 - Implementing a new funding model to support existing demand and growing needs in Peel
- Campaign tactics:
 - Work with community partners
 - Work with Peel MPs/MPPs
- Launch date mid-July

2021 Virtual AMO Conference

2021 Virtual AMO Conference Advocacy Priorities

- Advocacy priorities focus COVID challenges and economic recovery efforts
- General themes related to advocacy priorities:
 - Stimulus Infrastructure Funding
 - Affordable Housing Funding
 - Support Seniors & LTC
 - Mental Health & Addictions Funding
 - Child Care & Early Years Funding
 - Sustainable Transportation
 - Provincial Single- use Plastics Strategy
 - Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation Funding
 - Sustainable Funding for Peel's Strategy to Address Human Sex Trafficking

2021 Virtual AMO Conference



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- Delegation Requests (June 4 deadline)
 - 11 Minister meeting requests
 - Meeting requests to Opposition Party Leaders
- AMO Conference Workshop - July 15, 2021
- Minister Forum Questions
- August MP/MPP Briefing Session



Thank You