

# Government Relations Update

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# Government Relations Update - Overview

## Federal and Provincial Landscape

- Federal Political Environment
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- 2022 Pre-budget Submissions
- Advocacy Updates
  - MP/MPP Briefing Sessions
  - 2022 ROMA Conference
- 2022 Provincial Election Strategy

## Looking Forward - Upcoming Advocacy

- Advocacy Opportunities
  - 2022 FCM & AMO Conferences

# Federal Political Environment

## 2021 Federal Speech from the Throne

- Continued COVID-19 Supports for individuals and hard-hit sectors
- Launching the Housing Accelerator fund to help municipalities build more housing
- Moving forward with \$10/day child care plan
  - (Ontario has not signed agreement)
- Improving access to mental health and addictions treatment
- Strengthening long-term care
- Developing Canada's first National Adaptation Strategy

# 2022 Federal Pre-Budget Submission

**2022** Region of Peel

Federal Pre-Budget  
Submission



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## Key Themes:

- Address COVID-19 impacts, now and beyond
- Focus on affordable housing solutions
- Invest in a green economy
- Keep the economy moving

# 2022 Federal Pre-budget Submission

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| <b>Address COVID-19 impacts, now and beyond</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seeking ongoing and continued support to address the evolving needs</li><li>• Calling for stimulus infrastructure funding using an allocation-based model</li></ul>                                                                                                          |
| <b>Focus on affordable housing solutions</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide long-term, allocation-based, sustainable capital and operational funding for affordable housing</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Invest in a green economy</b>                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide sustained funding to reduce GHG emissions &amp; address climate change risks</li><li>• Develop policy that establishes adaptation targets &amp; defines municipal resilience to climate change</li><li>• Invest in waste infrastructure &amp; technologies</li></ul> |
| <b>Keep the economy moving</b>                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Invest in Peel transit projects and infrastructure around Toronto Pearson International Airport</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                    |

# 2022 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission

**2022** Region of Peel

Provincial Pre-Budget  
Submission



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## Key Themes:

- Address COVID-19 impacts, now and beyond
- Support our community growth
- Focus on affordable housing solutions
- Safeguard quality of life for seniors
- Prioritize investment in mental health
- Invest in child care as an economic catalyst
- Keep the economy moving

# 2022 Provincial Pre-budget Submission

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| <b>Support our community growth</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review medium- and long-term municipal fiscal sustainability</li><li>• Adequately fund provincially mandated services</li></ul>                                                                           |
| <b>Focus on affordable housing solutions</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribute \$319.6 million for Peel's Housing Master Plan</li><li>• Convene a staff-level working group to explore housing opportunities and options</li></ul>                                            |
| <b>Safeguard quality of life for seniors</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support emotion-based care and enable dementia friendly design in Long-Term</li><li>• Provide \$4 million in sustainable operational funding and \$30 million in capital funding for Peel Manor</li></ul> |

# 2022 Provincial Pre-budget Submission

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| <b>Prioritize investment in mental health</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement new population-based funding formulas</li><li>• Address growing waitlists and crisis levels exacerbated by COVID-19</li></ul>             |
| <b>Invest in child care as an economic catalyst</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sign the Canada wide child care agreement</li><li>• Work with Service System Managers on a provincial recruitment and retainment strategy</li></ul> |
| <b>Keep the economy moving</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Implement regulatory changes to allow the creation of AMPS for automated enforcement programs</li></ul>                                             |



# Advocacy Update

## MP/MPP Briefing Sessions

- Last meetings hosted on December 17<sup>th</sup>
- Focused on Peel's Housing Affordability Crisis
  - Highlighted funding gap and associated risks
  - Reiterated that an ideal partnership: "all 3 levels of government provide equal 1/3rd of the required capital"
- Next meetings scheduled for **April 8, 2022**
  - Focus Issues: Transportation/Highway 413 & Provincial Election priorities

## Housing Summit & Housing Affordability Task Force

- Minister Clark hosted provincial/municipal summit on January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Opportunity to highlight Region's housing challenges & priorities
- Staff is reviewing Task force report & recommendations

# Advocacy Update

## 2022 ROMA Conference Delegation Meetings

- **Housing** – Minister Clark
  - Continued funding for housing/homelessness support in response to COVID-19
  - Contribute \$319.6 million to Peel's Housing Master Plan
  - Increase local autonomy and improve housing affordability outcomes
- **Transportation** – Minister Mulroney
  - Peel Transit Infrastructure
  - Vision Zero/AMPs
- **Infrastructure** – MPP Amarjot Sandhu
  - Infrastructure Stimulus Funding/Allocation Model
  - Ensure climate change lens is applied

# 2022 Provincial Election Strategy

## Election Strategy - Overview

- *E-Day: June 2, 2022*
- Strategy intended to influence policy development & political discourse
  - Highlight the need for strong partnerships
- Inform political parties, candidates and other stakeholders about Peel priorities
  - Based on key Council endorsed advocacy positions

# 2022 Provincial Election Strategy

## Election Strategy – Priorities/Key Tactics

### Themes/Priorities

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| <b>Economic Recovery</b>           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pandemic response</li><li>• Invest in child care as an economic catalyst</li></ul>                                                       |
| <b>Partner with Municipalities</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Focus on affordable housing solutions</li><li>• Support Peel's community growth</li><li>• Enhancing the transportation network</li></ul> |
| <b>Community for Life</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Safeguard quality of life for seniors</li><li>• Prioritize investment in mental health</li></ul>                                         |

### Key Tactics

- Provincial election priorities document
  - Circulate to major political party leaders, Peel MPP candidates as well as other key stakeholders
- Traditional communications channels & social media
  - Leverage to promote the Region's priorities

# Looking Forward

## Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities

- **2022 FCM Annual Conference** – Regina, Saskatchewan
  - June 2 - 5, 2022
  - Registration will open soon
- **2022 AMO Conference** – Ottawa, Ontario
  - August 14 - 17, 2022
  - Registration details will be released at the end of March
  - Presents the first key opportunity to meet with elected officials after the provincial election

# Thank You