

Government Relations Update

Government Relations Committee March 2, 2023

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Government Relations Update: Overview

GRC Mandate

- Purpose and Overview

Federal Updates

- Federal funding developments
- Ukrainian response
- Federal Pre-budget submission

Provincial Updates

- Legislative Agenda & Updates
- Minister's Visit
- Provincial Pre-Budget submission

Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities

- FCM & AMO conferences

Government Relations Committee

Purpose of Government Relations Committee (GRC)

- Guide the Region's advocacy efforts in support of Regional Council-endorsed positions
 - Develop and implement government relations strategies
 - Build relations with federal & provincial decision-makers and stakeholder organizations
 - Work with municipal associations (AMO, FCM) on advocacy/engagement strategies

GRC Reporting & Support

- Decisions of GRC are approved by Regional Council
- Supported by the Strategic Public Policy and External Relations team, Committee Clerk and ELT

Federal Update: Recent Funding Developments

New Federal Health Care Funding - February 2023

- \$46.2 billion in new funding for Provinces & Territories over 10 years for shared priorities
- Federal government and Ontario reached agreement in principle on health funding
- Prime Minister and Premier announcement in Mississauga on Feb. 27th

Community Safety – February 10th

- Public Safety Minister Mendicino announced up to \$8.1 million from the Building Safer Communities Fund
- Region will distribute the funding to community-led projects

Ukrainian Humanitarian Response in Peel

- As of Dec 31/22, Peel has incurred \$5.7 million in costs to support housing and basic needs
- **Municipal efforts to secure financial support:**
 - Regular meetings and discussions between GTHA municipal, federal and provincial staff
 - Advocacy from GTHA mayors and Regional Chairs requesting more support
- Federal announcement is expected imminently



2023 Federal Pre-Budget Submission

2023 Region of Peel

Federal Pre-Budget Submission



**Region
of Peel**
working with you

Key Themes:

- Support housing solutions
- Invest in climate change mitigation
- Promote sustainable transportation
- Partner on infrastructure
- Fund Ukrainian Humanitarian Response

Provincial Update: Winter/Spring Legislature

- 2023 Winter/Spring Session began on February 21st
- Health care reforms are key priority for the Province
 - On Feb 2nd, the Province released *Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care*
 - Focus: reducing service wait times, connecting people to services close to home and growing the health workforce
 - To reduce wait times, the plan calls for greater use of private/community health centres



Ontario's 2023 Health Care Reforms

Bill 60: Your Health Act, 2023

- Introduced on February 21st
- Integrates private/community centres into the publicly funded health system & ensure access to insured services
 - **Reduce Wait Times:** centres must demonstrate improved wait times
 - **Quality and Oversight:** centres have in place highest quality standards/strong oversight
 - **Protect Health Staff:** centres must submit detailed staffing models
 - **Publicly Funded services:** cannot refuse service if someone refuses to buy upgrades
 - **“As of Right” Rules:** allow workers from other provinces/ territories to start working without having to first register in Ontario
 - **Data Protections:** strengthen protections for personal health information

Provincial Update:

Bills 23 & 39

Bill 23 Update

- Extension of housing pledges deadline to March 22nd
- No details on compensation re: “Making us whole”
- No amendments to address unintended consequences have been made, but may be introduced
- Staff continue to assess impacts of Bill on infrastructure planning

Regional Review

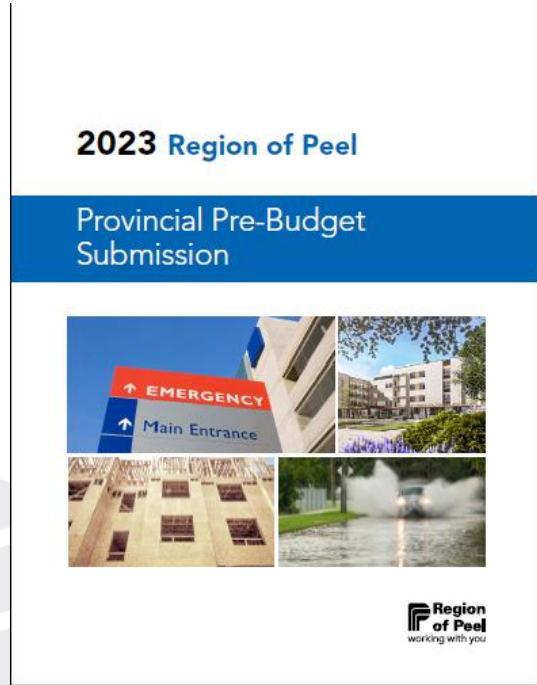
- Appointment of Regional facilitator anticipated soon
- Process of the review remains unclear at this time

Provincial Update: Minister Calandra's Visit

- Minister of Long Term Care (LTC) Paul Calandra visited Sheridan Villa on January 18th
- Key follow ups:
 - Requesting support for emotion-based care
 - Providing suggested ways to help avoid residents moving from LTCs to hospital ERs
- Awaiting reply on the Peel Manor Transitional Behavioural Support Unit proposal



2023 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission



Key Themes:

- Affordable housing and fiscal sustainability
- Stimulus infrastructure funding
- Hospital infrastructure local share requirement
- Community-based care
- Sustainable communities

Provincial Budget to be delivered on March 23rd

Looking Forward

Upcoming Advocacy Opportunities

- FCM Annual Conference – Toronto
 - May 25-28, 2023
 - Early bird pricing until April 21st
- AMO Annual Conference – London, Ontario
 - August 20 – 23, 2023
 - Registration is open
 - Committee Report
 - Overview of advocacy approach
 - Further details will be explored at June GRC meeting
- AMO Conference Workshop
 - **Proposed Revised Date – July 13, 2023**

Thank You