

Government Relations Update

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COVID-19 Provincial Advocacy

In response to COVID-19, the Region has advocated on the following priorities:

Priority	Action/Status
Enabling Regional Council business continuity (permitting electronic Council meetings)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter – Premier (Mar. 18)• Successful
Addressing PPE shortages for health service providers and first responders	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter – Premier (cc: MOH, MMAH, Solicitor General) (Mar. 23)• On going
Premium pay for LTC home workers for the duration of the pandemic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter – Premier (cc: MOH, MOF, MLTC) (May 5)• Successful
Improving access to mental health support	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter – Min. Tibollo (May 28)• On going
Including Regional/municipal considerations in the economic recovery plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegation – Min. Yurek (May 29)• On going

COVID-19 Federal Advocacy

In response to COVID-19, the Region has advocated on the following priorities:

Priority	Action/Status
Provide Canada's airports additional short-term relief and longer-term stimulus package	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter - Min . Garneau & Min. Morneau (cc: Min. Freeland) (Apr. 20)• On going
Provide timely, direct financial support to municipalities to address the COVID-19 pandemic fiscal pressures and to stimulate economic recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letter - PM Trudeau (cc: Min. Freeland, Min. Morneau, Min. McKenna, Peel MPs, FCM & AMO) (May 8)• On going
Work with the municipalities to help protect the most vulnerable during the pandemic and beyond.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegation - House of Commons Standing on Health (May 27)• On going

Peel MP & MPP Advocacy Update

Highlighting Regional priorities during the pandemic:

- Protecting our most vulnerable – focus on seniors, housing and homeless support
- Providing financial relief
- Region's recovery efforts
- Opening of the safe house for victims of human sex trafficking



Federal COVID-19 Response

- Acting quickly to keeping Canadians safe and healthy
- Providing “rigorous” & “vigorous” support to workers and employers to ensure swift economic recovery (Canada’s COVID-19 Economic Response Plan)
- Working closely with provinces to support vulnerable populations, essential workers and commercial tenants
- On June 5th – Committed \$14 billion to provinces to help with municipal recovery efforts

Provincial COVID-19 Response

- Committed to working closely with federal and municipal partners to keep Ontarians safe and healthy
- Implementing and extending the Declaration of Emergency under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act since March 17th
- Released Ontario's Reopening Framework (April 27th) – Areas outside the GTA and Golden Horseshoe entered Stage 2 on June 12th, expanding to all areas except Peel, Toronto and Windsor-Essex on June 19th
- Providing financial support to businesses and individuals impacted by COVID-19
- Passage of *Bill 189, Coronavirus (COVID-19) Support and Protection Act, 2020* (amends *Planning Act* & *DC Act*)

Looking Forward: Region of Peel Priorities Update

- The Region remains committed to advance all its key priorities that will help achieve Regional short and long-term objectives.
- In response to COVID-19, the Region has shifted efforts to advance priorities that will help address challenges resulting from the pandemic.

Regional Advocacy Priorities in Response to COVID-19

Federal and Provincial Funding for Associated COVID-19 Costs

Stimulus Infrastructure Funding

Provincial Inquiry into Long Term Care

Provide Service Managers the funding and flexibility for affordable housing

Maintaining a strong Early Years and Child Care System

Looking Forward: Advocacy Priorities Update

ROP Advocacy Priority	Municipal Sector Positions
<p>Federal and Provincial Funding for Associated COVID-19 Costs</p> <p>The federal and provincial government provide additional funding to offset the substantial incremental costs and loss of revenue associated with the COVID-19 pandemic</p> <p>In the short-term, the Province should provide immediate federal/provincial funding to make up incremental costs and loss of revenue associated with the COVID-19 pandemic</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• At least \$10 billion in emergency operating funding (FCM, MFOA, AMO, LUMCO and MARCO)• Short-term grant to keep municipalities whole during the pandemic and beyond (AMO)• Implement key measures to address funding challenges of mandated services and increased revenue tools for municipal governments (AMO and CUPE)

Looking Forward: Advocacy Priorities Update

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<p>Stimulus Infrastructure Funding The federal and provincial governments provide increased infrastructure funding to stimulate Peel's economic recovery and that an allocation model be implemented to distribute funds expeditiously</p> <p><i>Short-term</i> - Accelerate Phase 2 of the Green Infrastructure stream under the ICIP</p> <p><i>Medium-term</i>- Address systemic fiscal challenges; undertake a review provincial-municipal responsibilities</p> <p><i>Long-term</i> – Provincial – federal conversation on access to a range of diversified and progressive revenue tools</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directly flow new funding to municipalities through the Federal Gas Tax (FCM, MFOA and AMO) • Address long term municipal fiscal sustainability (FCM and AMO) • Accelerate the allocation of funds under the Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP) (AMO) • Provide a wider variety of supports - one size does not fit all when it comes to the differing situations of Canada's municipalities (MFOA)

Looking Forward: Advocacy Priorities Update

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<p>Provincial Inquiry into Long Term Care</p> <p>The Region supports a provincial inquiry into LTC while continuing to advocate for action and resources to enhance person-centred care and addressing known gaps in Long Term Care homes.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of the LTC home model jointly with the sector to ensure that there is adequate, stable and predictable multi-year funding available on a go-forward basis (AMO)

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<p>Provide Service Managers the funding and flexibility for affordable housing (June 25, Report)</p> <p>The federal and provincial governments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enhance operational and capital funding to improve housing affordability outcomes in Peel;• Provide the Region of Peel additional funding to mitigate and manage the negative impacts of the COVID-19 crisis upon the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, and the community housing sector in Peel.• Provide legislative and policy changes at levels to increase local autonomy and improve housing affordability outcomes in Peel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AMO maintains its long-standing position for the need to invest additional funding for affordable housing.

Looking Forward: Advocacy Priorities Update

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<p>Maintaining a strong Early Years and Child Care System (June 25, Report)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delay the implementation of a 50% cent mandatory cost sharing of administrative funding for child care until January 2022;• The Region advocates to the Province that the decision regarding the use of funding for salaries and wages for child care providers during the emergency closure period be made effective June 1, 2020 and not applied retroactively to March 15, 2020.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Not available to date

2020 AMO Virtual Annual Conference

Virtual Conference

- Take place August 17 – 19, 2020
- Networking and delegation opportunities will be available (Deadline for request – June 30, 2020)
- Region's advocacy priorities to focus on:
 - COVID-19 Response
 - Economic Recovery
- Coordinate approach with local municipalities



2020 AMO Virtual Annual Conference

Advocacy Priorities

The Province provide:

- Additional funding to offset the substantial incremental costs and loss of revenue associated with the COVID pandemic;
- Increased infrastructure funding to stimulate Peel's economic recovery and that an allocation model be implemented to distribute funds expeditiously



Thank You

