



**Township of East Garafraxa
Council Information Items Package
(Non-Agenda Items)**

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

Council Information Items Packages consist of municipal resolutions/correspondence with the exception of Municipalities within Dufferin County including County Council; Information items that do not require a decision of Council; and items that will be unlikely to cause debate.

Council Members shall identify any items contained on the Council Information Items Package which they wish to speak to, and the matter shall be extracted from the Package. Extracted items will be dealt with separately under General Business and Correspondence on the corresponding Council Meeting agenda.

1. Ministries

Nothing at this Time.

2. Municipalities

2.1 Town of Bracebridge

2.1.1 Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

2.2 Regional Municipality of Peel

2.2.1 Notice of Case Management Conference - OLT-24-000688 - City of Brampton Official Plan

2.3 Township of Russell

2.3.1 AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

2.4 City of Brantford

2.4.1 Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

2.5 Town of Plympton-Wyoming

2.5.1 The Canada Community-Building Fund

2.6 City of Orillia

2.6.1 Province to Support Family Physicians

3. Organizations/Groups/Agencies

3.1 Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus

3.1.1 Rural Municipal Leaders Support 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign to Address

Homelessness and Mental Health

3.2 Headwaters Health Care Centre

3.2.1 Receives \$3.615M to partially support multi-year Plant and Building Automation System Upgrade

[Website Link](#)

3.2.2 Havana Nights - 25th Annual Headwaters Health Care Foundation Gala

[Website Link](#)

August 26, 2024

Re: Item for Discussion – Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage

At its meeting of August 26, 2024, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Bracebridge ratified motion #24-GC-149, regarding the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) / Ontario Medical Association (OMA) Joint Resolution Campaign on Physician Shortage, as follows:

“WHEREAS the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years;

AND WHEREAS it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the Northern Ontario School of Medicine University says communities in northern Ontario are short more than 350 physicians, including more than 200 family doctors; and half of the physicians working in northern Ontario expected to retire in the next five years;

AND WHEREAS Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments;

AND WHEREAS the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022;

AND WHEREAS per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada;

AND WHEREAS a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Bracebridge urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Bracebridge and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care.”

In accordance with Council’s direction, I am forwarding you a copy of the resolution for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide any additional clarification in this regard.

Yours truly,



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August 27, 2024

DELIVERED

To whom it may concern:

**Re: Notice of Case Management Conference
OLT Case No.: OLT-24-000688
City of Brampton Adoption of New Official Plan**

The Regional Municipality of Peel (“**Peel**”) is the approval authority for the official plan of the City of Brampton (“**City**”) in the above-noted matter. The By-law to adopt the official plan was enacted and passed by the City council on November 1, 2023. The City submitted the required materials to Peel for approval on November 16, 2023. Peel requested additional materials required to complete the review and deemed the City’s submission record to be complete on January 19, 2024. Peel council approved the Brampton official plan as modified on May 9, 2024. Peel received appeals of its approval from sixteen (16) appellants.

Pursuant to direction received by Peel from the Ontario Land Tribunal (the “**Tribunal**”) to circulate a Notice of Case Management Conference (“**CMC**”) with respect to the hearing of the appeals, you will find enclosed with this letter:

1. A copy of the Notice of CMC and applicable extracts of the Tribunal’s Rules of Practice and Procedure; and
2. An explanatory note outlining the purpose and effect of the official plan.

Please note the CMC is scheduled for one (1) day commencing on **Tuesday, October 1st at 10:00 a.m.** and will be conducted via virtual meeting. The virtual meeting can be accessed here, <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/660145013>.

The event will be held using **GoTo Meetings**. The appellant(s), applicant, municipality or approval authority, and those persons who intend to request party or participant status, are asked to log into the video hearing through the link provided above at least **15 minutes** before the start of the event to test their video and audio connections. All persons are expected to access and set-up the application well in advance of the event to avoid unnecessary delay. The desktop application can be downloaded at GoToMeeting. A web application is also available:

<https://app.gotomeeting.com/home.html>.

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A compatible web browser for this service is Chrome. Persons who experience technical difficulties accessing the GoToMeeting application or who only wish to listen to the event can connect to the event by calling into an audio-only telephone line: Canada (Toll Free) 1 888 299 1889 or Canada +1 (647) 497-9373. The **access code is 660-145-013.**

As outlined in the Notice of CMC, if you wish to participate in the proceeding, either as a Party or Participant, you are expected to file with our office, the Tribunal and the City, a written request for status outlining your interest in the proceeding at least **10 days before the CMC.**

Should you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905-791-7800 x7189 or rachel.godley@peelregion.ca. If you prefer to direct your questions to the Tribunal, please contact the CMC Coordinator in this matter, Jessica Hampton, at Jessica.hampton@ontario.ca.

Kind regards,



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The Regional Municipality of Peel
Encl.

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PROCEEDING COMMENCED UNDER subsection 17(36) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. P.13, as amended

Appellants:	23 Railroad Inc +, 2707193 Ontario Inc., Bovaird West Holdings, and others.
Subject:	Proposed Official Plan Amendment
Description:	To permit the adoption of the New Official Plan of the City of Brampton
Reference Number:	N/A
Property Address:	Lands within the City of Brampton
Municipality:	Brampton
OLT Case No.:	OLT-24-000688
OLT Lead Case No.:	OLT-24-000688
OLT Case Name:	23 Railroad Inc + et al v. Brampton (City)

The Ontario Land Tribunal ("Tribunal") will conduct a **Case Management Conference (CMC)** by **Video Conference** for this matter.

The event will be held:

AT: 10:00 AM

ON: October 1, 2024

**AT: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/660145013>
Access Code: 660-145-013**

The Tribunal has set aside **1 day** for this matter.

The event will be held using GoToMeeting. The appellant(s), applicant, municipality or approval authority, and those persons who intend to request party or participant status, are asked to log into the video hearing through the link provided above at least **15 minutes** before the start of the event to test their video and audio connections. All persons are expected to access and set-up the application well in advance of the event to avoid unnecessary delay. The desktop application can be downloaded at [GoToMeeting](#). A web application is also available:

<https://app.gotomeeting.com/home.html>. A compatible web browser for this service is Chrome.

Persons who experience technical difficulties accessing the GoToMeeting application or who only wish to listen to the event can connect to the event by calling into an audio-only telephone line: **1-888-299-1889 (Toll Free) or +1 (647) 497-9373. The access code is 660-145-013.**

Event dates are firm – adjournments will not be granted except in the most serious circumstances, and only in accordance with the *Tribunal's Rules of Practice and Procedure* [Rule 17](#) on adjournments.

This event is conducted under [Rule 20](#) of the Tribunal's Rules. [Rule 20.2](#) sets out how a party may object to the Tribunal conducting this event electronically. Any party, or any person who intends to seek party status, may object to the Tribunal holding this event by video by filing an objection with the Tribunal's Case Coordinator. The objection must be received by the Tribunal **at least 20 days** before the date of the CMC and must be copied to the other parties. All contact information is included in Schedule A.

If you do not attend the CMC, the Tribunal may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of these proceedings. The Tribunal may finalize the list of appellants, parties and/or participants at this CMC, and may order that no additional appellants, parties and/or participants be added or included in this proceeding, without leave of the Tribunal.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

If a person intends to refer to a document at the CMC that is not in the Tribunal's case file, the document is expected to be pre-filed electronically with the Tribunal **at least 10 days** before the date of the CMC, unless another filing date is specified in the Tribunal's Rules. All pre-filed documents shall be served on the other parties electronically. All contact information is included in Schedule A.

Submissions larger than **10MB** must be transferred to the Tribunal's Case Coordinator using an electronic file sharing link/service. Please see Schedule B for further submission requirements.

The purpose of the CMC is set out in [Rule 19.1](#) of the Tribunal's Rules. The CMC will deal with preliminary issues, that include the following:

- **Identification of parties** - these persons have the right to participate throughout by presenting evidence, questioning witnesses, and making final arguments. In order for the Tribunal to determine your status for the hearing, you or your representative should attend the CMC and ask to be added as a party. Groups, whether incorporated or not, who wish to become parties should name a representative. Parties do not need to be represented by lawyers or agents.

- **Identification of participants** - persons who do not wish to participate throughout the hearing may attend the hearing and provide a written statement to the Tribunal.
- **Identification of issues.**
- **Possibility of settlement and/or mediation of any or all of the issues** – the panel will explore with the parties whether the case before the Tribunal and the issues in dispute are matters that may benefit from mediation. Mediation is a voluntary process that encourages all sides in a dispute to get a better understanding of each other’s positions and fully explore and negotiate options for a mutually acceptable settlement of all or some of the issues in dispute. The panel may direct, upon consent of the parties, that some or all of the issues in dispute proceed to mediation.
- **Start date of the hearing.**
- **Duration of the hearing.**
- **Directions for pre-filing of witness lists, expert witness statements and written evidence.**
- **The hearing of motions.**
- **Draft Procedural Order** – parties are expected to meet before the CMC to consider a draft Procedural Order, as per [Rule 19.2](#) (see [Sample Procedural Order](#) on the website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/forms-submissions/>).
- **Such further matters as the Tribunal considers appropriate.**

Everyone should come prepared to consider specific dates for proceedings in this matter.

All persons who wish to participate in this matter are expected to be prepared should the Tribunal convert the CMC to a settlement conference, a motion for procedural directions, or a preliminary hearing, where evidence or formal statements or submissions may be heard. Even when no settlement is reached, the Tribunal may proceed to make a final decision on any evidence received during the conference.

PARTY OR PARTICIPANT STATUS REQUEST:

Persons other than the appellant(s), applicant, municipality or approval authority who wish to participate in the proceeding, either as a party or as a participant, are expected to file a written status request with the Tribunal to outline their interest in the proceeding.

The [Party Status Request Form](#) and [Participant Status Request and Participant Statement Form](#) are available on the Tribunal’s website (<https://olt.gov.on.ca/forms-submissions/>) and are to be used to assist with the preparation of the request. If you are

requesting status, this form must be provided at least 10 days in advance of the Case Management Conference to:

- The assigned Tribunal Case Coordinator **Jessica Hampton** at Jessica.hampton@ontario.ca.
- The municipality and the approval authority on the same day as it is emailed to the Tribunal Case Coordinator.
- The Applicant and the Appellant(s) on the same day as it is emailed to the Tribunal Case Coordinator.

The contact information for the parties is included in Schedule A.

The status request will be reviewed and considered by the presiding Member at the CMC. It will also assist the Tribunal in organizing the hearing event. **Attendance by the requestor, or their representative, at the CMC is required for all status requests.**

Persons who are granted **party status** may participate fully in the proceeding (see [Rule 8](#)).

Persons who are granted **participant status** may only participate in writing by way of a participant statement. This statement is expected to be provided 10 days advance of the CMC as part of the status request (see above) and sets out their position in the matter (see [Rule 7.7](#)).

Only persons who are granted party or participant status by the Tribunal at the CMC are permitted to participate in any further hearing event that is convened by the Tribunal for this appeal.

FURTHER DIRECTIONS

Tribunal proceedings are open to the public and all documents filed in a proceeding will be included in the Tribunal's public file (except those documents that may be deemed confidential in accordance with the Ontario Land Tribunal's [Rule 22.1](#)).

The Tribunal shall issue a disposition following the Hearing that will set out the directions of the Tribunal. A copy of this decision may be obtained from the Tribunal's website (<https://olt.gov.on.ca/decisions/>) by referencing the above case number. Please review the Tribunal's [Rules](#) for relevant information.

We are committed to providing accessible services as set out in the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*. If you have any accessibility needs, please contact our Accessibility Coordinator as soon as possible by emailing OLT.COORDINATOR@ontario.ca. If you require documents in formats other than conventional print, or if you have specific accommodation needs, please let us know so we can make arrangements in advance.

Pour recevoir des services en français, veuillez communiquer avec la Tribunal au 1-866-448-2248/(416) 212-6349 ou OLT.COORDINATOR@ontario.ca.

For general information concerning the Tribunal, visit our website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca> or you may contact the Tribunal's offices at 1-866-448-2248 or local (416) 212-6349.

DATED at Toronto, this 26th day of August 2024.

Euken Lui
Acting Registrar

SCHEDULE A

Please provide materials electronically to the assigned Tribunal Case Coordinator **Jessica Hampton** at Jessica.hampton@ontario.ca.

On the same day that documents are submitted to the Tribunal, electronic copies are to be submitted to:

The Regional Municipality of Peel, R. Arti Sanichara & Rachel Godley	arti.sanichara@peelregion.ca & rachel.godley@peelregion.ca
The Corporation of The City of Brampton, Matthew Rea	Matthew.Rea@brampton.ca
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SCHEDULE B

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ELECTRONIC PRE-FILING SUBMISSIONS

Submission requirements to organize the video hearing

If a person intends to refer to a document at the video hearing (for clarity, any document that is not in the Tribunal's case file), it is expected to be pre-filed electronically with the Tribunal at **least 10 days** before the date of the video hearing and provided to all parties. The deadline applies unless otherwise specified in the Rules.

Submission emails **under 10MB** in size may be emailed directly to the assigned Tribunal Case Coordinator. Emails **larger than 10MB** must be transferred to the Tribunal's Case Coordinator using an electronic file sharing link/service to avoid sending documents across multiple email parts. Where appropriate, documents are to be submitted in .pdf format.

Naming convention

To assist the Tribunal and the adjudicator during the event, it is important that all submissions are **paginated and labelled appropriately** to clearly identify the content of each document. Where a document contains numerous sections, each section is to be indexed to a table of contents.

Additionally, clearly identify and separately tab the relevant sections that will be relied upon for quicker reference. The entirety of the policy documents (e.g. the PPS, Planning Act, Official Plans, Zoning By-laws, etc.) are not required unless deemed necessary to be presented by the parties or as otherwise directed by the Tribunal.

Parties are asked to adhere to the following naming convention: **case number_party role_ document type_date of hearing event**.

For example: PL123456_Applicant_Notice of Motion_Jan 1, 2020

Please see [Rules 7.1 and 7.2](#) for the standard document submission requirements.

EXCERPTS FROM TRIBUNAL RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

RULE 7

DOCUMENTS, EXHIBITS, FILING, SERVICE

7.1 Form of Documents Unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal, every document filed or introduced by a party or participant in a proceeding before the Tribunal shall be legible and prepared on letter size paper (8 ½" x 11"), except for large documents such as plans, surveys or maps, and, where bound together with other documents, shall have each page numbered consecutively, throughout the entire text or within tabs, including any graphic content. Wherever possible, an electronic copy of the document must also be filed with the Tribunal, identically numbered as the paper document.

7.2 Other Exhibits Large graphic or other such types of visual evidence should not be glued to foam or other boards. They shall be on paper and be removed from the boards following the hearing event, and folded to 8 ½" x 11". Three-dimensional models must be photographed and the photographs must be introduced with the model. Visual evidence must be reviewed by the other parties before the hearing event or by an earlier date if set out in a procedural order.

7.3 Copies of Documents for Parties and the Municipal Clerk A party who intends to introduce a document as evidence at a hearing event shall provide a copy of the document to all the parties at the beginning of the proceeding or by an earlier date if that is required by the terms of a procedural order or otherwise directed by the Tribunal. If the document is an official plan, those parts of the plan to be referred to at the hearing event should be distributed to the parties, and a copy of the entire plan must be made available to the Tribunal Member(s). If the Tribunal orders that the Municipal Clerk keep copies of documents for public inspection, they do not need to be certified copies, unless a party objects that they are not authentic copies.

7.4 Prefiling of Witness Statements and Reports If the hearing is expected to last more than 5 days, the Tribunal may require that parties calling expert or professional witnesses serve on the other parties any expert witness statements and reports prepared for the hearing, at least 30 days in advance of the commencement of the hearing, unless otherwise directed by the Tribunal. The Tribunal may in its discretion, or at the request of a party, also make this prefiling order for hearings expected to last fewer than 5 days. The expert witness statement must contain:

- a) An executed acknowledgment of expert's duty form (attached to these Rules) and the expert's qualifications;
- b) The issues the expert will address, their opinions on these issues, the reasons That support their opinions and their conclusions; and
- c) A list of the reports or documents, whether prepared by the expert or by someone else, that the expert will refer to at the hearing.

The expert's complete report may be filed instead of this statement if it contains the required information.

An expert may not be permitted to testify if this statement or report is not served on all parties when so directed by the Tribunal.

7.5 Duty of the Expert Witness It is the duty of every expert engaged by or on behalf of a party who is to provide opinion evidence at a proceeding under these Rules to acknowledge, either prior to (by signing the acknowledgment form attached to the Rules) or at the proceeding, that they are to:

- a) Provide opinion evidence that is fair, objective and non-partisan;
- b) Provide opinion evidence that is related only to the matters that are within the expert's area of expertise;
- c) Provide such additional assistance as the Tribunal may reasonably require to determine a matter in issue;
- d) Not to seek or receive assistance or communication from any third party, except technical support, while giving oral evidence in examination in chief, while under cross-examination, or while in reply; and
- e) Acknowledge that these duties prevail over any obligation owed by the expert to the party by whom or on whose behalf he or she is engaged.

7.6 Other Witnesses The Tribunal may also require that a witness who is not presenting expert evidence provide a witness statement. A witness statement should contain:

- a) A short-written outline of the person's background experience and interest in the matter;
- b) A list of the issues that they will discuss; and
- c) A list of reports or materials that they will rely on at the hearing.

The Tribunal may decline to allow the witness to testify if this statement is required by the Tribunal and has not been provided to the other parties.

7.7 Participant Statements A person who wishes to participate in a proceeding as a participant, shall file a written participant statement that sets out their position on the appeal and issues of the proceeding, together with an explanation of their reasons in support of their position. A participant may only make submissions to the Tribunal in writing unless otherwise provided for by an Act or regulation.

7.8 Amendment of Documents Documents filed with the Tribunal can only be amended with the consent of the parties or by order of the Tribunal. The Tribunal may

require that the person requesting an amendment do so by way of a motion under Rule 10.

7.9 Copies of Tribunal Documents A person may examine any document, including electronic documents, filed with the Tribunal and copy it after paying the Tribunal's fee, unless a statute, a Court Order, an order of the Tribunal or these Rules provide otherwise.

7.10 Return of Exhibits Exhibits of all types introduced at a hearing will be kept for 180 days after the Tribunal decision issues. The person introducing an exhibit may ask for its return after this time, and it may be given back if the Tribunal agrees. If no such request is made, the exhibit becomes the property of the Tribunal and may be archived.

7.11 Service by Personal Service or Electronic Service Where any document is required to be served or filed, including the one commencing a proceeding or a motion or providing notice, it shall be served by personal service, registered mail or electronically (unless a statute or the Tribunal requires another method of service) and shall be sent to:

- a) The party's representative, if any;
- b) Where the party is an individual and is not represented, to that party directly, where that party has provided an address for service and/or an e-mail address;
- c) Where that party is a corporation and is not represented, to the corporation directly, to the attention of an individual with apparent authority to receive the document;
- d) Where served on or filed with a local board or commission, or any department, ministry or agency of the federal, provincial or municipal government, to an individual with apparent authority to receive the document; or
- e) Where served on or filed with the Tribunal, to the Registrar, or the assigned administrative staff.

Subject to Rule 7.12, if a document is served by e-mail, then service is effective on the date of service.

7.12 If Served Electronically After 4:30 p.m. Any document served electronically after 4:30 p.m. is deemed to have been served on the next business day.

7.13 Proof of Electronic Service A confirmation printout received by the sender is proof of the full transmission and receipt of the electronic service.

RULE 8

ROLE AND OBLIGATIONS OF A PARTY

8.1 Role and Obligations of a Party Subject to Rule 8.2 below, a person conferred party status to a proceeding before the Tribunal may participate fully in the proceeding, and by way of example may:

- a) Identify issues raised in a notice of appeal for the approval of the Tribunal;
- b) Bring or respond to any motion in the proceeding;
- c) Receive copies of all documents and supporting information exchanged, relied upon or filed in connection with any hearing event conducted in the proceeding;
- d) Present opening and closing submissions at the hearing;
- e) Present and examine witnesses and cross-examine witnesses not of like interest;
- f) Claim costs or be subject to a costs award when ordered by the Tribunal; and
- g) Request a review of the Tribunal's decision or order as set out in Rule 25.

8.2 Power of Tribunal to Add or Substitute Parties The Tribunal may add or substitute a party to a proceeding when that person satisfies any applicable legislative tests necessary to be a party and their interest may be transferred or transmitted to another party to be added or substituted provided their presence is necessary to enable the Tribunal to adjudicate effectively and completely on the issues in the proceeding.

8.3 Non-Appellant Party A party to a proceeding before the Tribunal which arises under any of subsections 17(24) or (36), 34(19) or 51(39) of the *Planning Act* who is not an appellant of the municipal decision or enactment may not raise or introduce a new issue in the proceeding. The non-appellant party may only participate in these appeals of municipal decisions by sheltering under an issue raised in an appeal by an appellant party and may participate fully in the proceeding to the extent that the issue remains in dispute. A non-appellant party has no independent status to continue an appeal should that appeal be withdrawn by an appellant party.

8.4 Common Interest Class Where the Tribunal is of the opinion that more than one party is of common interest with another party or other parties, the Tribunal may, on its own initiative or on the request of any party, appoint a person of that class of parties to represent the class in the proceeding.

RULE 17

ADJOURNMENTS

17.1 Hearing Dates Fixed Hearing events will take place on the date set unless the Tribunal agrees to an adjournment. Adjournments will not be allowed that may prevent the Tribunal from completing and disposing of its proceedings within any applicable prescribed time period.

17.2 Requests for Adjournment if All Parties Consent If all of the parties agree, they may make a written request to adjourn a hearing event. The request must include the reasons, a suggested new date, and the written consents of all parties. However, the Tribunal may require that the parties attend in person or convene an electronic hearing to request an adjournment, even if all of the parties consent. The consenting parties are expected to present submissions to the Tribunal on the application of any prescribed time period to dispose of the proceeding.

17.3 Requests for Adjournment without Consent If a party objects to an adjournment request, the party requesting the adjournment must bring a motion at least 15 days before the date set for the hearing event. If the reason for an adjournment arises less than 15 days before the date set for the hearing event, the party must give notice of the request to the Tribunal and to the other parties and serve their motion materials as soon as possible. If the Tribunal refuses to consider a late request, any motion for adjournment must be made in person, at the beginning of the hearing event.

17.4 Emergencies Only The Tribunal will grant last minute adjournments only for unavoidable emergencies, such as illnesses so close to the hearing date that another representative or witness cannot be obtained. The Tribunal must be informed of these emergencies as soon as possible.

17.5 Powers of Tribunal upon Adjournment Request The Tribunal may,

- a) Grant the request;
- b) Grant the request and fix a new date or, where appropriate, the Tribunal will schedule a case management conference on the status of the matter;
- c) Grant a shorter adjournment than requested;
- d) Deny the request, even if all parties have consented;
- e) Direct that the hearing proceed as scheduled but with a different witness, or evidence on another issue;
- f) Grant an indefinite adjournment, if the Tribunal finds no substantial prejudice to the other parties or to the Tribunal's schedule and the Tribunal concludes the request is reasonable for the determination of the issues in dispute. In this case, a party must make a request, or the Tribunal on its own initiative may direct, that the hearing be rescheduled or resumed as the case may be;

- g) Convert the scheduled date to a mediation or case management conference; and
- h) Make any other appropriate order.

RULE 19

CASE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCES

19.1 Case Management Conference At the request of a party, on its own initiative or as may be required by legislation or regulation, the Tribunal may direct parties to participate in a case management conference conducted by a Member of the Tribunal, which can include settlement conferences, motions or preliminary hearing matters, such as to:

- a) Identify the parties and participants;
- b) Determine the issues raised by the appeal;
- c) Narrow the issues in dispute;
- d) Identify facts or evidence the parties may agree upon or on which the Tribunal may make a binding decision;
- e) Obtain admissions that may simplify the hearing, which may include the examination of persons by the Tribunal as part of the conference;
- f) Provide directions for exchange of witness lists, witness statements, expert witness statements and reports, for meetings of experts including to address the disclosure of information such as the disclosure of the information that was not provided to the municipality before council or the approval authority made its decision that is the subject of the appeal, and for further disclosure where necessary;
- g) Provide directions to the parties to file a hearing plan to outline how the hearing will proceed, the order of witnesses, or the anticipated time for submissions to ensure the Tribunal sets aside sufficient time in its hearing calendar to dispose of the issues;
- h) Discuss opportunities for settlement, including possible use of mediation or other dispute resolution processes;
- i) Fix a date, place and format for the hearing and estimate its length, and encourage the parties to agree upon the dates for any procedural steps;
- j) Discuss issues of confidentiality, including any need to hold a part of the hearing in the absence of the public or to seal documents;
- k) Address the production and cost sharing of joint document books; and
- l) Deal with any other matter that may assist in a fair, just, expeditious and cost-effective resolution of the issues.

19.2 Sample Procedural Order and Meeting Before Case Management Conference Where the parties are known before the case management conference, they are expected to discuss the matters set out in Rule 19.1 and present a draft procedural order to the Tribunal for its approval. Sample procedural orders are listed in the Index to these Rules.

19.3 Serving Notice of a Conference The Tribunal will determine the notice requirements for a Case Management Conference and any directions to serve a Notice of Case Management Conference that provides the time, place and format of the conference. The directions may include a notice to all persons or authorities entitled by legislation or regulation. The person, municipality or approval authority who is issued the direction must serve this notice on those persons entitled to notice of the conference and provide an affidavit to the Tribunal, at or prior to the conference, to prove service of the notice.

19.4 Tribunal Member Presides The Tribunal's Chair will assign at least one Member of the Tribunal to conduct the conference.

19.5 Public Attendance at a Case Management Conference A case management conference held in person will be open to the public. A case management conference held by electronic hearing will be open to the public where practical. Despite the general principle of public open sessions, where circumstances prevail that may require confidentiality, in the discretion of the presiding Tribunal Member, part or all of the conference may be conducted in *camera*.

19.6 Conversion from One Procedure to Another The Tribunal Member may, at any time, conduct a procedural discussion, initiate a motion, inquire into a preliminary matter, or convert the conference into a hearing. The Tribunal will state in the notice of a case management conference that the parties are expected to arrive prepared for a procedural and settlement conference as well as a preliminary hearing, where evidence or formal statements or submissions may be heard. Even if no settlement is reached, the Tribunal may proceed to make a final decision on any evidence received during the conference.

19.7 Results of Failure to Attend a Conference If a party fails to attend the conference or by authorized representative, the Tribunal may proceed without that party. The non-attending party is not entitled to notice of subsequent hearing events in the proceedings.

19.8 Tribunal Order Following The Tribunal Member conducting the case management conference will issue an order that may decide any of the matters considered at the conference and provide procedural directions for any subsequent hearing event.

19.9 Hearing Member Bound The Tribunal Member conducting the hearing or any subsequent hearing event is bound by the order resulting from the case management conference unless that Member is satisfied that there is good reason to vary the order.

19.10 Methods of Holding Hearing Events The Tribunal may direct in an order following a conference that hearing events in a proceeding be held by a combination of written, electronic or in person hearing events.

RULE 20

ELECTRONIC HEARINGS

20.1 Hearing Events by Teleconference or Videoconference The Tribunal may hold a hearing event by electronic hearing, such as by teleconference or videoconference, for the determination of any issue in the proceeding. Where the Tribunal directs that a hearing event be held by electronic hearing, the Tribunal may direct a party to make the necessary arrangements and to give notice of those arrangements to the Tribunal and other parties.

20.2 Objection to the Electronic Format A party who objects to a hearing event being held as an electronic hearing shall notify the Tribunal and all other parties of its objection within the time period specified in the notice of the electronic hearing. The objecting party shall set out the reasons why the electronic hearing is likely to cause the objecting party significant prejudice.

20.3 Response to Notice of Objection The Tribunal may request a written response from other parties to the objection of an electronic hearing within a time period set out by the Tribunal.

20.4 Procedure When Objection is Received If the Tribunal receives an objection to hold a hearing event by electronic hearing, it may:

- a) Accept the objection, cancel the electronic hearing, and schedule an in person or written hearing; or
- b) If the Tribunal is satisfied, after considering any responding submissions that no significant prejudice will result to a party, then the Tribunal will reject the objection and proceed with the electronic hearing.

20.5 Directions for the Electronic Hearing The Tribunal may direct the arrangements for the electronic hearing or designate an approved location for videoconference to protect the integrity of the hearing process, including the security and confidentiality of evidence as necessary.

20.6 Videoconferences The Tribunal shall pre-approve all arrangements for conducting a hearing event by videoconference, including the pre-filing and exchange of motion materials, documents, written submissions or any visual and written evidence, and the locations for the conference. Any information, statement or material intended to be filed as an exhibit at a videoconference shall be pre-filed with the Tribunal and provided to all parties in accordance with the Tribunal's directions or procedural order for conducting a hearing event by videoconference.

20.7 The View of the Camera A party's representative or a witness in a videoconference shall be in view of the camera, with minimal visual obstructions, in the course of their presentations or submissions to the Tribunal. Where a witness is being

examined or cross-examined, there shall be a view of the witness, counsel protecting the witness, and the person conducting the examination or cross-examination. Any document that may be referred to by parties or their witnesses shall be visible and legible to the Tribunal and all other parties to the conference, either by the camera or by referring to a copy of the document exchanged in accordance with the Tribunal's directions.

June 1, 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTE

PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF BRAMPTON OFFICIAL PLAN

The purpose of the new Brampton Official Plan is to repeal and replace the in-effect Brampton Official Plan, 2006, as amended, with the new Brampton Official Plan, save and except for Part Two: Secondary Plans, as amended, and Official Plan Amendments constituting the Secondary and Block Plans.

The effect of the new Brampton Official Plan is to comprehensively update policies and schedules to conform with the Region of Peel Official Plan, the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and applicable Provincial Plans and legislation. The new Official Plan provides goals, objectives, and policies to guide growth and development to 2051, including policies and schedules that address housing and growth management, major transit station areas, protection of natural and cultural heritage features and resources, transportation systems, employment areas, and economic development.

The new Brampton Official Plan applies to all lands within the municipal boundary of the City of Brampton. Accordingly, no key map is included.

The new Brampton Official Plan and schedules can be found here: <https://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/Official-Plan/Pages/official-plan-background.aspx> If you require hardcopies of the new Brampton Official schedules, please contact planpeel@peelregion.ca.



TOWNSHIP OF
RUSSELL

CERTIFIED RESOLUTION

Date: **August 26, 2024** **Item(s) no.:** 10 (ref. a)

Subject: Resolution to Support AMCTO Provincial Updates to the Municipal Elections Act

Moved by: **Jamie Laurin**

Seconded by: **Lisa Deacon**

WHEREAS elections rules need to be clear, supporting candidates and voters in their electoral participation and election administrators in running elections; and

WHEREAS legislation needs to strike the right balance between providing clear rules and frameworks to ensure the integrity of the electoral process; and

WHEREAS the legislation must also reduce administrative and operational burden for municipal staff ensuring that local election administrators can run elections in a way that responds to the unique circumstances of their local communities; and

WHEREAS the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (MEA) will be 30 years old by the next municipal and school board elections in 2026; and

WHEREAS the MEA sets out the rules for local elections, the Assessment Act, 1990 and the Education Act, 1990 also contain provisions impacting local elections adding more places for voters, candidates, and administrators to look for the rules that bind the local democratic process in Ontario; and

WHEREAS with rules across three pieces of legislation, and the MEA containing a patchwork of clauses, there are interpretation challenges, inconsistencies, and gaps to fill; and

WHEREAS the Act can pose difficulties for voters, candidates, contributors and third-party advertisers to read, to interpret, to comply with and for election administrators to enforce; and

WHEREAS while local elections are run as efficiently and effectively as can be within the current legislative framework, modernization and continuous improvement is needed to ensure the Act is responsive to today's needs and tomorrow's challenges; and

WHEREAS to keep public trust and improve safeguards the Act should be reviewed considering the ever-changing landscape which impacts elections administration including privacy, the threats of foreign interference, increased spread of mis/disinformation and the increased use of technologies like artificial intelligence and use of digital identities; and

WHEREAS the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks, and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO) reviewed the Act and has provided several recommendations including modernizing the legislation, harmonizing rules, and streamlining and simplifying administration; and


WHEREAS AMCTO put forward recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2026 elections and longer-term recommendations for amendments ahead of the 2030 elections; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township of Russell calls for the Province to update the MEA with priority amendments as outlined by AMCTO before Summer 2025 and commence work to review and re-write the MEA with longer-term recommendations ahead of the 2030 elections; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution will be forwarded to all municipalities in Ontario for support and that each endorsement be then forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Minister of Education, the Minister of Public and Business Service Delivery, Minister of Finance, the Premier of Ontario, MPP of Glengarry-Prescott-Russell and AMCTO.

MOTION APPROVED

I, Joanne Camiré Laflamme, Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Russell, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Russell on the 26th day of August 2024.



Joanne Camiré Laflamme
Clerk



August 30, 2024

Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario

Sent via email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Honourable Doug Ford:

Please be advised that Brantford City Council at its meeting held August 27, 2024 adopted the following:

12.2.4 Legislative Amendments to Improve Municipal Codes of Conduct and Enforcement

WHEREAS all Ontarians deserve and expect a safe and respectful workplace; and

WHEREAS municipal governments, as the democratic institutions most directly engaged with Ontarians, need respectful discourse; and

WHEREAS several incidents in recent years of abuse and workplace harassment have occurred amongst members of municipal councils; and

WHEREAS these incidents seriously and negatively affect the people involved and lower public perceptions of local governments; and

WHEREAS municipal Codes of Conduct are helpful tools to set expectations of Council members' behaviour; and

WHEREAS legislation would hold both accountable and protect all municipal offices; and

WHEREAS municipal governments do not have the necessary tools to adequately enforce compliance with municipal Codes of Conduct and support appropriate accountability when it comes to perpetrating violence and harassment in the workplace; and

WHEREAS the fundamental underlying principle of broadening diversity, equity and inclusion in politics rests on the assumption the workplace is safe; and

WHEREAS government legislation would require Councillors to comply with the workplace violence and harassment policies, establish a process for removing individuals in substantiated cases of egregious violence or harassment, as well as

prevent officials whose seats have been vacated for such reasons from seeking immediate or subsequent re-election; and

WHEREAS the aforementioned elements are consistent with previously developed legislation, as well as current legislation tabled (Bill 207, Municipal Accountability and Integrity Act, 2024).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- A. THAT the Corporation of the City of Brantford supports the call of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Ontario Municipal Administrators Association (OMAA), Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), and more than 207 municipalities, for the Government of Ontario to introduce legislation to strengthen municipal Codes of Conduct and compliance with them in consultation with municipal governments; and
- B. THAT the legislation encompasses:
- i. Updating municipal Codes of Conduct to account for workplace safety and harassment;
 - ii. Creating a flexible administrative penalty regime, adapted to the local economic and financial circumstances of municipalities across Ontario;
 - iii. Increasing training of municipal Integrity Commissioners to enhance consistency of investigations and recommendations across the province;
 - iv. Amending the Municipal Act, 2001 to require the establishment of a Board of Integrity Commissioners;
 - v. Amending both, the Municipal Act, 2001, and the City of Toronto Act, 2006, to allow a Commissioner of the Board of Integrity Commissioners to make an application for judicial review to vacate a member's seat and impose prescribed penalties if the Commissioner is of the opinion that the member has made certain contraventions of the Code of Conduct;
 - vi. Adding provisions to both Acts to allow the Commissioner to seek confirmation of certain determinations from a judge of the Superior Court;
 - vii. Introducing provisions to prohibit a member who has been removed from office from running in the election for the remainder of the term and the subsequent term; and
- C. THAT a copy of this resolution BE FORWARDED to the Premier of Ontario, Doug Ford; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra; Attorney General, Doug Downey; Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's

Social and Economic Opportunity; Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament; Larry Brock, Member of Parliament; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and Ontario municipalities.

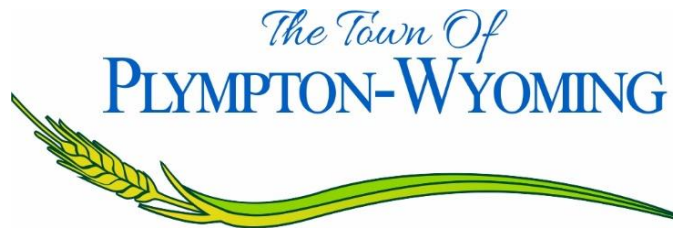
I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours truly,



Chris Gauthier
City Clerk, cgauthier@brantford.ca

cc Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra
Attorney General, Doug Downey
Charmaine Williams, Associate Minister of Women's Social and Economic Opportunity
Will Bouma, Member of Provincial Parliament
Larry Brock, Member of Parliament
Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)
Ontario municipalities



Justin Trudeau
justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca
(sent via e-mail)

August 30th, 2024

Re: The Canada Community-Building Fund

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its Regular Council meeting on August 28th, 2024, passed the following motion supporting the resolution from the City of Quinte West regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Motion #16

Moved by Councillor Kristen Rodrigues

Seconded by Councillor Mike Vasey

That Council support correspondence item 'i' from the City of Quinte West regarding the Canada Community-Building Fund.

Carried.

If you have any questions regarding the above motion, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email at eflynn@plympton-wyoming.ca.

Sincerely,

Ella Flynn
Executive Assistant – Deputy Clerk
Town of Plympton-Wyoming

Cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA donna@mfoa.on.ca
Colin Best, President, AMO amopresident@amo.on.ca
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Virginia LaTour, Deputy City Clerk

August 15, 2024

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2
Via Email - justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

RE: Notice of Motion – Councillor Stedall – The Canada Community-Building Fund

Dear Prime Minister:

This letter will serve to advise that at a meeting of City of Quinte West Council held on August 14, 2024 Council passed the following resolution:

Motion No 24-366 – Notice of Motion - Councillor Stedall - The Canada Community-Building Fund
Moved by Councillor Stedall
Seconded by Councillor McCue

Whereas the City of Quinte West is entering into an agreement to receive Canada Community-Building Funds, which is administered by the Association of Ontario Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) on behalf of the Federal government;

And whereas the funding allocations are less that 2% year over year for the next 5 years;

And whereas the amounts allocated in the past 5 years were less than 2% year over year;

And whereas non-residential construction price inflation has risen by 29% since the end of 2020 and municipalities are facing soaring costs for infrastructure projects without a corresponding growth in revenue;

And whereas there is a requirement for municipalities to complete an asset management plan and a housing needs analysis;

And whereas both of these plans show the large funding gap between infrastructure and housing needs and funds available from property taxation;

And whereas The City of Quinte West has over \$1.5 billion in core infrastructure assets and, like other municipalities, its infrastructure is aging and in need of upgrades and replacement;

And whereas The City's Asset Management Plan requires \$37 million annually to maintain existing assets which, based on current available funding, is resulting in an annual infrastructure deficit of over \$17.1 million;

And whereas municipalities are facing a gap in federal infrastructure funding as the 10-year Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program has come to an end;

Now therefore be it resolved that the City of Quinte West calls on the Federal Government to provide a supplement to the allocations provided to municipalities under the AMO CBBF agreement for 2024 - 2028 for the same amount that was allocated, effectively doubling the allocation for those years;

And further that this resolution be forwarded to MFOA, AMO, MP Ryan Williams, and Federal Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland, and all Municipalities in Ontario.
Carried

We trust that you will give favourable consideration to this request.

Yours Truly,

CITY OF QUINTE WEST

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Virginia LaTour,
Deputy City Clerk

cc: Donna Herridge, Executive Director, MFOA
Colin Best, President, AMO
Ryan Williams, MP, Bay of Quinte
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
All Municipalities of Ontario



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August 30, 2024

Hon. Doug Ford
Premier
Premier's Office
Room 281
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Toronto, ON M7A 1A1

Dear Premier Ford:

Re: Resolution regarding a request for the Province to support family physicians

Orillia City Council at its meeting held August 12, 2024, adopted the following resolution:

“THAT, further to the correspondence dated July 31, 2024 from the City of Toronto regarding a resolution with respect to a request for the Province to support family physicians, the following supporting resolution be passed:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Corporation of the City of Orillia hereby supports the resolution passed by the City of Toronto on June 26, 2024 with respect to a request for the Province to support family physicians;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario; the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health; the Honourable Jill Dunlop, Member of Provincial Parliament for Simcoe-North; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario; and all Ontario municipalities.”

The above is for your consideration. If you require any additional information, please let me know.

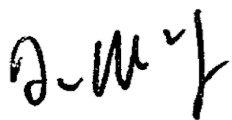


Resolution regarding a request for the Province to support family physicians

August 30, 2024

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. McIsaac'.

Don McIsaac
Mayor

DM:rb

Copy to: Honourable Sylvia Jones, Deputy Premier of Ontario
Honourable Jill Dunlop, Minister of Education, and Member of Provincial Parliament for
Simcoe-North
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
All Ontario Municipalities



News Release

Rural Municipal Leaders Support 'Solve the Crisis' Campaign to Address Homelessness and Mental Health

Sunday, August 18, 2024

City of Ottawa - Representing 230 municipalities and over 2.6 million people across Ontario, the [Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#), [Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#), , and Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus join the call to action around the ['Solve the Crisis' Campaign](#), led by the [Ontario Big City Mayors](#).

During their joint meeting at the start of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 125th Conference, the three caucuses are stating their collective support around the need for the Ontario and Federal Governments to take immediate and targeted action to help solve the crisis around homelessness and mental health.

There is a homelessness and mental health crisis happening on streets across our communities, small and big, rural and urban. Municipalities continue to step up, but do not have the tools, expertise or capacity to fully address the intersectional and complex issues around housing, homelessness, health care, and social services.

We appreciate the actions that both the Federal and Ontario Governments have taken to-date including Ontario's Roadmap to Wellness, the creation of the Homelessness Prevention Program, and investing in youth wellness hubs. But we need to do more to 'Solve the Crisis' together as government partners, and we need to act swiftly.

As municipalities continue to raise, the rising number of homeless encampments and the human toll of the opioid crisis are a symptom of deeper system failures that hurt Ontario's overall social and economic prosperity. The WOWC, EOMC, and EOWC will be sending a letter to Premier

Ford to further underscore the need for a [Social and Economic Prosperity Review](#). We need a municipal fiscal relationship that supports the foundations of a strong economy, sustainable communities and quality of life that reflects modern day and front-line realities.

Organizations and Ontarians can join the call to support the 'Solve the Crisis' campaign by visiting www.solvethecrisis.ca.

Quotes

"As Chair of the WOWC, I see the impacts first-hand around the homelessness and mental health crisis. Municipalities have been working tirelessly on the front-lines to address complex issues. We want to build safe, health communities and the only way to do so is to work together. Let's step up and 'Solve the Crisis' together." – **WOWC Chair, Glen McNeil, Warden of Huron County**

"In communities of all sizes, not just big cities, people are unhoused, suffering and dying. We need to help them and municipalities do not have the financial tools and resources to do it alone. It is time to take action to 'Solve The Crisis' together with municipalities, the Ontario Government, the Federal Government, and community partners at the table." – **EOWC Chair, Peter Emon, Warden of Renfrew County**

"This is something we (the Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus) have been pursuing, over the last year: the need for substantial investment by both the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada, to deal with this unprecedented humanitarian crisis that all municipalities are now facing." – **EOMC Chair, Jeff Leal, Mayor of the City of Peterborough**

About our organizations

[Western Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#)

The Western Ontario Wardens Caucus Inc. (WOWC) serves as a unified voice for the 15 upper and single tier municipalities in Southwestern Ontario, advocating for their collective interest. Through collaborative efforts, WOWC works to address the unique challenges faced by rural and small urban

communities, playing a pivotal role in shaping policies and initiatives that positively impact the region's 1.6 million residents.

[Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus](#)

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus Inc. (EOWC) is a non-profit organization advocating for 103 small urban and rural municipalities across Eastern Ontario. The EOWC covers an area of 50,000 square kilometres, serving 800,000 residents. For more than 20 years, the EOWC has gained support by speaking with a united voice to champion regional municipal priorities and work with the government, businesses, non-profit organizations, Indigenous leaders, the media, and the public.

[The Eastern Ontario Mayors' Caucus](#)

The Eastern Ontario Mayor's Caucus (EOMC) is comprised of ten Eastern Ontario municipalities that advocate for the region's needs and priorities, especially in the areas of health care, infrastructure, and economic development. The caucus works collaboratively with other levels of government, health care providers, community organizations, and interest holders to address the challenges and opportunities facing Eastern Ontario.

[Ontario Big City Mayors](#)

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) is an organization that includes mayors of 29 single and lower-tier cities with a population of 100,000 or more, who collectively represent nearly 70 percent of Ontario's population. OBCM advocates for issues and policies important to Ontario's largest cities.

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