

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE –
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IGR Sub-Committee: Strategic Intergovernmental Relations Framework

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May 9 2023 Council Approved IGR Framework:

- At the September 20, 2022, Committee of the Whole (2) meeting, Council directed staff from the Office of Communications and Economic Development (OCED) to prepare a report outlining a government relations strategy to advance Council approved initiatives.
- The proposed strategy for the City's intergovernmental relations efforts is guided by three strategic actions: ***identify, advocate and collaborate*** on opportunities to help implement Council directives.
- At the December 12, 2022, Council Meeting, Members of Council approved non-statutory committees for the 2022-2026 Term of Council, including an Intergovernmental Relations Advisory Committee.

Subcommittee Mandate

- Terms of Reference: Sub-Committee to meet quarterly **or at the call of the chair**
 - **Terms of Reference:** *“Staff recommend this sub-committee meet up to once a quarter, with meeting dates selected to align with critical government relations milestones”*

Subcommittee Objectives

- To identify and inform opportunities to advocate on City priorities
- To provide new opportunities to advance City priorities
- To receive regular updates and briefings on emerging issues and advocacy effort progress, including briefings from other organizations and levels of government

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IGR Sub-Committee: International Economic Relations

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About International Economic Relations

- Trade and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)
- Established and Emerging Cluster Development (for talent and innovation)
- Advancing the City of Vaughan through Best Practice Research

Vaughan as a Gateway

- Diversity
- Location Plus
- Ambition

2023 Major Initiatives

- Sora, Italy, Partnership
- Vaughan-Ramla-Israel Partnership
- October International Mission to Italy and Germany

Looking Ahead

- 2024 Can Export Fund
- Working with Toronto Region Board of Trade (TRBOT) and Invest Ontario to identify gateway partners

Proposed IGR MP/MPP Roundtable Breakfast

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Background

- Council has mandated the IGR Sub Committee *“to advance Council-approved priorities with other government levels and stakeholders, guided by three strategic intergovernmental relations actions: identify, advocate and collaborate.”*
- The objectives of the IGR Sub Committee to identify and inform opportunities to advocate on City priorities, including hosting round table discussions with local MPPs and MPs

2024 MP/MPP Breakfast

- Staff is proposing that the Mayor host a City of Vaughan MP/MPP Roundtable Breakfast in January 2024.
- The City of Vaughan MP/MPP breakfast topic of discussion should be rooted in identified priorities of Council
- The breakfast will focus on council approved City Building priorities
- City Staff will continue to keep IGR Subcommittee apprised of next steps

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Political Scan: Fall Economic Statements

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What is the Fall Economic Statement?

- For both the provincial and federal government, the Fall Economic Statement (FES) is technically a statement by the Minister of Finance regarding the state of the provincial and federal finances.
- Over time, the FES has morphed into a *mini-budget*, that serves as both an update on the first two quarters of the budget and an opportunity for the government to lay out its' priorities for the following years budget.
- The FES does not have any legislative authority. However, accompanying legislation may be introduced as part of the FES.
- The FES is generally tabled anywhere from mid-November to mid-December.

Political Scan: Provincial

- The FES for Ontario has been scheduled for Thursday November 2 at approximately 1 pm
- In addition to a fiscal update, the Fall FES will serve as an opportunity for Finance Minister Bethlenfalvy and Premier Ford to reset the political agenda, as the government attempts to move past the Greenbelt controversy
- Potential items in the FES include an update on any deficit/surplus that the government may have
- It may also include a reannouncement of critical investments already made since Budget 2023, and potential policy announcements that will guide Budget 2024

Political Scan: Federal Government

- Like the Province of Ontario, the federal FES will provide Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland and Prime Minister Trudeau an opportunity to frame the fiscal agenda for the federal government as well as a political reset
- Like the provincial FES, the federal FES will include an update on any deficit/surplus that the government may have. In addition, the FES may include potential Budget 2024 investments and measures to address inflation.
- We expect the federal FES to be substantial in nature, as the wars both the Ukraine and Israel will have a significant impact on the statuses of the current federal budget

Looking Ahead

Economic Development will provide the Mayor and members of council an update on the contents of the FES for both levels of government, as well as highlight any funding opportunities for municipalities

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS
INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
SUB-COMMITTEE
(January to December 2024)

The sub-committee may meet on a schedule determined at the first meeting,
or at the call of the Chair.

Meetings are held at 2:00 p.m., electronically via Teams.

2024 Meeting Dates

April 8, 2024
September 16, 2024
November 4, 2024