

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Committee of the Whole (2)**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, April 14, 2026

**TITLE: BUILDING ON OUR PROGRESS: CONTINUING THE WORK OF  
THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS (IGR)  
SUB-COMMITTEE**

**FROM:**

Local and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

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**Whereas**, advocacy with other levels of government is essential to the City successfully advancing Council-approved priorities;

**Whereas**, during the September 20, 2022 Committee of the Whole (2) meeting, Council unanimously endorsed a Member's Resolution requesting a report outlining intergovernmental relations strategic support to advocate for and advance Council-approved initiatives;

**Whereas**, during the December 12, 2022 Council meeting, Council approved the establishment of the Intergovernmental Relations Sub-Committee;

**Whereas**, during the May 9, 2023 Committee of the Whole (2) meeting, Council endorsed the Strategic Intergovernmental Affairs Framework, which identifies three strategic actions – identify, advocate and collaborate – to guide the City's intergovernmental relations efforts;

**Whereas**, during the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole (1) meeting, and further at the September 9, 2025 Committee of the Whole (1) meeting, Council approved the Member's Resolutions submitted by Local and Regional Councillor Ferri identifying the key initiatives used for framing advocacy and dialogue for the MP/MPP Roundtable initiatives;

**Whereas**, this Sub-Committee has served as an essential forum for Members of Council, staff, stakeholder organizations and members of the public to engage and advance critical city-building initiatives;

**Whereas**, the Sub-Committee has directly supported and informed the Mayor's intergovernmental relations mandate and advocacy efforts, contributing to significant funding outcomes for the City, including \$35 million through the provincial Housing-Enabling Water Systems Fund and \$9 million in provincial funding for the launch of the York University Medical School in Vaughan;

**Whereas**, the Sub-Committee has supported the work of the City's centralized grant funding efforts, which have led to receiving \$34.7 million in grants for initiatives aligned with Council-approved priority areas;

**Whereas**, the Sub-Committee has facilitated collaboration with stakeholders and other levels of government through hosting MP/MPP roundtable discussions, hosting the Municipal Government Relations Network and organizing briefings from organizations like AMO, FCM and the GTAA;

**Whereas**, the Sub-Committee has supported international economic development initiatives, including the City of Sora partnership renewal, participation in the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact, the establishment of a sister city relationship with the City of Grand Rapids and exploratory discussions with the City of Verona;

**Whereas**, the evolving national and international political landscape, including the impacts of changing Canada-U.S. trade dynamics on municipalities, underscores the continued importance of robust intergovernmental relations capacity at the municipal level; and

**Whereas**, the City is well-positioned to carry forward the advocacy infrastructure built during the 2022-2026 Council term into the next term, ensuring Council-approved priorities continue to be advanced effectively with other levels of government.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That Council recommend that the mandate of the Intergovernmental Relations Sub-Committee be extended to the next Term of Council.

**Financial and Staff Resource Impact**

Existing operating and staff budget will be used to support this initiative.

**Attachments**

N/A