

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Laura Mirabella, FCPA, FCA  
Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer

Date: October 19, 2020

Re: Provincial Budget Consultation

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This memorandum provides Members of Regional Council with an update on staff's submission as part of the Province's Fall 2020 Budget consultation process.

### **The Province sought input into its Fall 2020 Budget**

The Province's 2020 Budget will be focused on investing in frontline health care and protecting families and workers as they work towards recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic.

On September 18, 2020 the Ministry of Finance announced an opportunity for stakeholders (both public and private sector) to provide input into the 2020 Budget process. The ideas provided will help the Province set priorities for its spending in the next phase of Ontario's Action Plan. The submission deadline was October 16, 2020. [Input into the 2020 Budget process](#), was accepted through:

- Written submissions
- Online survey
- Teleconference
- In-person session (following proper public health measures)

The consultation framework did not limit matters that could be covered through written submission, only that it be a maximum of 500 words.

## Staff submitted comments prior to the submission deadline

Staff submitted written comments, via email, on October 16 (Attachment 1). These comments were consistent with, and supported by, previous Council directions, including those from the June 2020 report of the Commissioner of Finance, entitled, "[Fiscal Sustainability: 2020 Update](#)". The Table below summarizes key details of those comments.

**Table 1**  
**Provincial Budget Consultation Submission – Key Details**

Area to address	Key Details
Yonge North Subway Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provide new revenue tools to help fund the Region's share of the capital costs of the subway</li></ul>
COVID-19 Pressures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue Safe Restart Agreement Public Health funding in 2021 and reconsidering Phase 2 municipal operating funding formula</li><li>• Maintain provincial gas tax funding</li><li>• Subsidize housing providers for increased operating costs and rent freezes</li></ul>
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reconsider funding reductions to Public Health and Children's Services</li><li>• Remove funding caps over the next three years, or have the Province assume responsibility for mandated programs currently delivered by the Region</li><li>• Allocate funds from the Non-Resident Speculation Tax, collected in York Region, to support the development of affordable housing</li></ul>

For more information on this memo, please contact Edward Hankins, Director, Treasury Office and Deputy Treasurer, at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71644.

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