

MEMORANDUM

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Kelly Strueby
Acting Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer

Date: February 24, 2022

Re: **2022 Provincial Budget Consultation**

This memorandum is to update Regional Council on the submission that was made by staff as part of the Province's 2022 Budget consultation process.

Consultation on the March Budget was open until February 11th

On January 14, 2022, the Minister of Finance announced an opportunity for stakeholders to provide input for the 2022 Budget process. The ideas provided will help the Province set priorities for its spending in the next phase of Ontario's action plan to respond to the health and economic impacts of COVID-19 and, more specifically, the newer threat posed by Omicron. The 2022 Budget will be delivered by March 31, 2022.

The submission deadline was February 11, 2022. The consultation framework did not prescribe the matters that could be covered through a written submission. Submissions were limited to a maximum of 500 words.

York's comments reflect positions previously taken by Council

Staff submitted written comments, via email, on February 11 (Attachment 1). These comments were consistent with, and supported by, previous Council positions, including those from the June 2020 report of the Commissioner of Finance, entitled, "[Fiscal Sustainability: 2020 Update](#)".

The key details of those comments are summarized as follows:

Table 1
2022 Provincial Budget Consultation Submission – Key Details

Areas to address	Key Details
Yonge North Subway Extension (YNSE)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide the Region with new revenue tools to help fund its share of the capital costs for the YNSE in a fiscally sustainable way
COVID-19 Pressures	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner with the federal government to provide funding to address municipal operating and capital pressures for 2022 and beyond• Maintain provincial gas tax funding• Provide sustainable, reliable Provincial funding for long-term care homes• Support Housing Providers for increased COVID-19-related operating costs/rent arrears, and rent freezes
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cancel or defer funding reductions to Public Health and Children's Services• Remove funding caps over the next three years, or have the Province assume responsibility for mandated programs currently delivered by the Region• Confirm sustainable funding for Home for Good, Community Paramedicine and Offload Nurse Program• Allocate funds from the Non-Resident Speculation Tax, collected in York Region to support affordable housing• Reform joint and several liability• Proclaim into force <i>Expropriations Act</i> s. 33 amendments

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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