



## Government Relations Committee Agenda

**Date:** Monday, February 10, 2025  
**Time:** 2:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
7 Broadway Street West  
Paris, ON

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That the Government Relations Committee agenda of February 10, 2025 be approved.	
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That the Government Relations Committee minutes of November 14, 2024 be approved.	
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<u>Recommendation</u>	
That RPT-0091-25 “Good Roads Association (OGRA) 2025 Conference Delegations” be received as information;	
And that Committee directs staff to submit delegation requests with Provincial Ministers for OGRA as approved.	

**6. Other Business**

**7. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

At the call of the Chair.



## Government Relations Committee Minutes

**Date:** November 14, 2024  
**Time:** 12:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
7 Broadway Street West  
Paris, ON

**Present:** Mayor Bailey, Councillors Kyle, and Oakley

**Staff:** Newton, and Pluck

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Councillor Kyle in the Chair.

**1. Attendance**

Attendance was taken.

**2. Approval of Agenda**

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the Government Relations Committee agenda of November 14, 2024, be approved.

**Carried**

**3. Declaration of Pecuniary Interests**

None.

#### **4. Adoption of Minutes from Previous Meetings**

##### **4.1 Government Relations Committee minutes of September 16, 2024**

Moved by Councillor Oakley  
Seconded by Mayor Bailey

That the Government Relations Committee minutes of September 16, 2024, be approved.

**Carried**

#### **5. Staff Reports**

##### **5.1 ROMA Conference Delegation Requests**

Alison Newton, Chief Administrative Officer, appeared before the Committee and advised that the delegation requests for the upcoming ROMA conference are open and suggested two delegations for the Committee's consideration, the Ministry of Health regarding the new hospital, and the Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation regarding HDI and future developments in the County of Brant. A. Newton advised that she will work with Bonnie Camm, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Brant Community Healthcare System, on briefing material for the delegation with the Ministry of Health, and that B. Camm would attend the delegation.

Discussion was held surrounding further potential delegation topics including:

- Ministry of Health - Funding of Family Health Teams
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Consistent funding for new housing projects
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services - Updating funding formula for Social Services
- Ministry of Transportation - Bishopsgate Road Interchange, and Highway 24 safety concerns

A. Newton advised that she will prepare a report summarizing the delegation requests to bring forward to Council for review.

##### **5.2 Government Relations Approach and Tactics**

Spencer Pluck, Deputy Clerk, appeared before the committee and provided a summary on the draft Government Relations Approach and Tactics research.

Discussion was held surrounding methods of engagement including:

- Stakeholder Roundtable discussions with MPs, MPPs, Chambers of Commerce, service groups, and federations.
- Queen's Park Day
- Parliament Hill Day
- Government Relations Consulting Services or a dedicated part-time

- Targeted meetings with MPs Byan May, Arpan Khanna, and Larry Brock
- Targeted meetings with MPPs Will Bouma, Brian Riddell, and Ernie Hardeman
- A Government Relations Consultant or a part-time Government Relations staff position.

### 5.3 Bi-Council Meeting with Six Nations of the Grand River

A. Newton advised that the Bi-Council meeting with Six Nations of the Grand River is scheduled for December 11, 2024, and that she is looking for focused topics of discussion for the meeting agenda, noting that time is limited for the meeting.

Discussion was held regarding agenda topics, with the committee suggesting that the meeting be held in a roundtable format to facilitate discussion and establish ideas for collaboration.

Further discussion was held regarding reviewing the land acknowledgement with Six Nations of the Grand River and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

## **6. Other Business**

### Council Input on Conference Delegations

Discussion was held in regard to receiving Council input on delegation requests for future conferences. In response to questions, A. Newton advised that the ROMA conference can serve as a template for 2025 delegations, and that she will bring an item forward to the November Council meeting for Council to provide input and to approve the delegations.

### Meeting with the Township of North Dumfries

In response to questions, A. Newton advised that she will follow up with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Township of North Dumfries in regard to scheduling a meeting between Councils.

The Committee further discussed the importance of establishing a relationship between Councils of neighbouring municipalities.

## **7. Next Meeting and Adjournment**

Council adjourned at 12:51 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair at the County of Brant Council Chambers.

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Secretary





## Government Relations Committee Report

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**To:** The Chair and Members of the Government Relations Committee  
**From:** Spencer Pluck, Deputy Clerk  
**Date:** February 10, 2025  
**Report #:** RPT-0091-25  
**Subject:** Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) 2025 Conference Delegations  
**Purpose:** For Information and Direction

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### **Recommendation**

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That RPT-0091-25 “Good Roads Association (OGRA) 2025 Conference Delegations” be received as information;

And that Committee directs staff to submit delegation requests with Provincial Ministers for OGRA as approved.

### **Strategic Plan Priority**

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Strategic Priority 4 - Stable and Responsive Governance

### **Impacts and Mitigation**

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#### Social Impacts

The ability of Councillors to speak to Provincial Cabinet Ministers and bring to their attention local matters provides a positive impact on local social issues within the County of Brant.

#### Environmental Impacts

None.

#### Economic Impacts

None.

### **Report**

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#### Background

The Ontario Good Roads Conference is scheduled from March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 in Toronto. Registration for the conference is open and the Mayor and 8 Councillors have expressed interest in attending.

## Analysis

The OGRA conference has opened information on delegations, with delegation requests being due on February 21, 2025. In preparation for publication of submission details, staff are requesting direction from Committee on which Ministers to request meetings with the topics of the delegation.

At the Government Relations Committee meeting of November 14, 2024, Committee discussed the following delegations for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) conference:

- Ministry of Health – Funding of Family Health Teams
- Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing – Consistent funding for new housing projects
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Updating funding formula for Social Services
- Ministry of Transportation – Bishopsgate Road Interchange and Highway 24 safety concerns

Further, at the ROMA conference that took place January 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the County of Brant was successful in procuring delegations with the following Ministries:

- Ministry of Health – Redeveloping our Community Hospitals
- Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services – Ontario Works Funding Models
- Ministry of Transportation - Bishopsgate Road Interchange and Highway 24 Crossing for Agricultural Operators
- Ministry of Indigenous Affairs and First Nations Economic Reconciliation – Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI)

## Summary and Recommendations

Staff are requesting the Committee to provide instruction on delegation applications for the Ontario Good Roads Association conference.

### **Reviewed By**

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S. Katikapalli, Director of Council Services/ Clerk

### **Copied To**

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A. Newton, Chief Administrative Officer

### **By-law and/or Agreement**

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By-law Required	No
Agreement(s) or other documents to be signed by Mayor and /or Clerk	No