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## **Statement on Province's Proposed Changes to the Powers of Big City Mayors**

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) met today to discuss the proposed changes to the powers of Big City Mayors.

The OBCM Caucus has not had the ability to review the proposed legislation and how it would fit in the context of Ontario municipalities. We look forward to discussing this further with the province as many Caucus members are eager to see what such legislation would be like, for their own Cities outside of Toronto and Ottawa. Especially if these changes result in a more agile, efficient government for the citizens in each of our cities.

OBCM looks forward to further discussion on what additional changes can be made to deliver the mandate Mayors have been given through the electoral process. It is an opportunity for a larger conversation about a new relationship for municipalities, who are managing a growing list of responsibilities that include infrastructure, housing affordability, climate change, transit, and attracting business investment.

### **About Ontario's Big City Mayors**

Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM) includes mayors of 29 single and lower-tier cities with a population of 100,000 or more, who collectively represent nearly 70 per cent of Ontario's population. OBCM advocates for issues and policies important to Ontario's largest cities.

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