



Mississippi  
Mills

Office of the Mayor

Partnership and Advocacy Update Q1 2025  
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# Provincial Advocacy



## 2 Industrial Drive

Continued discussion at staff level to investigate temporary lease options; staff submitted business case to province in December.

### Next Steps

Following election, follow up on options with MPP and Minister.



## Growth & Development Investment

Built on discussion with Premier's Deputy Chief of Staff in December 2024 regarding MM2048 Growth and Development Plan and Infrastructure Investment with the successful delegation at ROMA 2025 with Minister Surma, Provincial Minister of Infrastructure.

Was not successful in delegation request to meeting with Minister Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to present growth related investment needs.

### Next Steps

- Update MM2048 presentation document to include MM EcDev and Community Services Plans once completed; consider broadening scope of advocacy.



## Childcare

MM was allocated 75 new childcare spaces under Canada-Wide Early Learning and Childcare agreement.

Unsuccessful in seeking delegation with Minister Dunlop, Provincial Minister of Education at ROMA 2025, to advocate for capital funding to enable new childcare centre.

### Next Steps

- Seeking delegation with Minister Sudds, Federal Minister of Families, Children and Social Development



## Economic Development

Met with Minister Vic Fedeli, Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade to express concerns shared by local MM business owners regarding potential impact of US Tariffs at ROMA 2025.

# Partnership, Cooperation, and Advocacy with Municipal Partners



## Affordable Home Ownership

Well received presentation by Sara Cooper, CEO with Habitat for Humanity Greater Ottawa to Community Organizations in early February. Discussion points included how individuals, organizations, and the municipality can each be involved and play a role in the creation of Affordable Home Ownership.

### Next Steps

Bring together community groups for further discussion



## MP and MPP Dialogue

Continued regular contact with MPP John Jordan and his staff to provide updates on advocacy matters and receive advice and information from his office.

Met with MP Scott Reid to present MM2048 Growth and Development Plan, and to outline necessity of support from upper orders of government to realize infrastructure demands from growth.

### Next Steps

- Pending Provincial election results, continued communication and work with MPP and his office. Continued regular communication with MP and his office.



## Increase Access to Primary Care

Continued conversations about access to primary care, hospital vitality, and potential joint/complimentary advocacy with AGH President/CEO, Allied Board, ED of Ottawa Valley Health Team, and AGH Foundation.

### Next Steps

- continued discussion to align goals/priorities and potential opportunities for joint advocacy following the Provincial election to Dr. Philpott, Provincial Primary Care Action Team Lead.



## Opportunities through ROMA:

As Chair at January Conference, met with Premier Ford, Leader of Official Opposition Marit Stiles (NDP), Leader of Ontario Liberals Bonnie Crombie, and Leader of Green Party of Ontario Mike Schreiner, as well as Minister Thompson (Rural Affairs), Minister Calandra (Municipal Affairs and Housing), Minister Jones (Deputy Premier/Health), Minister Flack (Agriculture), and Associate Minister Holland (Forestry), providing opportunity to continue to keep MM top of mind for decision-makers.

Also connected with Jordan Simmons, Co-Founder and CEO of Nominee, an organization founded on the principle that government be truly by the people and for the people. He is active with AMO's Healthy Democracy Project.

Working with ROMA to host a "Healthy Democracy Forum" in Mississippi Mills as part of AMO's Healthy Democracy Project. More details to follow.