



BUREAU OF MUNICIPAL RESEARCH

NEWSLETTER

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This summary of the Bureau's current work was reviewed at the last meeting of our Council on October 24, and we thought it would be of great interest to our members.

1. **Research Advisory Committee** – The Bureau has called together a group of experts in urban affairs from academic, business and government circles to establish a continuing programme of urban research in Metro Toronto. A founding meeting was held in early September and at our second meeting on October 22nd, good progress was recorded. Developmental work is continuing.
2. **International Study Conference** – Extensive preliminary planning has been undertaken by the Bureau to bring to Toronto in 1965 leading authorities from throughout the world to study metropolitan government.
3. **Royal Commission Submissions** – The Bureau is preparing its own major submissions to the Ontario Committee on Taxation and the Goldenberg Royal Commission on the Government of Metropolitan Toronto.
4. **Taxation Studies** – The Bureau is preparing three taxation studies at the request of the Ontario Committee on Taxation. A further study of municipal assessment and taxation is being conducted for the Manitoba Royal Commission on Municipal Taxation.
5. **Consultation Re Royal Commission Submissions** – The Bureau has assisted the Canadian Manufacturers' Association with the preparation of its brief to the Ontario Committee on Taxation.
6. **Bureau's Own Research Programme** – In 1963, studies of hospital construction financing, municipal business taxation, welfare costs and grant structures, candidates for municipal office, and public housing have been published in the Bureau's house organ *Civic Affairs*. Forthcoming studies will deal with the responsibilities of planning boards in Metro, and the pattern of public investment in Metro.
7. **Study of Metro's First Decade** – A major Fall project is the publication of an extensive analysis of Metro's record by Professor Frank Smallwood of Dartmouth College. This is the first comprehensive study of the Toronto metropolitan form of government and will act as a timely review preceding the Goldenberg Royal Commission on Metropolitan Toronto.
8. **Fall General Meeting** – A general membership meeting is scheduled for November 14th, Royal York Hotel, at which the guest speaker will be Professor Smallwood. This meeting will furnish Members with background to the forthcoming hearings of the Goldenberg Royal Commission on Metro Toronto.