The following resolution to Initiate a New Development Charges Background Study was adopted by Regional Council on June 26, 2014:

Resolution 2014-593:

WHEREAS, the Region of Peel continues to review the planning and financial challenges related to managing the significant growth that it faces;

And whereas, broader discussion with members of the Growth Management Committee, our area municipal partners, and impacted stakeholders on the costs/benefits of growth including risk sharing, impacts to major infrastructure and financing options to accommodate forecasted growth needs to occur now;

And whereas, at the Growth Management Committee meeting on May 15, 2014, it was suggested that an analysis be completed to determine the full costs/benefits of growth, including costs of transportation, to accommodate forecasted growth;

And whereas, a recommendation to host a workshop in February/March 2015 with stakeholders, including senior-level Provincial staff and Members of Regional Council, to consider sharing financial risks associated with growth and determine possible options for sustainable financing of growth, was adopted by the Growth Management Committee on May 15, 2014;
Therefore be it resolved, that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to retain expert services and direct Regional staff to work together with the area municipal partners to gather and analyze the information needed to understand the full costs/benefits of growth, including the costs of both the Regional and area municipal road and transit systems, when planning for forecasted growth;

And further, that Regional staff work with Metrolinx and Ministry of Transportation (MTO) to advance transit and highway investments in Peel;

And further, that the Region initiate a new Development Charges (DCs) background study to ensure that the growth capital program is sustainable;

And further, that a Growth Management workshop be held on Friday, September 5, 2014, with area municipal partners, impacted stakeholders and members of the development industry, to discuss a sustainable path going forward to accommodate forecasted growth.

And further, that this resolution be communicated to the area municipalities, with a request that area municipal staff be authorized and directed to collaboratively facilitate its implementation.