



Office of the Regional Chair

Dear Caledon Residents:

Re: Issues Related to Recent Paramedic Efficiency

I wish everyone to understand and appreciate that I am extremely proud of the exceptional service provided to the residents of Peel by the women and men who work in the Region's Paramedic Services group. I share that pride with every member of Regional Council.

Therefore, I was extremely disappointed when I was first made aware of the suggestion in certain Caledon media coverage this week that Council's decision to support upcoming administrative changes would put your life – and the lives of your loved ones – at risk.

I cannot stress enough that it is irresponsible to undermine the community's confidence in an exemplary paramedic service and the outstanding women and men who work in it. Moreover, in performing their job functions those women and men put saving lives ahead of all else.

By absolutely no means will these changes reduce the number of ambulances in Caledon. Furthermore, the changes **will not slow our response** times to your emergencies as has been alleged. Rather, what was approved by Regional council – including a majority of the Caledon representatives on the council – **will make the service better** for every resident of Peel.

Regional Council has and will continue to support these much-needed administrative changes. Like every member of our paramedic service, Council would **never** make a decision that would jeopardize the health or safety of any resident of Peel. That includes everyone living in Caledon.

I hope the above clarifies matters and allays concerns recent reporting may have generated. In the event you wish a detailed, point-by-point deconstruction of some of the more provocative assertions, please see information prepared by Region staff: www.peelregion.ca/paramedicmyths/

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frank Dale
Chair, Peel Region

The Regional Municipality of Peel