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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Region of Peel's Government Relations Committee, it is my pleasure to present to you, the Fall 2017 MP/MPP Advocacy Update.

This latest edition highlights key priority issues as well as recent advocacy efforts the Region has undertaken to help our residents and businesses. By sharing

these activities and issues with you, our goal is to identify opportunities where we can partner to work collaboratively to help communities. Our goal is also to help increase your awareness on critical issues impacting Peel that you and your colleagues can help advance at Queens Park and on Parliament Hill.

The Government Relations Committee is pleased that over this Term of Council we have been able to develop stronger relationships with you by sharing our key priorities. This past June, for instance, MPP Sylvia Jones (Dufferin-Caledon) attended the Government Relations Committee meeting to raise key issues impacting residents and businesses in her community.

As a result of the rapid growth of many communities across the Region of Peel including Caledon, MPP Jones raised the need for improved transportation connectivity. She further noted that all orders of government must

work together to increase road and highway capacity which includes the construction of the GTA West Corridor.

The need for the GTA West Corridor is also a critical issue for the Region of Peel and was one of the issues raised with Ontario's Transportation Minister at the 2017 Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference (AMO) this past August. This edition of the Advocacy Update also highlights several other issues raised at this year's AMO Conference including reducing poverty, increasing social housing and sustainable funding for local infrastructure.

Also, we are using this edition to highlight the need for provincial support for the redevelopment of Peel Manor, a long term care home that has served our community for almost 120 years. In addition, we have included an overview on the Region of Peel's 2018 Provincial Election Platform which will be used during the election campaign to raise awareness on challenges related to municipal infrastructure planning and funding.

As we move forward towards implementing the Region of Peel's 20-year Strategic Plan to create a Community for Life, we will continue to look for opportunities to work with all of you to advance our collective priorities.

Sincerely,

Grant Gibson,
Regional Councillor for Brampton Wards 1 & 5
Member, Government Relations Committee

Provincial Support for the Redevelopment of Peel Manor

As we move forward to build a community for life, we are exploring opportunities to work with our partners from other orders of government to enhance existing assets and infrastructure to meet the evolving needs of Peel's residents and communities.

Peel Manor, the oldest of the Region's five long term care homes, is one such opportunity. Peel Manor is a historically significant site serving the local community for almost 120 years and is home to 177 residents, many of which require specialized care including dementia supports. Over time, the site has evolved with the changing needs of the community.

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Provincial Support for the Redevelopment of Peel Manor

As with many older buildings, Peel Manor is nearing the end of its useful life, and the costs of ensuring a state of good repair over the next 15 years is expected to exceed 85 per cent of the cost of constructing a complete new building. As a result of this expected cost and the changing needs of Peel’s aging population, Regional Council decided that the Peel Manor site should be redeveloped into a Seniors Health and Wellness Village.

The planned Seniors Health and Wellness Village will include:

- A rebuild of the existing 177-bed long term care home, with enhanced design to support residents with complex health needs, including dementia;
- An expanded 24/7 Adult Day program (including respite care); and
- Other health and social services co-located on the site.

The overall goal for this site is that Peel Manor will be transformed into a “service hub” that will accommodate a spectrum of services and supports to enable seniors in the community to age in place. As this goal also aligns with the province’s mandate to keep seniors safe and healthy in their communities as they age, the Region has advocated for provincial support for the redevelopment of Peel Manor.

Despite this alignment and the deteriorating condition, Peel Manor has yet to qualify for any financial assistance from the Province to support redevelopment of the site. Without provincial support, the rebuild poses a significant financial challenge.

This project presents a timely opportunity for the province to partner with the Region to advance its vision for person-centred long term care homes that are integrated with community supports, and inform innovative care models for the long term care sector broadly. The Region is calling on your support to help advocate the need for provincial support for this redevelopment of Peel Manor.



Preliminary concept rendering of the new Peel Manor seniors hub

Building a Community for Life with our Provincial Partners:

2016 Annual Association of Municipalities Ontario Conference Update



Premier Kathleen Wynne discusses municipal funding with retired journalist Richard Brennan.

Working with our provincial and federal partners is critical in helping us achieve our vision of a Community for Life – a place where everyone enjoys a sense of belonging and has access to the services and opportunities they need to thrive throughout each stage of their lives.

The annual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference, which took place in Ottawa from August 13 – 16, provides the Region with an excellent opportunity to inform our provincial partners about the challenges Peel residents and communities face and advocate for the support needed from them. This year, Peel was once again well represented by a strong delegation comprised of Regional Councillors and senior staff who were able to meet with several Ministers to raise key issues impacting communities across the Region of Peel.

Key meetings that took place this year included:

- Hon. Helena Jaczek, Minister of Community and Social Services to advocate for an integrated Ontario Works service delivery model, similar to Peel’s Families First program.

- Hon. Bob Chiarelli, Minister of Infrastructure to advocate for predictable and sustainable funding for our municipal infrastructure as well as better and simpler funding models.
- Hon. Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation to advocate for improved goods movement and moving forward with the GTA West Corridor planning.

Additional delegation meetings took place with Leader of the Ontario PC Party, Patrick Brown and representatives from the Ontario NDP.

Below is a list of Ministers that the Region of Peel Delegation met with as well as the issues that were raised at this year’s conference.



Peel's delegation meeting with Minister Bob Chiarelli.



L to R – Mayor Allan Thompson, Minister Bill Mauro and Councillor Jim Tovey.



Councillors Innis and Tovey with representatives from the Ontario NDP.



Peel's delegation meeting with Ontario PC Party Leader Patrick Brown.

MINISTRY	ISSUES DISCUSSED
Minister of Community & Social Services, Hon. Helena Jaczek	Adopt an integrated Ontario Works Service Delivery Model
Minister of Environment & Climate Change, Hon. Chris Ballard	Implement a mandate that further enables municipal climate change action Expedite the transition of the Blue Box Program
Minister of Housing, Minister Responsible for the Poverty Reduction Strategy Hon. Peter Milczyn	Adopt an integrated Ontario Works Service Delivery Model Provide long-term, sustainable capital and operational funding for affordable housing
Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hon. Bill Mauro	Adopt and implement policies to promote healthy & age-friendly built environments
Minister of Transportation, Hon. Steven Del Duca	Release and implement a long- range sustainable transportation plan for Southern Ontario highways that meets or exceeds the planning horizon of the Places to Grow legislation Implement the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Process
Minister of Infrastructure, Hon. Bob Chiarelli	Provide predictable and sustainable funding for municipal infrastructure

Region of Peel's 2018 Provincial Election Priorities

With the 2018 Provincial Election less than a year away, we are ramping up efforts to ensure candidates from all provincial parties are aware of the critical issues that are impacting residents and communities across Peel. A key component of these efforts is the Region of Peel's 2018 Provincial Platform which focuses on the local infrastructure priorities.

Peel's Regional Council has prioritized local infrastructure challenges as a result of the Region's rapid growth. Peel's population is projected to grow from the current 1.38 million people to almost 2 million people by 2041. While this growth is welcomed, it is placing immense pressure on Peel's local infrastructure.

Municipal infrastructure is the foundation for healthy, complete and resilient communities. It is also critical for key Regional priorities such as reducing poverty, increasing the supply of affordable housing, improving goods movement and planning and managing growth. For example, individuals and families need access to a wide range of affordable options to fulfil their housing needs. Businesses need safe roads and bridges to deliver goods and services. Commuters need fast, efficient transportation networks to get to work.

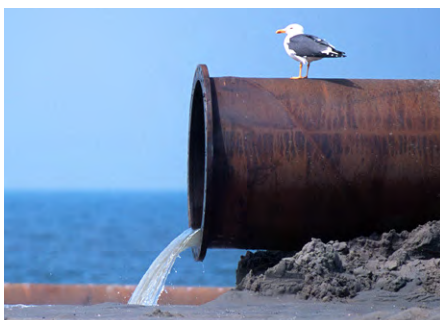
However, for fast growing municipalities, like the Region of Peel, providing and maintaining infrastructure is becoming increasingly difficult as a result of unpredictable and unsustainable funding sources. This is the key reason we are focusing on the need for predictable and sustainable funding for municipal infrastructure to help enable municipalities address funding gaps and facilitate long-term planning.

- From 2014 to 2041, Peel is expected to invest \$16 billion in capital, of which 35 per cent is in direct response to growth.
- For every dollar in regional GDP due to growth in Peel, Ontario's GDP increases by \$1.63 (inclusive of Peel).
- For every dollar of municipal revenue in Peel due to growth, Provincial revenue increases by \$5.70.¹

Long-term, sustainable support and investment in municipal infrastructure also helps the province achieve key priorities such as creating job growth and building an integrated transportation network that will help strengthen Ontario's economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As the 2018 provincial election approaches, the Region will proactively engage with provincial parties and local candidates to understand how they plan to address infrastructure challenges facing high growth communities.

¹ Costs, Benefits and Risks of Growth: Region of Peel Action exercise in regional socio-economic risk management



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