



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

WATER FLUORIDATION COMMITTEE

AGENDA

WFC - 1/2015

DATE: February 5, 2015

TIME: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

LOCATION: 5th Floor Boardroom
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
Brampton, Ontario

MEMBERS: F. Dale; J. Downey; M. Palleschi; C. Parrish; K. Ras;
J. Sprovieri

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**
- 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 4. DELEGATIONS**
- 5. REPORTS**
 - 5.1 Water Fluoridation Committee Terms of Reference
 - 5.2 Workshop Considerations (Oral)
Presentation by Dr. Eileen De Villa, Medical Officer of Health
- 6. COMMUNICATIONS**
- 7. IN CAMERA MATTERS**
- 8. OTHER BUSINESS**
- 9. NEXT MEETING**

10. ADJOURNMENT

DATE: January 28, 2015

REPORT TITLE: **WATER FLUORIDATION COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE**

FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services

RECOMMENDATION

That the Terms of Reference for the Water Fluoridation Committee (WFC), attached as Appendix I to the report of the Commissioner of Health Services, titled “Water Fluoridation Committee Terms of Reference”, be approved.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- At its meeting on January 15, 2015, Regional Council passed Resolution 2015-21, establishing a Committee on Fluoridation of the Regional water supply.
- The proposed Committee would be tasked with organizing an educational workshop for Regional Councillors to review the existing body of research regarding the practice of water fluoridation.
- Staff has prepared terms of reference for a Water Fluoridation Committee (WFC) and presents it for consideration by members.
- The proposed terms of reference is attached as Appendix I.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

At the December 11, 2014 meeting, Regional Council directed staff to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Committee related to examining the issue of water fluoridation. After being advised by staff at its meeting on January 15, 2015, Regional Council passed Resolution 2015-21 to establish a Water Fluoridation Committee and directed staff to develop draft terms of reference for the Committee to approve at its first meeting.

Draft terms of reference are attached as Appendix I. Based upon the discussion at Regional Council, the mandate of the Committee is to organize an educational workshop for all Regional Councillors to provide them with information on the issue of water fluoridation, including a comprehensive review of the existing scientific research on both sides of the issue.

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WFC TERMS OF REFERENCE

CONCLUSION

Staff recommend approval of the terms of reference attached as Appendix I as a necessary first step in allowing the Committee to fulfill its mandate.



Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services

Approved for Submission:



D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer

APPENDICES

1. Appendix I - Terms of Reference

For further information regarding this report, please contact Kathryn Lockyer, Regional Clerk, ext. 4325, kathryn.lockyer@peelregion.ca.

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Appendix I - Water Fluoridation Committee Terms of Reference

Terms of Reference for the Water Fluoridation Committee

Mandate:

The mandate of the Water Fluoridation Committee (WFC) is to organize and facilitate an educational workshop(s), open to all Council members, to provide information and review the current body of scientific research on water fluoridation.

The Water Fluoridation Committee can invite persons whom it considers to be subject matter experts to provide scientific research on water fluoridation to the WFC. In order to keep the conversation focused upon the facilitation of a workshop for the presentation of scientific research in aid of the education of Councillors, external delegations are not permitted for this Committee.

Membership:

The Committee is comprised of Regional Chair Frank Dale (Ex-officio), and five (5) members of Regional Council for a total of six (6) members; however, all members of Regional Council are invited to attend meetings.

Councillor Johanna Downey
Councillor Michael Palleschi
Councillor Carolyn Parrish

Councillor Karen Ras
Councillor John Sprovieri

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair:

The Committee will elect from among its members a Chair and Vice-Chair, and this election shall be held at the first meeting of the Committee.

The Committee shall elect a Vice-Chair who may act in the capacity of Chair and exercise all the rights, powers and authorities of the Chair when the Chair is absent through illness or otherwise, or is absent from the office in course of his or her duties, or on vacation or on an approved leave.

Quorum:

Quorum for the WFC shall be four (4).

Reporting Structure:

The report (minutes) of each Committee meeting will be placed on the Regional Council agenda for approval by Regional Council.

In-Camera:

The Committee reserves the right to go in-camera for matters that meet the requirements of an in-camera discussion.

It is intended that the educational workshop(s) would be undertaken as a closed meeting as permitted by subsection 239 (3.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as the mandate of the

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WFC is to provide members of Council with information and scientific evidence and is not intended to serve as a forum for debating the issue of water fluoridation in Peel.

Term of Appointment:

The term of appointment shall commence following the establishment of the Committee by Regional Council. The term of appointment ends upon completion of the educational workshop as envisioned in the Committee's mandate.

Role and Responsibility of Staff and Community Stakeholders

The staff lead for the WFC shall be the Medical Officer of Health with support from Peel Public Health staff and others as required.

The Committee will be supported by the Regional Clerk, pursuant to the Procedure By-law.

Other staff resources will be provided as required.