

# DECISIONS

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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, March 28, 2019.

### Topics in this Issue:

- [Dr. Sheldon Cheskes, Medical Director, Sunnybrook Centre for Pre-Hospital Medicine, Providing Information on Automated External Defibrillator Drone Delivery and Crowd Sourcing](#)
- [The Changing Nature of Employment and Implications for Fiscal Health and Municipal Sustainability](#)
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### Delegations

**Dr. Sheldon Cheskes, Medical Director, Sunnybrook Centre for Pre-Hospital Medicine,** Providing Information on Automated External Defibrillator Drone Delivery and Crowd Sourcing

Regional Council received a presentation from Dr. Sheldon Cheskes, Medical Director, Sunnybrook Centre for Pre-Hospital Medicine, who stated that despite improvements to cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) quality, drug administration and airway management, cardiac survival in most communities remains abysmal. Bystander CPR and early use of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) have consistently shown to significantly improve outcomes of up to 60 – 70 per cent. The current strategy focuses on placing AEDs where arrests are most likely to occur.

Dr. Cheskes provided information on a proposed two-pronged approach to improve AED access in Peel

Region that would have an AED available earlier than is possible with the current system: the implementation of the concept of crowdsourcing via FirstAED to have trained volunteers with AEDs dispatched as part of the system response; and the exploration of drone technology to improve access to AEDs in rural communities. He stated that the Community Responder/AED Drone Program is one of the most innovative programs to date and its success will change the approach to cardiac arrest worldwide.

Regional Council passed a resolution authorizing Paramedic Services to participate in a study to determine the effectiveness of a volunteer community responder Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Public Access Defibrillator Program utilizing the “FirstAED” mobile application, as well as participate in a research study, led by Dr. Cheskes, to study the effectiveness of an automated external defibrillator (AED) drone delivery in the Town of Caledon.

For more information, please visit: [Report - Item 9.1](#)

### Staff Presentation

#### The Changing Nature of Employment and Implications for Fiscal Health and Municipal Sustainability

Regional Council received a presentation from Sunil Johal, Policy Director, The Mowat Centre and Stephen Van Ofwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, who reviewed the findings and recommendations of the research report, “Rethinking Municipal Finance for the New Economy” conducted by The Mowat Centre. The Region of Peel partnered with The Mowat Centre to conduct a socio-economic research study to better understand the changes impacting municipalities and risks to financial sustainability. The study’s two main findings indicated that, based on current changes, the proportion of residential income spent on property tax is likely to rise and the fiscal health and sustainability of municipalities are at risk. They reviewed the limited sources of revenue available to municipalities, which are primarily land based and highlighted the changing nature of employment which is shifting more of the tax burden to residents.

Sunil Johal presented policy options that could be

considered to reduce the risk to municipalities including new revenue tools, partnerships, building livable communities, collaboration amongst municipalities, and cutting unnecessary red tape.

Regional Council passed a resolution to share the findings and recommendations of the research report with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and to refer the report to the Region’s Government Relations Committee to inform the development of an advocacy strategy.

For more information, please visit: [Report - Item 8.2](#)

**■ Notice of Motion**

**Renaming of the Lakeview Water Treatment Plant**

Regional Council passed a resolution to rename the Region of Peel’s Lakeview Water Treatment Plant to “Arthur P. Kennedy Water Treatment Plant”. Mr. Arthur Kennedy was the manager of the Toronto Township Public Utilities Commission which managed the waterworks for Toronto Township. He then became the manager of the Public Utilities Commission of the Town of Mississauga until the Region of Peel was formed in 1974. From 1974 until his retirement, Mr. Kennedy was the Director of the Water and Wastewater Division of the Region of Peel.

Mr. Kennedy was instrumental in the planning and design of the Lakeview Water Treatment facility and in recognition of his significant contributions to the Region of Peel, and his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 7, 2019, Regional Council unanimously approved the re-naming of the facility in his honour.

For more information about Water and Wastewater, please visit the Region of Peel website: <http://www.peelregion.ca/pw/water/>

**Meetings at a Glance**

<p><b>Next Regional Council Meeting</b> Thursday, April 11, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Next Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee</b> Thursday, April 18, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Next Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee</b> Thursday, April 18, 2019 – 1:30 p.m.</p>
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All meetings are held in the Region’s Council Chamber, Fifth Floor, 10 Peel Centre Dr., Suite A, Brampton, unless otherwise noted.

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