

# DECISIONS

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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, April 11, 2019.

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- [Public Health Vision Screening in Peel Schools](#)
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### Delegations

#### Daniele Zanotti, President and Chief Executive Officer, United Way Greater Toronto

Regional Chair Iannicca stated that in 2018, the United Way Greater Toronto funded 53 non-profit agencies in the Region of Peel to provide over 88 programs and services to individuals and families in crisis. He welcomed Daniele Zanotti, President and Chief Executive Officer and Raj Chandegra, Associate Manager Corporate Donor Relations, of the United Way Greater Toronto.

Janette Smith, Acting Chief Administrative Officer announced that, in 2018, the combined funds raised by Region of Peel and Peel Regional Police employees totaled \$387,517. She thanked the employees for a tremendous act of caring and congratulated Regional staff for being recognized by the United Way as Gold Level Leaders.

Daniele Zanotti extended a special thank you to the

2018 Campaign Chairs, Co-Chairs and Committee members, union members and the Peel Regional Police team.

Daniele Zanotti also recognized Regional Council who championed the integration of the United Way of Peel Region with United Way Toronto and York Region, provided that more funds could be raised and invested and more people helped locally. The United Way Greater Toronto's first joint campaign, lead by over 60 volunteers, including David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer for the Region of Peel, raised a record \$110.3 million, making it the largest United Way in the world.

For more info on the Region of Peel Employee United Way Campaign, please visit: [Report - Item 17.5](#)

### Health

#### Public Health Vision Screening in Peel Schools

Regional Council passed a resolution to partially implement the Ontario Public Health Standards Child Visual Health and Vision Screening Protocol, by promoting the availability of a free annual comprehensive eye examination by an optometrist to parents and caregivers of young children.

A report from the Commissioner of Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health advised that, effective January 1, 2018, the modernized Ontario Health Public Standards: Requirements for Programs, Services, and Accountability required school vision screening services be offered to all senior kindergarten children. No ongoing additional funding from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is available to implement this screening program. The report also notes that research does not demonstrate evidence for the effectiveness of universal vision screening programs for children up to the age of six years. From birth, Ontario children are already eligible through OHIP for routine vision screening during well-baby and child visits by primary care providers, as well as annual comprehensive eye exams from optometrists.

The resolution passed by Council calls for the Regional Chair to write a letter on behalf of Regional Council, to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, requesting changes to the Child Visual Health and Vision Screening protocol that reflect the scientific evidence and build on

OHIP-funded comprehensive eye exams.

For information about Public Health Vision Screening in Peel Schools, please visit: [Report - Item 11.2](#)

**■ Staff Presentations**

**2018 Operating Financial Triannual Performance Report - Year End (Unaudited)**

Regional Council passed a resolution approving the implementation of 2018 surplus management actions, as outlined in a report from the Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, titled “2018 Operating Financial Triannual Performance Report – Year End (Unaudited)”.

Norman Lum, Director, Business and Financial Planning, presented the following highlights related to the 2018 operating financial performance report: the 2018 year-end operating budget had an overall surplus of 1.6 per cent which is within the budget accuracy target range; Capital work is progressing as planned; and, non-residential Development Charges revenues are behind target.

Staff’s recommendations for surplus management actions to improve financial flexibility and reduce the need to issue debt for the Regional tax supported surplus include the allocation of funds to reduce the debt that needs to be issued for the Seniors Health and Wellness Village and funds for Emerald Ash Borer tree removal costs in Conservation Authorities.

The utility rate supported surplus will be used to support the state of good repair of water and wastewater infrastructure and to address the impact of weather events.

For more information regarding the 2018 Operating Financial Triannual Performance Report, please visit: [Report - Item 8.1](#)

**Meetings at a Glance**

<p><b>Next Regional Council Meeting</b> Thursday, April 25, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Next Audit and Risk Committee Meeting</b> Thursday, May 2, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Next Emergency Management Program Committee Meeting</b> Thursday, May 2, 2019 – 1:00 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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