

DECISIONS

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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, November 14, 2019.

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Staff Presentations

The Changing Economic Environment and Implications for Peel

Regional Council received a presentation from Judith McWhinney, Regional Economist, who provided an update on the changing macroeconomic environment, emerging risks and implications and how the Region of Peel is strategically positioned to adapt to the changing economic landscape. She stated that changes in the Region of Peel are not only influenced by local factors, but also by a changing and increasingly uncertain macroeconomic environment in areas such as trade uncertainty; growth in Canada and Ontario; inflation; interest rates; household debt; and, provincial and federal debt. Changes and trends in the local economy were highlighted, such as growth in the labour market and business sector; cost of housing and residential vacancy rates; and, an increasing taxable assessment base.

Judith McWhinney stated that as Peel grows and its needs become more complex, the plans and strategies

approved by Regional Council should position the Region to manage growth in a financially sustainable way so that it can advance towards its goal of community for life.

For more information about the Peel's economic environment, please visit: [Item 7.1](#)

Vaping in Youth

Regional Council passed a resolution to advocate to the federal government for amendments to the *Tobacco and Vaping Products Act* to prohibit the manufacture and sale of vaping products with flavours and flavouring ingredients and to align the prohibitions on the mass media promotion of vaping products with those for tobacco products. The resolution also calls on the Ontario provincial government to amend the *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017* to align penalties for e-cigarette sales offences with the current penalties for tobacco sales offences and prohibit the retail promotion of vaping products and the sale of flavoured vaping products. Region of Peel staff will work with staff at the local municipalities to introduce licensing requirements for vapour product retailers.

Regional Council heard from Dr. Monica Hau, Associate Medical Officer of Health that Public Health Inspectors are limited in what they are able to enforce; therefore, advocacy for stricter vaping regulations is important. Staff in Peel Public Health are developing a strategy to address vaping in the Region of Peel which will focus on youth prevention and capacity building among health professionals and educators.

For more information about Vaping in Youth, please visit: [Item 7.2](#)

Violence Prevention in Paramedic Services

Regional Council passed a resolution endorsing a public awareness campaign to address external violence against paramedics; directing staff in Human Resources to continue to work with Paramedic Services to address "the organizational culture that normalizes external workplace violence"; and directing staff to improve the method of reporting all incidents of threats, intimidation, assaults, sexual harassment and assaults experienced by Peel Paramedics.

Council heard from Peter Dundas, Chief, Paramedic Services and Mandy Johnston, Advanced Care Paramedic, who provided an overview of the Culture and Engagement program created by staff in Paramedic Services to support mental wellness by using a collaborative framework. A working group was established to address public violence towards paramedics, which is a significant occupational stressor.

Mandy Johnston shared an experience she and her partner had with a patient who became violent while they were responding to a call for assistance, noting that it represented just one example of the violence first responders have faced. She noted that there is no single solution to address the issue of violence against paramedics and that international research on effective solutions is lacking.

Members of Regional Council expressed their appreciation for the dedication of the Region of Peel's paramedics and indicated their support of the initiatives identified to address public violence against front line workers.

Staff will be reporting to a future meeting of Regional Council on the impacts of the staff collaboration and impact of the Psychological Health and Safety Program, as well as opportunities for advocacy for legislative and policy changes.

For more information about Violence in Paramedic Services, please visit: [Item 7.3](#)

Next Regional Council Budget Meeting
Thursday, November 28, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

Next Public Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Next Regional Council Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.

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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