

DECISIONS

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Proposed Provincial Funding Cuts to the Ontario Works Program and the Ontario Disability Support Program

Regional Council passed a motion directing that the Regional Chair write, on behalf of Regional Council, to the Minister of Children, Community and Social Services, urging the Ministry to reverse its plan to cut \$1 billion from the Ontario Disability Support Program and Ontario Works program; maintain the current definition of disability under the Ontario Disability Support Program; and increase the social assistance rates in both subject programs to improve the quality of life for some of the most vulnerable members of our community. The Region of Peel Government Relations Committee will request that the Association of Municipalities of Ontario provide a financial analysis on the impact the change in definition would have on health and social services in the province.

Council also heard from Sean Meagher, Coordinator, Ontario for All, who noted that if the change is approved, the health and well-being of many vulnerable people in Ontario would be threatened. Low-income people with disabilities would be pushed into deeper poverty and the loss of income and health supports would have a major impact on people's health and significant costs would be imposed on the public-sector.

The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, January 23 2020.

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Delegations

Big Brothers Big Sisters 2020 Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids' Sake

Regional Council received a delegation from Shari Lynn Ladanchuk, President and CEO, and Lori Plati, Public Relations Manager, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel, who advised that the goal of the 2020 Tim Hortons Bowl for Kids Sake event is to raise \$150,000. Five different bowling events will be held throughout the Region of Peel from February 23, 2020 to May 25, 2020. They requested the support of Regional Council to help promote and attend the events. All funds raised will go directly towards working to create life-changing mentoring relationships to ignite the power and potential of young people in the Region of Peel.

For more information about the event, please visit:
<https://peel.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/>

Staff Presentations

Psychological Health and Safety at the Region of Peel Update

Regional Council endorsed the Psychological Health and Safety Framework outlined in a report from the Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services.

Dawn Langtry, Director, Strategic Policy and Initiatives, provided an update on the development of a Region of Peel-specific framework to provide alignment, synergies and measurements related to the National Standard of Canada for Psychological Health and Safety in the Workplace. The Framework includes goals and an operational work plan that connects individual, workplace and community goals together, to make the invisible – the mental well-being of us all – visible. The framework has three elements:



Me – empowering all of us to take control of our own mental well-being

We – identifying and removing hazards that are within our control in the workplace

Us – the Region of Peel’s role as an anchor institution to support community capacity for better mental health

As interventions and action plans are designed, they need to be embedded in how people work and how services are delivered to create environments where people feel safe to share their experiences.

For information about Psychological Health and Safety at the Region of Peel, please visit: [Item 8.1](#)

Meetings at a Glance

Next Regional Council Meeting
Thursday, February 13, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Next Health System Integration Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Next ROPA 30 Appeals Oversight Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

All meetings are held in the Region’s Council Chamber, Fifth Floor, 10 Peel Centre Dr., Suite A, Brampton, unless otherwise noted.

For additional information on any of the items or to obtain a copy of a report included in Decisions, please contact the Region of Peel, Clerk’s Office at 905-791-7800, ext. 4526.

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