

# DECISIONS

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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, February 27, 2020.

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- [Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, Credit Valley Conservation \(CVC\)](#)
- [Peel Climate Change Partnership Terms of Reference Update and Clean Air Council: 2019-2023 Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change](#)
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### ■ Delegations

#### **Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC)**

Regional Council passed a resolution requesting that the provincial government restore or improve the funding of Conservation Authorities to provide a more stable funding base that would prevent further downloading of costs to municipalities and allow maintenance of hazard programs. The resolution also asks that the provincial government ensure that Conservation Authority programs and services maintain their watershed focus and allow for the flexibility of including programs and services important to local circumstances.

Council heard from Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, Credit Valley Conservation, who advised that in May of 2019, the provincial government introduced additional modifications to the *Conservation Authorities Act* which include defining mandatory

programs. The mandatory programs that are provided by the Conservation Authorities serving the Region of Peel fall under three categories: risk of natural hazards; conservation and management of lands; and, source water protection. The details of what the programs and services are that fall under each of the three categories will be defined by regulation. Non-mandatory programs can be supported through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or agreement with a municipality or be self-supported by cost recovery through the Conservation Authority. This will require individual negotiations and budget allocation outside of the general levy.

Draft regulations are being prepared for April 2020 with final regulations to be completed prior to the provincial legislature's summer break. Conservation Authorities are concerned that the provincial government is looking to curtail some of their powers and are not confident that the province will bring the right voices to the table to craft the draft regulations.

The resolution passed by Council includes a request that the province include experts from Conservation Authorities and staff from various provincial ministries when developing the draft regulations.

*For more information about the need for Municipal support for Conservation Authorities, please visit: [Item 8.4](#) and [Item 21.2](#)*

### ■ Staff Presentations

#### **Peel Climate Change Partnership Terms of Reference Update and Clean Air Council: 2019-2023 Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change**

Regional Council endorsed the Region of Peel's continued participation as a member of the Peel Climate Change Partnership and approved its Terms of Reference. A resolution was also passed to include the Region of Peel as a signatory to the 2019 – 2023 Clear Air Council Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change.

Council heard from Gabriella Kalapos, Executive Director, Clean Air Partnership, who advised that the Clean Air Partnership works with municipal governments and partners to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions and air pollution, increase resiliency to extreme weather and



make advancements towards a low carbon economy. The Clean Air Council helps municipalities to share clean air/climate change actions with others and brings collective brain power together to identify the barriers to transfer and improvement of actions across municipalities.

Christine Tu, Director, Climate Change and Energy Management, and Louise Aubin, Director, Health Protection, highlighted the important and unique work of the Peel Climate Change Partnership and the Clean Air Council, noting that the issues of climate change and air quality are complex and cannot be addressed in silos. Partnerships, collaboration and the alignment of priorities allows information and best practices to be shared with stakeholders, both locally and provincially. Regional Council’s endorsement of the reports titled “Peel Climate Change Partnership Terms of Reference Update” and “Clean Air Council: 2019 – 2023 Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air and Climate Change” will enable enhanced collaboration, alignment and synergies between both groups which support essential work on climate change and air quality.

*For more information about the Peel Climate Change Partnership and the Clean Air Council, please visit: [Item 9.3](#) and [Item 9.4](#)*

**Paramedic Services Public Access Defibrillation Program Update and Bill 141**

Regional Council passed a resolution directing that the Regional Chair write to the Minister of Health, on behalf of Regional Council, to endorse Bill 141, the *Defibrillator Registration and Public Access Act*.

A report from the Commissioner of Health Services noted that it is estimated that of the over 20,000 AEDs sold in the Greater Toronto Area, paramedic services only know where a quarter of them are located.

Beginning in March, Paramedic Services will be participating in the “GTA Heart Map Challenge” that is being facilitated through St. Michael’s Hospital. The Challenge is an AED search that everyone can participate in. Publicity and information is being finalized to encourage competitors to locate AEDs. Participants register on the GTA Heart Map Challenge website as individuals or teams. They then locate and submit photos of AEDs by using the PulsePoint AED app on their smart phone.

The purpose of Bill 141 is to impose certain requirements respecting the installation, maintenance, testing and availability of defibrillators on designated premises or public premises. The Act will also require defibrillators at such premises to be registered with the registrar within specified time periods, and for the prescribed persons to be notified of the registrations.

Bill 141 will strengthen the availability to AEDs in the community and will help ensure the Region of Peel and other municipalities supporting Public Access Defibrillation Programs have the tools in place to help the community to save lives.

*For more information about the GTA Heart Map Challenge, please visit: [www.gtaheartmapchallenge.com](http://www.gtaheartmapchallenge.com) or for more information about the Public Access Defibrillation Program and Bill 141, please visit: [Item 9.2](#)*

**Meetings at a Glance**

<p><b>Next Regional Council Meeting</b> Thursday, March 12, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Next Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee Meeting</b> Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.</p> <p><b>Next Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting</b> Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.</p> <p><b>Next ROPA 30 Appeals Oversight Committee Meeting</b> Thursday, March 26, 2020 – 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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