



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE

MINUTES

EMPC - 1/2019

The Region of Peel Emergency Management Program Committee met on May 2, 2019 at 1:03 p.m., in the Regional Council Chambers, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, Ontario.

Members Present: A. Groves; J. Innis; S. McFadden; K. Ras; P. Saito; R. Santos; I. Sinclair

Members Absent: G. Carlson; N. Iannicca due to vacation

Also Present: S. VanOwewegen, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services; C. Matheson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; Michelle Wong, Acting Regional Solicitor; A. Farr, Acting Commissioner of Public Works; Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Director, Community Access; T. Ivanyshyn, Committee Clerk; T. Kobikrishna, Legislative Assistant

T. Ivanyshyn, Committee Clerk, presided.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Councillor Saito placed the following motion.

RECOMMENDATION EMPC-1-2019:

That Councillor Groves be elected Chair of the Emergency Management Program Committee, for a term ending November 14, 2020, or until a successor is appointed by Regional Council.

Councillor Groves placed the following motion.

RECOMMENDATION EMPC-2-2019:

That Councillor Santos be elected Vice-Chair of the Emergency Management Program Committee, for a term ending November 14, 2020, or until a successor is appointed by Regional Council.

Councillor Groves assumed the Chair.

* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

2. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil**

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION EMPC-3-2019:

That the agenda for the May 2, 2019 Emergency Management Program Committee include an oral update regarding plans for the upcoming Emergency Preparedness Week, to be dealt with under Other Business – Item 8.1;

And further, that the agenda for the May 2, 2019 Emergency Management Program Committee meeting, be approved as amended.

4. **DELEGATIONS - Nil**

5. **REPORTS**

5.1. **Orientation to the Role of the Regional Chair and Council Members During an Emergency**

Presentation by Andrew Cooper, Acting Manager, Regional Emergency Management

Received

Andrew Cooper, Acting Manager, Regional Emergency Management, provided an overview of the Region of Peel Emergency Management Plan and the role of the Regional Chair as legislated by the *Emergency Management and Civic Protection Act R.S.O.* He also provided an overview of the emergency declaration process and a summary of annual reported events.

In response to a question from Councillor Sinclair, Andrew Cooper stated that a declaration of emergency could be called during the partial or full activation escalation stage of an emergency event.

In response to a question from Councillor Sinclair regarding provincial and federal support during a declared emergency, Andrew Cooper noted that the Canadian Forces may be requested through the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management and their federal partners. Should the Canadian Forces be deployed, they are done so under a standing Operation (Operation LENTUS) for natural disasters.

In response to a question from Councillor Ras regarding 94 internal emergency events reported in 2018, Andrew Cooper clarified that protocols for dealing with internal events were developed and activated in 2018. The protocols were not tracked prior to 2018.

5.2. 2019 Regional Emergency Management – Work Plan Overview

Received

5.3. Summary of the 2018 Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) Compliance Submission

Received

In response to a question from Councillor Sinclair regarding Hydro One's role during a power outage, Andrew Cooper noted that Hydro One and Alectra Utilities have emergency plans and that both organizations provide alerts to the Region regarding outages. He noted that a 24/7 duty officer is available to address critical issues.

5.4. 2018 Regional Fire Coordinators Report

Received

5.5. 9-1-1 Annual Report

Received

In response to a request from Councillor Ras, Sean Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services noted that staff can provide 9-1-1 protocol information for Councillor Newsletters.

Councillor Santos requested that information regarding Amber Alerts also be provided.

6. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil

7. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a request from Councillor Sinclair to provide a letter of support from the Regional Chair to the Department of Transportation regarding the matter of railway safety, Stephen VanOfwegen, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, stated that the request will be taken as direction to staff to be referred to the next Government Relations Committee meeting.

8.1. Emergency Preparedness Week Update (Oral)

Received

Andrew Cooper, Acting Manager, Regional Emergency Management provided an update on the Region's Emergency Preparedness Week activities including attendance at the Peel Regional Police Open House and twitter messaging regarding flood protocols and important website links.

Councillor Saito requested that the Region's website provide links to the local municipal emergency preparedness websites to ensure residents have access to all municipal emergency information.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Emergency Management Program Committee is scheduled for November 21, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 5th floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, Suite A, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario.

Please forward regrets to Jill Jones, Committee Clerk, and (905) 791-7800 ext. 4330 or at jill.jones@peelregion.ca.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.