



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

GRC - 1/2019

The Region of Peel Government Relations Committee met on May 16, 2019 at 1:01 p.m., in the Regional Council Chambers, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Members Present: S. Dasko; G. S. Dhillon; J. Downey; N. Iannicca*; K. Ras; R. Santos; A. Thompson; P. Vicente

Members Absent: P. Brown, due to other municipal business; B. Crombie, due to other municipal business; A. Groves, due to vacation; J. Innis; due to illness; M. Palleschi

Also Present: N. Polsinelli, Acting Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; J. Pittini, Acting Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor; S. Jacques, Chief Planner; A. Farr, Acting Commissioner of Public Works; J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services; B. Laundry, Acting Commissioner of Health Services; Dr. J. Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Legal Services; S. Valteau, Committee Clerk; S. MacGregor, Legislative Assistant

Sabrina Valteau, Committee Clerk presided.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

RECOMMENDATION GRC-1-2019:

That Councillor Innis be appointed Chair of the Government Relations Committee for the term ending November 14, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

Regional Chair Iannicca arrived at 1:03 p.m.

* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

RECOMMENDATION GRC-2-2019:

That Councillor Ras be appointed Vice-Chair of the Government Relations Committee for the term ending November 14, 2022 or until a successor is appointed.

Councillor Ras assumed the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION GRC-3-2019:

That the agenda for the May 16, 2019 Government Relations Committee meeting be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE (Oral)

Discussion led by Keith Medenblik, Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations

Received

Keith Medenblik, Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations, provided an overview of the current federal and provincial political climate, highlights from the Provincial Budget, emerging trends and advocacy opportunities.

Councillor Ras inquired about receiving a fact sheet on Region of Peel priorities to share with MP/MPPs and for Councillors to distribute at summer events. Keith Medenblik responded that a document is currently being updated and will be distributed to all members of Regional Council when available.

Councillor Ras inquired if the Region of Peel would be advocating for lengthening the timelines for municipalities to use one-time infrastructure funding from the provincial and federal governments, as local municipalities are typically engaging with the same contractors during the same timeframes, which is driving up costs. Andrew Farr, Acting Commissioner of Public Works, advised that the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario have raised the issue with the provincial and federal governments but no concrete details have yet been received.

In response to a question from Councillor Ras regarding waste management and full producer responsibility, Keith Medenblik advised that the Region is in regular consultation with the Province on this topic.

Councillor Ras inquired if there would be an opportunity for municipalities to ask the Province for relief regarding increased infrastructure costs. Andrew Farr, Acting Commissioner of Public Works, advised that staff at the Region are actively working on this and have had minor success in clarifying regulations.

Councillor Thompson advised that an announcement may be made at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference regarding the *Construction Liens Act* and Joint Several Liability and he undertook to share that information when available.

Councillor Thompson inquired whether a graphic could be displayed on the Region of Peel website to educate the public on how the provincial budget is impacting the Region and local municipalities. Keith Medenblik advised that this suggestion could be incorporated in a report that is coming to Regional Council in June that will highlight some of the challenges the Region is facing and outline proposed tactics to raise awareness.

6. REPORTS

6.1. 2019 Government Relations Committee: Proposed Approach and Activities

RECOMMENDATION GRC-4-2019:

That the approach and priorities identified in the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services titled "2019 Government Relations Committee: Proposed Approach and Activities" be approved.

6.2. 2019 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference

RECOMMENDATION GRC-5-2019:

That the approach outlined in the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services titled "2019 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference", be endorsed.

In response to a question from Councillor Vicente, Kathryn Lockyer, Regional Clerk, confirmed that Region of Peel staff would work with Brampton government relations staff to ensure the City of Brampton's Hurontario LRT request is addressed with the Minister of Transportation.

6.3. Region of Peel's 2019 Federal Election Strategy

RECOMMENDATION GRC-6-2019:

That the federal election strategy outlined in the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services titled "Region of Peel's 2019 Federal Election Strategy" be approved.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1. 2019 Region of Peel Federal Pre-Budget Submission

Received

7.2. 2019 Region of Peel Provincial Pre-Budget Submission

Received

8. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

9. OTHER BUSINESS

9.1. Provincial Announcements Related to Public Health and the Paramedic Services System

Received

Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health, advised that additional information will be provided at the next Regional Council meeting regarding Public Health. She informed the Committee that more information is needed for staff to develop a strong advocacy position and this work will continue as new information becomes available.

Councillor Ras suggested that the Government Relations Committee consider meeting prior to the October 17, 2019 meeting, if needed.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Government Relations Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 11:00 a.m., Regional Administrative Headquarters, Council Chamber, 5th floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Please forward regrets to Sabrina Valteau, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800, extension 4320 or at sabrina.valteau@peelregion.ca.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.