



**THE COUNCIL OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
January 17, 2019**

Regional Chair Iannicca called the Regional Council Budget meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

P. Brown	M. Mahoney
G. Carlson	S. McFadden
B. Crombie	M. Medeiros
D. Damerla*	M. Palleschi
S. Dasko	C. Parrish
G. Dhillon*	K. Ras*
C. Fonseca	R. Santos
P. Fortini	I. Sinclair
A. Groves	R. Starr
N. Iannicca	A. Thompson*
J. Innis	P. Vicente
J. Kovac	

Members Absent:

J. Downey	Due to other municipal business
P. Saito	Due to personal matters

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor; S. Jacques, Chief Planner; J. Smith, Commissioner of Public Works; J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services; N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services; Dr. L. Loh, Acting Medical Officer of Health; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Legal Services; T. Ivanyshyn, Legislative Specialist; S. Valteau, Legislative Technical Coordinator; H. Gill, Legislative Technical Coordinator

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

* See text for arrivals
♦ See text for departures
★ Denotes alternate member

Councillor Dhillon arrived at 9:32 a.m.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Nil

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Vicente,
Seconded by Councillor Starr;

That the agenda for the January 17, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting include an Oral item regarding the Council Policies and Procedures Committee, to be dealt with under Other Business – Item 10.1;

And further, that the agenda for the January 17, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved, as amended.

Carried RCB-2019-1

5. DELEGATION/PRESENTATIONS

5.1. Catherine Neville, Vice President, Quality-Based Integrated Programs, Excellence Canada, Presenting the Region of Peel with the Excellence Canada Platinum Award

Received RCB-2019-2

Related to Resolution 2019-3

Councillor Damerla arrived at 9:35 a.m.

Councillor Ras arrived at 9:38 a.m.

Catherine Neville, Vice President, Quality-Based Integrated Programs, Excellence Canada, provided an overview of the Region of Peel's achievement of the Excellence Canada Platinum Award, the highest level of certification from Excellence Canada.

Catherine Neville described how the Region of Peel was benchmarked and assessed against the requirements of Excellence, Innovation and Wellness (EIW Standard) and guided Council through the assessment process. She explained how the Region of Peel exceeds in areas of Leadership, Planning, Customers, People, Process, and Partnership/Supplier. The Region achieved its platinum status by meeting expected key outcomes and compared the Region's outcomes against best practices. She noted that the Region of Peel is the only municipality to have achieved the Platinum level of excellence, innovation and wellness from Excellence Canada and congratulated the Members of Council and Regional staff on being a role model for the rest of municipalities.

David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), commented that there were two important reasons for achieving this award; one was mainly due to the excellent leadership of the Region,

and the other is the support Council provides for the resources needed to deliver services. There is a dedication and commitment amongst staff that work at the Region of Peel.

Regional Chair Iannicca supported the CAO's remarks and stated that he is exceptionally proud of the Award.

Item 6.1 was dealt with.

6.1. Excellence Canada's Platinum Award for Excellence, Innovation and Wellness

Received RCB-2019-3

Related to Resolution 2019-2

5.2. Opening Remarks

Remarks by David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer

Received RCB-2019-4

David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), provided opening comments regarding Peel Region's services to the public.

The CAO commented how the Region of Peel plans to bring the long-term strategic vision to life by investing in key infrastructure. It is expected that in the next 20 years, 600,000 people will move to Peel Region, and the business sector is expanding as well with more than 172,000 businesses in Peel.

He highlighted that some of our services rely on funding from the Provincial government and if the Province does not continue to provide inflationary increases, the Region of Peel will have to make up the shortfall which will put additional pressures on the budget.

David Szwarc provided an overview of the 2019 Regional Budget levy targets; the original 2019 draft budget recommended a 1.5 percent net tax levy increase, below the 2.1 percent Council target. However, after adding the additional priorities recommended by Council throughout 2018, the net tax levy increases to 3.3 percent. The Region of Peel represents 41 percent of the overall tax bill.

5.3. Corporate Budget Overview

Presentation by Stephen VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Received RCB-2019-5

Stephen VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), provided an overview of the 2019 Operating and Capital budget based on the Living, Thriving and Leading themes. He commented that the 2018 budget was recognized with the "Distinguished Budget Presentation" award from the Government Finance Officers of North America.

The 2019 Budget represents \$3.8B to advance Council's current and long-term objectives.

Stephen VanOfwegen stated that the proposed budget has a net tax levy increase of 3.3 percent, 1.5 percent of which is to maintain base level services, and 1.8 percent for other priorities Council recommended for inclusion into the 2019 budget. He stated the proportion of the property tax bill for Regional services is 41 percent, local municipal services is 40 percent and education is 19 percent. He noted that a 6.5 percent increase in the utility rate is proposed, including 5 percent to sustain the capital program; however, the rate is still significantly lower than other municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area.

The CFO noted that \$670M of the budget is funded by grants and subsidies, primarily from the Province.

Several Members of Council raised concern about potential changes coming to Regional Governments due to the recent announcement by the Premier to review regional governments this year. Stephen VanOfwegen undertook to bring a report to Regional Council in February on impacts of potential provincial grant funding cuts.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Ras regarding reserves for recyclable materials, Stephen VanOfwegen stated that it is a one-time draw to take one of the facilities offline for a short time as improvements are done and is expected to be back online in 2020.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Ras about the Region's plans to mitigate the \$16.6M in tax write-offs, Stephen VanOfwegen stated that these write-offs are largely due to the big box retailers being reassessed on taxes through the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

Councillor Parrish stated that the \$6M budget request for the conversion of an abandoned pool in her Ward is a necessary requirement for underprivileged youth. Her request is to rebuild the pool into a youth centre and community hub. She proposed deferring the budget for the pool rehabilitation to the 2020 budget cycle if the project was approved in 2019 and requested that staff provide budget calculations, at the January 24th Budget meeting, to spread the costs over 2 years (\$3M in 2020 and \$3M in 2021).

Janice Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services responded to Councillor Dhillon's request on the history of the Malton pool development and past reports brought before this Council. Members raised concerns over the \$6M request for one-time funds to rebuild the abandoned pool in Malton and requested that a needs analysis study be conducted along with a business plan.

Councillor Parrish requested to refer the request from the Peel Regional Police of \$8M and 22 officers to the new Peel Regional Police Services Board for consultation. Regional Chair Iannicca stated that a motion could be brought to the January 24th Budget meeting when Council considers the Peel Regional Police budget presentation.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Fonseca regarding the importance of credit ratings and how the Region manages risk, Norman Lum, Director of Business & Financial Planning explained that the Region of Peel continuously monitors the overall liquidity of funds to stay under the risk factor stipulated by the risk agencies, which provides the Region with ongoing excellent credit ratings.

Councillor Starr questioned if the Region of Peel is reviewing its blended water rate model. Stephen VanOfwegen responded that staff are conducting a review of the blended rate model and will report back during this term of Council on possible changes.

Councillor Crombie requested that the Region of Peel consider cuts to its budget so that the overall blended rate for Mississauga is held at 3 percent.

6. REPORTS

6.1. Excellence Canada's Platinum Award for Excellence, Innovation and Wellness

This item was dealt with under Resolution RCB-2019-3

Items 7.1 to 7.4 inclusive were dealt with.

7.1. Presentation by Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services

Received RCB-2019-6

Councillor Thompson arrived at 12:10 p.m. due to other municipal business.

Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services, presented the 2019 operating and capital budget for Health Services which encompasses five services. She provided information regarding adaptations to continue to find ways to improve service levels, the demands in each service and she identified proposed 2019 service investments. She highlighted the following services: Paramedic Services (Living), providing medical care to residents in times of extreme need; Long Term Care (Living), there are five centres to improve the lives of frail seniors; and, Adult Day Services (Living), which allows frail seniors to live in their home and to provide respite to caregivers. She further highlighted Chronic Disease Prevention (Thriving); and Infectious Disease Prevention (Thriving), to protect seniors against different types of infections, foodborne illnesses and an opioid harm reduction support program.

Councillor Innis commented on the Paramedic Services 10-year Capital Plan and the need for a Capital Master Plan. Nancy Polsinelli responded that a 10-year plan was concluded in the Fall of 2018 and that a further review is currently underway for the next 10-year plan and a report will come to Council.

Councillor Ras requested to have the number of paramedic service call responses and a breakdown of calls, before budget deliberations conclude. She recognized that the infectious disease prevention, chronic disease prevention, early growth and development plans are part of the community safety and well-being plan scheduled to be phased-in by 2021.

In response to Councillor Ras, Nancy Polsinelli confirmed that the proposed Budget does not include provincial funding related to cannabis.

Councillor Groves commented on the request for 31 additional fulltime paramedic staff for 2019. She mentioned that the Provincial government is proposing to review the Local Health Integration Network.

Councillor Groves questioned how much money the Region receives from the province to fund the Aging in Place programs. Nancy undertook to report back to Council on the funding numbers.

Councillor Brown commented that the senior's dental program should allow for the ability to use it multiple times. David Szwarc responded that staff will report back to Council on what a full program would cost.

In response to a question from Councillor Palleschi, Nancy Polsinelli undertook to report back to Council with a breakdown of costs for the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan.

Councillor Vincente questioned if the Peel Manor redevelopment plans are currently underway and if funds have been allocated in the 2019 budget. Nancy Polsinelli responded that the project is underway and the Region will be using \$115M in reserves for this project.

7.2. Presentation by Janice Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services

Deferred to the January 24, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting RCB-2019-7

Janice Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services, commenced presenting the 2019 operating and capital budget for Human Services which encompasses seven services including Early Growth and Development, Housing Support, Homelessness Support, Income Support, Employment Support, Community Investment and Child Care. The balance of the presentation was deferred to the January 24, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting.

Regional Council recessed at 12:32 p.m.

Regional Council reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

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7.3. Presentation by Janette Smith, Commissioner of Public Works

Received RCB-2019-8

Councillor Dhillon departed at 2:28 p.m.

Janette Smith, Commissioner of Public Works, presented the 2019 operating and capital budget for Public Works which encompasses six services. She provided information regarding adaptations to continue to find ways to improve service levels, the demands in each service and identified proposed 2019 service investments. She highlighted the five services that fall under the theme of Thriving: Water Supply service which treats and delivers water to Peel residents and businesses and ensures Peel's water meets the Ontario Safe Drinking Water Quality Standards; Wastewater service that treats millions of litres of wastewater every day, noting that the capital program will maintain a state of good repair to ensure the system can handle increased demands from climate change and more intense storms; Waste Management service currently recycles 50 percent of its 534,000 annual tonnes of residential waste it collects, and notes the Region has a mandate of a 75 percent diversion rate target of waste to landfill by 2034; Land Use Planning which promotes a healthy and age-friendly built environment; Roads and Transportation that sustain roads and provides safe and reliable movement throughout the Region of Peel. She further highlighted TransHelp (Living), which co-ordinates trips for clients using accessible buses, contracted providers and other community partners.

Councillor Starr inquired what the risk would be to Region of Peel facilities if the Province cuts future funding to the water and wastewater services. Janette Smith responded that potential risks include facilities not being maintained as well as they are now and utility costs could go up.

Councillor Damerla requested a comparison of increase in the proposed tax rate to inflation. Stephen VanOfwegen replied that he will bring back a report on inflationary measures to the January 24th, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting.

Councillor Palleschi questioned the request for a additional mechanic position and whether it could be managed through other levels of efficiencies with the local municipalities and other levels of government for repairs to vehicles. Janette Smith responded that it is necessary to handle the 50 additional vehicles to the fleet.

Councillor Crombie inquired how costs could be reduced on some programs on water and wastewater. Janette Smith responded that currently water facilities are rated in a very good state of repair. Wastewater facilities are rated as fair and if we do not invest the rating will go to poor and cost more in the long run.

Councillor Crombie inquired what percent of recycling is going to landfill. Janette Smith responded that on average 20 percent of items collected in Blue Box program are not recyclable and goes to landfill. Councillor Crombie inquired how do we educate the public to do better to reduce this cost. Janette Smith responded that having the producers of these materials responsible for the packaging would help.

Councillor Fonseca inquired how the Region is collaborating with other municipalities for cross-border trips using the TransHelp services. Janette Smith undertook to report back to Regional Council on cross-boundary usage.

Councillor Fonseca inquired how vehicles are stored when not in use in the off-season and suggested that staff check with other municipalities on efficiencies on vehicle storage. Janette Smith responded that the Region is currently in discussions with the local municipalities on ways to efficiently store vehicles in off-season.

Councillor Fonseca commented on Vision Zero and opportunities to meet with local municipal staff to discuss design and construction projects and maintenance of multi-use trails and bike lanes. She requested talks be conducted to connect trails and bike lanes to transit systems. Janette Smith responded that there are currently discussions including police and the three local municipalities and Province to collectively commit to achieving Vision Zero, as well as joint education campaigns and infrastructure building to make the trails and bike lanes more safe.

7.4. Presentation by Sean Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services

Received RCB-2019-9

Sean Baird, Commissioner, Digital and Information Services, presented the 2019 operating and capital budget for the Enterprise Programs and Services (EPS); and Heritage, Arts and Culture. He provided adaptations to continue to find ways to improve service, demands in each service and identified proposed 2019 service investments. He highlighted the diverse range of services that fall under EPS (Leading) being the internal administrative function of the Regional government and he noted priorities to achieve success in the future such as: talent

management framework; a sophisticated technology environment; financial strategies and investments; and transparency and accountability. He further highlighted Heritage, Arts and Culture (Thriving) and the Peel Art Museum and Archives (PAMA) which provides exhibits and attractions to the public and provides education and diversification to the Peel community.

Councillor Ras inquired if the \$500,000 one-time funding to replace the existing non-union evaluation program could be delayed. Catherine Matheson, Commissioner of Corporate Services responded it could be delayed.

Councillor Ras inquired what the \$3.5M funding is for. Staff responded it is for a WSIB actuarial study that is required by the Region every four years and represents an increase in liabilities that must be amortized over four years.

Councillor Ras inquired if storage vaults for PAMA are at capacity and suggested opportunities for partnership for storage space with local municipalities. Sean Baird responded discussions with the local municipalities will take place for partnering on storage.

Councillor Vincente inquired on how PAMA plans to increase its attendance numbers. Sean Baird responded that currently studies are being conducted, as well as outreach through school programs, community groups and staff are looking for opportunities for larger exhibits to draw customers.

6.2. 2019 Operating and Capital Budget

Moved by Councillor Parrish,
Seconded by Councillor McFadden;

That the 2019 Operating and Capital Budget report be deferred to the January 24, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting;

And further, that the Oral item regarding the Council Policies and Procedures Committee listed under Other Business – Item 10.1 be deferred to the January 24, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting.

In Favour	P. Brown; G. Carlson; B. Crombie; D. Damerla; S. Dasko; C. Fonseca; P. Fortini; A. Groves; J. Innis; J. Kovac; M. Mahoney; S. McFadden; M. Medeiros; M. Palleschi; C. Parrish; K. Ras; R. Santos; I. Sinclair; R. Starr; A. Thompson; P. Vicente	Total 21
Opposed		
Abstain <i>(counted as a no vote)</i>		
Absent <i>(from meeting and/or vote)</i>	G. Dhillon; J. Downey; P. Saito	3

Carried RCB-2019-10

Councillor Damerla departed at 3:06 p.m.

7. REGIONALLY CONTROLLED SERVICES PRESENTATIONS

7.1. Presentation by Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services

This item was dealt with under Resolution RCB-2019-6

7.2. Presentation by Janice Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services

This item was dealt with under Resolution RCB-2019-7

7.3. Presentation by Janette Smith, Commissioner of Public Works

This item was deferred under Resolution RCB-2019-8

7.4. Presentation by Sean Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services

This item was dealt with under Resolution RCB-2019-9

8. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil

9. BY-LAWS - Nil

10. OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 Council Policies and Procedures Committee (Oral)

This item was deferred under Resolution RCB-2019-10

11. NOTICES OF MOTION - Nil

12. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

13. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Vicente,
Seconded by Councillor Thompson;

That By-law 10-2019 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council at its Budget meeting held on January 17, 2019, to deliberate the 2019 Budget and to authorize the execution of documents in accordance with the Region of Peel by-laws relating thereto, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, signed by the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk, and the corporate seal be affixed thereto.

Carried RCB-2019-16

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair