



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

GMC - 2/2014

The Growth Management Committee (GMC) met on April 17, 2014, at 8:13 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Members Present: P. Foley; C. Fonseca*; E. Kolb; M. Morrison*; P. Mullin; J. Sanderson; R. Starr; J. Tovey; R Whitehead*

Members Absent: P. Palleschi, A. Thompson, due to illness

Also Present: N. Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor and Director Legal and Risk Management; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; J. Menard, Commissioner of Human Services; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; K. Lockyer, Director of Clerk's and Regional Clerk; H. West, Committee Clerk; S. Valteau, Legislative Assistant

Chaired by Councillor Tovey.

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION GMC-3-2014:

That the agenda for the the April 17, 2014 Growth Management Committee meeting be approved.

3. DELEGATIONS - Nil

Councillor Morrison arrived at 8:15 a.m.

Councillor Whitehead arrived at 8:16 a.m.

* See text for arrivals

♦ See text for departures

4. REPORTS

4.1. GMC Meeting #4: Context of Growth Management Committee (Oral)
Presentation by Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division

Received

A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

RECOMMENDATION GMC-4-2014:

Whereas Amendment 2 to the Places to Grow Growth Plan (the "Provincial Amendment") allocates additional growth to the Region of Peel;

And whereas, the Region of Peel has already incurred \$1.3 billion of debt to service growth;

And whereas, a business case establishing the extent of further growth which the Region of Peel can affordably sustain has not yet been approved;

Therefore be it resolved, that staff are directed to bring forward a sustainable business plan outlining the amount of growth the Region of Peel can afford, for implementation in response to the Provincial Amendment;

And further, that the proposed Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 27 be brought forward with policies regarding health and the built environment, age-friendly planning, and housing;

And further, that ROPA 27 not otherwise proceed until Regional Council has approved the business plan.

Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division, recapped the previous reports and staff directions from the Growth Management Committee (GMC) meeting held March 27, 2014. In response to one of the directions, staff will be undertaking a comprehensive study to identify the costs of growth related to municipal services and infrastructure, which should be completed during the new term of Council. Arvin Prasad noted that Regional staff will meet with area municipal staff to develop area municipal Growth Management Committees. He provided an update on draft Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 27 which focuses on growth management (population and employment); health and the built environment; age-friendly planning; and, housing.

Regional Chair Kolb expressed concern with future population growth and no guarantee that quality employment will meet the growth numbers. He stated that a financial business case is required to see how much growth the Region of Peel can afford and he requested that a comprehensive study to identify the costs related to municipal services and infrastructure be completed prior to the new term of Council.

Councillor Mullin raised concern that public meetings for ROPA 27 are being proposed for May, 2014 when there is no rationale to justify the growth numbers that will be presented to the public.

Regional Chair Kolb queried if a study is underway regarding the types of manufacturing jobs that would be available in Peel to support a financial plan and employment growth.

Councillor Tovey suggested that a Region of Peel Economic Development Office be established to work with the area municipalities and to assist in the recruitment of businesses.

4.2. Transportation - Planning and Delivering for Growth (Oral)

Presentation by Damian Albanese, Director, Transportation Division and Sabbir Saiyed, Manager, Transportation Division

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Damian Albanese, Director, Transportation Division, provided an outline of the transportation vision to 2031 and the Peel Long Range Transportation Plan. Sabbir Saiyed, Manager, Transportation Division, identified transportation trends and future challenges including congestion from population growth, goods movement delays impacting economic vitality and the environmental health impact. He provided future assumptions on travel demands noting that a focus on modes of transportation and a shift in travel behavior is required to make transportation sustainable to 2031 and beyond. Damian Albanese highlighted what is needed to implement transportation success noting that partnership and cooperation with government agencies and stakeholders is required.

Councillor Foley stated that she is disappointed that sustainable modes of transportation such as biking is not utilized by commuters noting that this may be a result of safety concerns.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Foley, Damian Albanese stated that the Goods Movement Task Force would review the possibility of designating truck lanes or a High Occupancy Vehicle lane along Highway 50.

Councillor Foley referred to the provincial government announcement that \$29 billion will be made available to improve transit and transportation infrastructure; \$15 billion being designated for municipalities with transportation systems within the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area (GTHA) and \$14 billion being designated for transportation infrastructure for municipalities outside of the GTHA. She further noted that Town of Caledon does not have a transportation system and is not located outside of the GTHA and questioned how this would affect Caledon. Damian Albanese undertook to review the details of the transportation funding when it is released by the provincial government and will report back to the Growth Management Committee.

Councillor Fonseca arrived at 9:35 a.m.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1. **Carey deGorter, Director of Administration/Town Clerk, Town of Caledon**, Letter dated March 24, 2013 Regarding the Provincial Plan Review

Received

Councillor Morrison stated that the resolution contained in the correspondence was rescinded at the last Town of Caledon Council meeting and noted that a new resolution will be forthcoming.

- 5.2. **Carey deGorter, Director of Administration/Town Clerk, Town of Caledon**, Letter dated March 24, 2013 Regarding Growth Forecasts Review – Recommended Growth Option

Referred to Corporate Services

- 5.3. **Carey deGorter, Director of Administration/Town Clerk, Town of Caledon**, Letter dated March 24, 2013 Regarding Growth Forecasts Review – Adjustment of 2041 Employment Forecast

Referred to Corporate Services

6. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

7. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Growth Management Committee is scheduled for May 15, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Please forward regrets to Helena West, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800, extension 4697 or helena.west@peelregion.ca.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.