



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Members Present:	P. Brown B. Crombie S. Dasko J. Downey N. Iannicca	J. Innis K. Ras R. Santos P. Vicente
Members Absent:	G.S. Dhillon A. Groves	M. Palleschi A. Thompson
Staff Present	N. Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services A. Adams, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor S. Ganesh, Acting Chief Planner	A. Farr, Acting Commissioner of Public Works J. Hastings, Acting Commissioner of Human Services C. Granger, Acting Commissioner of Health Services A. Macintyre, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services S. Valteau, Committee Clerk S. MacGregor, Legislative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Region of Peel Government Relations Committee met on March 5, 2020 at 11:03 a.m., in the Regional Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION GRC-1-2020:

That the agenda for the March 5, 2020 Government Relations Committee meeting, be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS

Nil

5. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

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 Region's key Council endorsed advocacy priorities and themes, the Provincial and Federal pre-budget submissions, emerging trends and key policy developments.

Councillor Santos requested that local Members of Parliament receive copies of funding applications sent to the Ministries on behalf of the Region of Peel. She stated that it would be a beneficial practice to inform the Ministers so that they can advocate on behalf of the Region.

Councillor Dasko inquired as to whether the Provincial and Federal Budgets had identified a theme toward green environments. Keith Medenblik confirmed that green environments are one of the themes indicated by the Federal Finance Minister.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Update on the Region's Advocacy Priorities

(For information)

Received

Councillor Crombie arrived at 11:18 a.m.

Councillor Ras suggested that the Region of Peel take a different approach when bringing priorities forward at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference by focusing on one or two priorities and presenting potential solutions. She stated that it is an opportunity to demonstrate leadership by having more meaningful solution-based conversations.

Councillor Innis suggested focusing on priorities that can be advanced rather than raising priorities that have been raised previously.

6.2 2020 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference

RECOMMENDATION GRC-1-2020:

That the approach outlined in the report of the Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services, titled "2020 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference," be endorsed.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 2020 Region of Peel Federal Pre-Budget Submission

(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.2 2020 Region of Peel Provincial Pre-Budget Submission

(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.3 February 2020 MP/MPP Advocacy Update

(Receipt recommended)

Received

8. IN CAMERA

Nil

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Government Relations Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2020 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 sabrinaa.valteau@peelregion.ca.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.