



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

Members Present: P. Brown
B. Crombie
S. Dasko
G.S. Dhillon
J. Downey
J. Innis

N. Iannicca
M. Palleschi
K. Ras
R. Santos
A. Thompson
P. Vicente

Members Absent: A. Groves

Staff Present	N. Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor A. Smith, Interim Chief Planner	A. Farr, Interim Commissioner of Public Works J. Sheehy, 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
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1. CALL TO ORDER

The Region of Peel Government Relations Committee met on June 18, 2020 at 11:00 a.m., in the Regional Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON. The Committee Chair attended in-person. Members of the Committee and staff participated electronically

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION GRC-3-2020:

That the agenda for the June 18, 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

Councillor Crombie arrived at 11:14 a.m.

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 COVID-19 response priorities, emerging trends, as well as, key priorities for the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference.

Councillor Ras inquired if, in light of the new virtual environment, there would be opportunities for meetings with Ministers to be held outside the confines of the AMO structure. Keith Medenblik responded that meetings could be requested in advance of the conference and would depend on the Ministers' availability.

Councillor Santos suggested starting social media campaigns regarding Region of Peel priorities leading up to the conference, using personal stories from residents to advocate for Peel's fair share of funding for services.

Councillor Innis inquired as to whether Councillors could start advocating now using WebEx technology to meet with MPPs to discuss Region of Peel key priorities.

Nancy Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer, indicated that Communications staff could provide information regarding a social media campaign and utilizing WebEx to conduct virtual meetings with MPPs.

Councillor Brown suggested that staff compile data regarding COVID-19 response costs, if funding from upper levels of government has not been resolved prior to the Conference. Councillor Innis requested that the data be made available to all Members of Regional Council.

6. REPORTS

6.1 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference

RECOMMENDATION GRC-4-2020:

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

6.2 Update on the Region's Advocacy Priorities

(For information)

Received

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 May 2020 MP/MPP Advocacy Update

(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.2 Nancy Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer,

Providing a Copy of the Region of Peel COVID-19 Response Submission to the Standing Committee on Health
(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.3 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated March 18, 2020, to the Premier of Ontario Regarding the Continuity of Council Decision-Making During the Province-Wide State of Emergency with Respect to COVID-19
(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.4 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated March 23, 2020, to the Premier of Ontario Regarding Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Supply Shortage during COVID-19 Pandemic
(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.5 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated March 28, 2020 to the Premier of Ontario Regarding the Size of Gatherings during COVID-19
(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.6 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated April 20, 2020, to the Minister of Transport and the Minister of Finance Regarding Support for Canada's Airports Facing Severe Financial Impact of COVID-19
(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.7 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated May 5, 2020, to the Premier of Ontario Providing a Copy of a Region of Peel Resolution Regarding Advocacy for Long Term Care Funding
(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.8 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated May 8, 2020, to the Prime Minister of Canada Regarding the Urgent Need for Direct Funding to Municipalities Struggling with COVID-19
(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.9 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated May 8, 2020, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Regarding a Follow-up to the Region of Peel Submission on the Proposed Community Benefits Regulations
(Receipt recommended)

Received

7.10 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated May 28, 2020, to the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions Regarding the Peel Community Mental Health and Addictions Roundtable (Receipt recommended)

Received

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil

9. IN CAMERA MATTERS

Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Government Relations Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, 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, at sabrina.valteau@peelregion.ca.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.