

# THE COUNCIL OF THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL **MINUTES**

# April 8, 2021

Members Present: P. Brown

G. Carlson B. Crombie D. Damerla S. Dasko G.S. Dhillon J. Downey C. Fonseca P. Fortini A. Groves N. lannicca J. Innis

M. Mahoney S. McFadden M. Medeiros M. Palleschi C. Parrish K. Ras P. Saito R. Santos I. Sinclair R. Starr A. Thompson P. Vicente

J. Kovac

Staff Present

J. Baker, Chief Administrative Officer N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health

S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Interim Commissioner of Corporate

Services

J. Pittini, Acting Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer P. Caza, Acting Regional Solicitor

A. Smith, Chief Planner

K. Dedman, Commissioner of Public Coordinator

Works

A. Baird, Acting Commissioner of

**Human Services** 

Services Dr. L. Loh, Medical Officer of Health A. Adams, Deputy Clerk and Acting

Director of Clerk's

C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services J. Jones, Legislative Specialist S. Valleau, Legislative Specialist S. MacGregor, Legislative Technical

#### 1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

Councillor Damerla arrived at 11:42 a.m.

#### 2. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Regional Chair Iannicca read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

The Chief Administrative Officer welcomed the new Commissioner of Public Works.

# 3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

# 4.1 March 25, 2021 Regional Council meeting

Resolution Number 2021-372 Moved by Councillor Carlson Seconded by Councillor Groves

That the minutes of the March 25, 2021 Regional Council meeting be approved.

Carried

#### 5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution Number 2021-373 Moved by Councillor McFadden Seconded by Councillor Downey

That the delegation listed as item 7.2 on the April 8, 2021 Regional Council agenda, be withdrawn;

And further, that the agenda for the April 8, 2021 Regional Council meeting include a communication from the City of Mississauga, regarding mobile vaccination units, to be dealt with under COVID-19 Related Matters - Item 9.5:

And further, that the agenda for the April 8, 2021 Regional Council meeting include a communication from the Mississauga Board of Trade, supporting mobile vaccination units, to be dealt with under COVID-19 Related Matters - Item 9.6;

And further, that the agenda for the April 8, 2021 Regional Council meeting include a communication from the City of Brampton, regarding mobile vaccination units, to be dealt with under COVID-19 Related Matters - Item 9.7;

And further, that the agenda for the April 8, 2021 Regional Council meeting include a communication from the City of Brampton, regarding vaccine distribution, to be dealt with under COVID-19 Related Matters - Item 9.8:

And further, that the agenda for the April 8, 2021 Regional Council meeting include a communication from Dr. Sergio Borgia, William Osler Health System, regarding prioritization of COVID-19 vaccinations for the Peel education sector, to be dealt with under COVID-19 Related Matters - Item 9.9;

And further, that the agenda for the April 8, 2021 Regional Council meeting be approved, as amended.

Carried

# 6. CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution Number 2021-374
Moved by Councillor Sinclair
Seconded by Councillor Mahoney

That the following matters listed on the April 8, 2021 Regional Council Agenda be approved under the Consent Agenda: Items 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 9.4, 9.5, 9.6, 9.7, 9.8, 9.9, 12.1, 14.1, 19.1, 19.2, 19.3, 19.4, 20.1, 20.2 and 24.1

In Favour (23): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Starr, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Absent (1): Councillor Damerla

Carried

# RESOLUTIONS AS A RESULT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

#### 9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 General (Retired) Rick Hillier, Chair, COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force

Letter dated March 26, 2021, Providing a COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Task Force Update (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-375** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 9.2 Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

Letter dated March 29, 2021, Advising of One-Time Funding for 2021 to Support the Implementation of a Centralized Incident Management System (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-376** 

Received

# 9.3 Christine Elliot, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health

Letter dated March 30, 2021, Advising of One-Time Funding for 2020 and 2021 to Support Paramedic Services and Dispatch Centres (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-377** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 9.4 Manav Sidhu, Special Assistant, Office of the Honourable Prabmeet Sarkaria, MPP Brampton South, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction

Email dated March 31, 2021, Advising that the Government of Ontario is Doubling the Size of the Small Business Support Grant (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-378** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 9.5 Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator, City of Mississauga

Email dated April 7, 2021, Providing a Copy of the City of Mississauga Resolution Regarding Mobile Vaccination Units for High Infection Workplace Sites (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-379** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 9.6 Brad Butt, Vice-President, Government & Stakeholder Relations, Mississauga Board of Trade

Email dated April 7, 2021, Supporting Mobile Vaccination Units for High Infection Workplace Sites (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-380** 

Received

# 9.7 Terri Brenton, Legislative Coordinator, City of Brampton

Letter dated April 7, 2021, Providing a Copy of the City of Brampton Resolution Regarding Mobile Vaccination Units for High Infection Workplace Sites (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-381** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 9.8 Terri Brenton, Legislative Coordinator, City of Brampton

Letter dated April 7, 2021, Providing a Copy of a Letter to the Premier of Ontario Regarding Vaccine Distribution (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-382** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 9.9 Sergio Borgia, MD, FRCP(C), Medical Director, Infection Prevention and Control, Corporate Division Chief, Infectious Diseases, William Osler Health System

Letter dated April 7, 2021, Regarding Prioritization of COVID-19 Vaccinations for the Peel Education Sector (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-383** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

#### 12. COMMUNICATIONS

# 12.1 Laura Hall, Director of Corporate Services and Town Clerk, Town of Caledon

Letter dated March 31, 2021, Providing a Copy of the Town of Caledon Resolution and Report titled "Town Comments Regarding the Region of Peel's Class Environmental Assessment Study of Airport Road, Ward 3" (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-384** 

Received

# 14. **COMMUNICATIONS**

14.1 Donna Cripps, Transitional Regional Lead, Ontario Health (Central), CEO, Mississauga Halton Local Health Integration Network (LHIN)

Letter dated March 17, 2021, Advising of the Transfer Order Notice of the LHINs' Health System Planning and Funding Functions to Ontario Health (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-385** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 19. ITEMS RELATED TO ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

19.1 Request for Development Charges Relief – Kaneff Properties Limited

(For information) (Related to 7.2)

**Resolution Number 2021-386** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

19.2 2021 Final Levy By-law and Dedicated Provincial Gas Tax Update

(Related to By-law 23-2021)

Resolution Number 2021-387 Moved by Councillor Sinclair Seconded by Councillor Mahoney

That a by-law to adopt the property tax rate calculation adjustment, and to apportion the 2021 Regional net levy requirement of \$1,173,606,221 to the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga and the Town of Caledon, in accordance with the apportionment calculations attached as Appendix I to the report of the Acting Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, listed on the April 8, 2021 Regional Council agenda, titled "2021 Final Levy By-law and Dedicated Provincial Gas Tax Update", be presented for enactment.

Carried

# 19.3 Proposed Road Closure and Transfer of Region Owned Lands Located on the East Side of The Gore Road, Across from Edgeforest Drive – City of Brampton, Ward 10

(Related to By-law 24-2021)

Resolution Number 2021-388
Moved by Councillor Sinclair
Seconded by Councillor Mahoney

That the lands described as Part of Lot 13, Concession 10, Northern Division, City of Brampton (formerly Township of Gore), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-35376, be stopped-up, closed and deprived of its character as a public highway or street;

And further, that the necessary by-law be presented for enactment;

And further, that the fee simple interest in the lands described as Part of Lot 13, Concession 10, Northern Division, City of Brampton (formerly Township of Gore), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-35376, be declared surplus to the needs of The Regional Municipality of Peel upon passing of a by-law to stop-up, close and deprive the land of its character as public highway or street in order to complete a title registration correction;

And further, that The Regional Municipality of Peel gratuitously transfer the fee simple interest in the lands described as Part of Lot 13, Concession 10, Northern Division, City of Brampton (formerly Township of Gore), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-35376 to Sheridan Capital Management Corp. in order to complete a title registration correction;

And further, that the Regional Solicitor be authorized to complete the transaction including the execution of all documents, affidavits, statutory declarations and undertakings required.

**Carried** 

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

19.4 Proposed Surplus and Transfer of Region Owned Land Located on the Southeast Corner of Hurontario Street and County Court Boulevard to The Corporation of the City of Brampton – City of Brampton, Ward 3

Resolution Number 2021-389
Moved by Councillor Sinclair
Seconded by Councillor Mahoney

That the fee simple interest in lands described as Part of Lot 14, Concession 1 East of Hurontario Street, City of Brampton (formerly Township of Toronto), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 5 on Reference Plan 43R-9124 be declared surplus to the needs of The Regional Municipality of Peel;

And further, that The Regional Municipality of Peel, as vendor, enter into an Offer to Purchase Agreement with The Corporation of the City of Brampton, as purchaser, for the gratuitous transfer of the fee simple interest in lands described as Part of Lot 14, Concession 1 East of Hurontario Street, City of Brampton

(formerly Township of Toronto), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 5 on Reference Plan 43R-9124, to become part of County Court Boulevard;

And further, that Regional Council as the approving authority pursuant to the Expropriations Act, dispense with the need to provide notice to the previous owners of the lands described as Part of Lot 14, Concession 1 East of Hurontario Street, City of Brampton (formerly Township of Toronto) Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 5 on Reference Plan 43R-9124, prior to conveyance to The Corporation of the City of Brampton;

And further, that the Regional Solicitor be authorized to complete any and all transactions, including the execution of all agreements, documents, affidavits, statutory declarations, and undertakings necessary or desirable for the purpose of facilitating and completing the transfer of land contemplated in the report of the Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services and Commissioner of Public Works, listed on the April 8, 2021 Regional Council agenda titled "Proposed Surplus and Transfer of Region Owned Land Located on the Southeast Corner of Hurontario Street and County Court Boulevard to The Corporation of the City of Brampton – City of Brampton, Ward 3".

Carried

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 20. COMMUNICATIONS

# 20.1 Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure

Email dated March 23, 2021, Advising of an Extension of Timelines for Submission of an Asset Management Plan for Core Infrastructure Assets (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-390** 

Received

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 20.2 Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board

Letter dated March 29, 2021, Regarding the Ontario Cannabis Legalization Implementation Fund (Receipt recommended)

**Resolution Number 2021-391** 

Received

# AGENDA ITEMS SUBJECT TO DISCUSSION AND DEBATE

# 7. DELEGATIONS

# 7.1 Anthony Mason, Secretary, Huttonville Residents Association; and, Neeraj Sharma, Resident, Cities of Brampton and Mississauga

Regarding Safety Issues Pursuant to Vision Zero at the Intersection of Mississauga Road and Ostrander Boulevard (Related to 22.1)

**Resolution Number 2021-392** 

Received

Resolution Number 2021-393 Two-Thirds Majority Moved by Councillor Palleschi Seconded by Councillor Dhillon

That section 5.4.4 of Procedure By-law 56-2019, as amended, be waived to permit consideration of a motion arising from a delegation.

In Favour (23): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Starr, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Absent (1): Councillor Damerla

Carried

Resolution Number 2021-394 Moved by Councillor Palleschi Seconded by Councillor Santos

Whereas the Huttonville Residents Group has continually expressed concerns about the safety of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and cyclists;

And whereas, traffic studies and data collection are conducted in a very narrow timeframe and do not depict the overall picture of road users on a daily basis;

And whereas, the area will continue to experience growth, increasing the amount of people and the necessity for safe mobility;

And whereas, the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan aims to address a number of priorities outlined in the Region of Peel's 2015-2035 Strategic Plan by promoting healthy and age friendly built environments and building a community that promotes safe mobility, walkability, healthy living, and various modes of transportation:

And whereas, the goal of Vision Zero is that no one should be injured or killed in Peel Region resulting from a collision;

And whereas, the key recommendation of the Long-Range Transportation Plan is a 50 per cent sustainable mode share target, inclusive of walking, cycling, transit, and carpooling;

And whereas, a short-term priority of the Sustainable Transportation Strategy is encouraging and supporting cycling and walking to and from schools, transit hubs, and other community destinations:

Therefore be it resolved, that the Region of Peel install traffic control signals at the intersection of Mississauga Road and Ostrander Boulevard.

In Favour (23): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Starr, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Absent (1): Councillor Damerla

### Carried

Anthony Mason, Secretary, Huttonville Residents Association and Neeraj Sharma, Resident, Cities of Brampton and Mississauga, presented their concerns regarding the safety of motorists, pedestrians, transit users and cyclists at the intersection of Mississauga Road and Ostrander Boulevard. They provided an overview of the existing infrastructure; types of traffic on the road; increased residential pedestrian usage due to new development; and, previous accidents at the location. The delegates requested that the Region of Peel install traffic control signals at the intersection.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding: the Vision Zero Road Safety Strategic Plan; criteria required to meet traffic signal warrants as provided in the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 12; safety and prevention versus warrant requirements; the net safety benefit of a single traffic signal installation; alternative solutions; potential cost sharing between the Region of Peel and local municipalities; and, the Region of Peel's standard practice to pay 100 per cent of the cost for traffic signal installations on Regional roads.

Councillor Saito requested that staff provide an update to a future Regional Council meeting regarding Vision Zero initiatives.

# 7.3 Raghav Patel, Resident of Peel

Regarding Expansion of the My Home Second Unit Renovation Program

#### Resolution Number 2021-395

#### Received

Raghav Patel, Resident of Peel, stated his concerns regarding the social housing crisis in the Region of Peel, illegal second units and housing affordability. He

provided an overview of the existing My Home Second Renovation Program and proposed that the program be expanded to provide: interest free loans up to \$50,000 (or \$30,000-\$40,000) to build a second unit for rental, and that owners must rent to a tenant referred by the Region of Peel (households on housing CWL); that eligible homeowners are those looking to build a second unit for rental and currently do not have an existing second unit; and, that eligible homeowners have a household gross income below \$95,456.

Item 10.1 was dealt with.

#### 10. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

# 10.1 Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor – Program and Advocacy Update

Presentation by Donna Kern, Director, Seniors Services Development and Dr. Sudip Saha, Senior Medical Director, Long-Term Care, Seniors Services Development and Community Paramedicine (Related to 13.1)

**Resolution Number 2021-396** 

Received

Resolution Number 2021-397 Moved by Councillor Groves Seconded by Councillor Crombie

That the contract (Document 2017-528P) awarded to Montgomery Sisam Architects Inc. be increased in the approximate amount of \$629,706.20 for a new total commitment of \$4,951,469 (excluding applicable taxes), in accordance with Procurement By-law 30-2018, as amended;

And further, that the Commissioner of Health Services and the Director of Procurement be authorized to approve further increases to the contract that may be required to complete the Seniors Health and Wellness Village project at Peel Manor within the limits of the approved project budget;

And further, that the operational roll-out "Scenario B", as outlined in the report of the Commissioner of Health Services, listed on the April 8, 2021 Regional Council agenda, titled "Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor – Program and Advocacy Update", be endorsed;

And further, that the Region of Peel advocate to the Ontario Government and Ontario Health for sustainable operational funding to support expansion of the Adult Day Services program and respite centre at the Seniors Health and Wellness Village;

And further, that the Region of Peel advocate to develop the provincial standard for emotional based integrated care both in traditional long term care and community based care to enable seniors to live at home with the supports they need for as long as possible.

In Favour (22): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Starr, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Abstain (1): Councillor Fortini

Absent (1): Councillor Damerla

# **Carried**

Donna Kern, Director, Seniors Services Development and Dr. Sudip Saha, Senior Medical Director, Long-Term Care (LTC), Seniors Services Development and Community Paramedicine, provided an overview of the Seniors Health and Wellness Village Initiative at Peel Manor including: challenges related to an aging population; using an integrated care model at Peel Manor and to support seniors at home; a focus on emotion based care; the Campus of Care community; construction and project timelines; an overview of operational scenarios and impacts; and, next steps.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding: the connection between seniors' mental well-being and physical health; the provincial government's current LTC funding policy and physical design standards; Peel Manor's ineligibility for provincial operational funding or capital redevelopment funding as an 'A' rated home; the potential to value LTC beds within the community for contribution to the existing funding model; a request to advocate for provincial funding through the Government Relations Committee and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); and, advocacy for increased pay to support the retention of workers in LTC.

Councillor Groves placed a motion to advocate to the provincial government to provide capital and operational funding for Peel Manor; and, to develop the provincial standard for emotion-based, integrated care both in traditional long term care and community-based care, to enable seniors to live at home with the supports they need, for as long as possible.

The Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services noted that the subject report includes a recommendation of advocacy for operational funding and that previous resolutions of Council have endorsed advocacy for capital funding

#### 8. COVID-19 RELATED MATTERS

# 8.1 Update on the Region of Peel's Response to COVID-19

(Oral)

Presentation by Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health

**Resolution Number 2021-398** 

Received

Resolution Number 2021-399
Moved by Councillor Parrish
Seconded by Councillor Medeiros

Whereas COVID-19 variants are attacking younger victims, many of whom are essential workers:

And whereas, it has been known for months that essential workers in warehouses, manufacturing facilities, logistic companies and packaging companies are a source of spread that is not being addressed by lockdowns or age-related vaccine distribution;

And whereas, essential employees, working shoulder to shoulder, and multicontact front line workers, often those without sick leave which would allow them to self-isolate at the onset of symptoms, are contracting infection in their workplaces;

And whereas, essential workers are spreading COVID variants in multigenerational households, family members who are initially asymptomatic then spread disease in schools and other public places;

And whereas, vaccinating by age group is methodical but is not stopping the spread of COVID-19 and its variants effectively;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Region of Peel, under the supervision of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), create a mobile vaccination program to go into high infection workplace sites in Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga to vaccinate all workers wanting to be vaccinated, regardless of age, necessitating minimal disruption to productivity;

And further, that the mobile program include those employed in schools, transit workers and other essential workers exposed to multiple human contacts, regardless of age.

In Favour (23): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Damerla, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Abstain (1): Councillor Starr

Carried

Monali Varia, Manager, Infection Prevention and Surveillance, provided a COVID-19 update including: an overview of weekly COVID-19 incidence rates in the Region of Peel and local municipalities, from May 31, 2020 to April 3, 2021; a review of province-wide Public Health measures , noting the need for stronger measures to reverse the surge of cases in Peel; and, an overview of short-term case projections.

Dr. Lawrence Loh, Medical Officer of Health, provided an update on Public Health measures including: remote learning for Peel schools; the provincial review of businesses and services presently defined as essential; advocacy for additional supportive measures such as paid sick days, increased and more consistent vaccine supply and travel restrictions between regions; and, a summary of the Peel Community Mass Vaccination Plan highlights. Dr. Loh noted that vaccination alone will not be able to stop the current wave, and other public health measures are needed to control the alarming increase in cases.

Brian Laundry, Director, Public Health Emergencies, provided an update on the Community Mass Vaccination Plan including: allocations and capacity, the multipronged approach to vaccination; capacity by clinic type; the age-based approach to achieve first dose coverage faster; Region of Peel hot spot communities immunization strategy; an integrated communications approach; and, challenges and barriers. Dr. Loh stated there is ongoing action to manage the challenges and provided an overview of the immediate priorities.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding Public Health measures including: clarification regarding the Amazon facility closure; a request for an update on the Council communications portal; the emergence of variants; and, status of the P1 and B.1.1.7 variants (B.1.1.7 is currently the dominant strain in the Region of Peel at 67 to 68 per cent of cases).

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding the Community Mass Vaccination Plan including: vaccine supply issues; status of provincial vaccine allocation to the Region and the need for continued advocacy for stable and fair supply for Peel; a request for weekly vaccination updates; popup clinics in high risk neighbourhoods; advocacy for vaccination in Region of Peel hot spots with a preference to treat the whole of the Region in a consistent manner; management of vaccination stand-by lists; the Homebound vaccination strategy; the mobile vaccination program; vaccination of teachers; flexibility within the provincial vaccination prioritization phases; age based vaccination strategy versus mobile vaccination approach for high risk populations and essential workers; and, long waits experienced at the Region's Contact Centre (which tends to occur when new announcements are made).

In response to a question regarding the authority of the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Dr. Loh stated that he is required to report to both the Ministry of Health and Regional Council as the Board of Health, with specific accountabilities and autonomy built into the role through the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*. He is accountable to the Ministry of Health through the accountability and funding agreements and the Ontario Public Health standards; and, he must adhere to protocols issued by the Ministry of Health and the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

The Acting Regional Solicitor added that, as it relates to vaccinations, the MOH is bound to the provincial prioritization framework. The Region of Peel receives vaccines through an agreement that has been executed with the Government of Ontario which allows the Region access to the vaccines on the condition that it administers the vaccinations in accordance with the provincial direction. There is a contractual arrangement that would bind the Region and the Medical Officer of Health to the provincial direction.

# 11. ITEMS RELATED TO PUBLIC WORKS

Nil.

#### 13. ITEMS RELATED TO HEALTH

# 13.1 Building an Enhanced Community Paramedicine Program in Peel

(Related to 10.1)

Resolution Number 2021-400 Moved by Councillor Groves Seconded by Councillor Crombie

That the approach to an Enhanced Community Paramedicine Program with provincial funding, as outlined in the report of the Commissioner of Health Services, listed on the April 8, 2021 Regional Council agenda, titled "Building an Enhanced Community Paramedicine Program in Peel", be endorsed;

And further, that a \$3,000,000 increase to the expenditures and revenue of the 2021 operating budget for Paramedic Services be approved.

In Favour (23): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Damerla, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Abstain (1): Councillor Starr

Carried

### 15. ITEMS RELATED TO HUMAN SERVICES

Nil.

# 16. COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

#### 17. ITEMS RELATED TO PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT

Nil.

# 18. COMMUNICATIONS

Nil.

# 19. ITEMS RELATED TO ENTERPRISE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

19.5 Report of the Clerk regarding the Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee (PPC- Workshop-1/2021) Workshop held on March 18, 2021

(For information)

**Resolution Number 2021-401** 

**Received** 

Item 22.1 was dealt with.

#### 22. NOTICE OF MOTION/MOTION

# 22.1 Motion Regarding 2021 Year of Sustainable Active Mobility

(Related to 7.1)

Resolution Number 2021-402 Moved by Councillor Fonseca Seconded by Councillor Santos

Whereas in 2017 Council passed a resolution to adopt Vision Zero;

And whereas, in 2018 Council passed a resolution to update Sustainable Transportation Strategy 2018-2022;

And whereas, in 2019 Council passed a resolution to adopt the Long Range Transportation Plan – "Let's Move Peel" which includes action items to support and encourage active mobility, address climate change, and mitigate community transportation greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions;

And whereas, on October 24, 2019, Regional Council passed a motion declaring a climate emergency outlining the Region of Peel's commitment to taking action on climate change;

And whereas, in 2019 Council welcomed the Region's first comprehensive Climate Change Master Plan including both mitigation and adaptation goals to reduce greenhouse gas emission 45 per cent by 2030 and 80 per cent by 2050;

And whereas, Peel Region saw a nearly four-fold increase in school participation in Peel's Bike to School Week between 2016 and 2019;

And whereas, in 2020 the Region of Peel saw a significant increase in demand for active transportation infrastructure;

And whereas, Peel Region has one of the highest diabetes rates in Ontario, one in eight adults, projected to rise to one in six by 2025 (the overall provincial rate being one in 12);

And whereas, investments in built environment neighborhoods that support active transportation and active mobility support residents in living to their full health and well-being;

And whereas, the Sustainable Transportation Strategy is a long-term plan which includes the full implementation of active transportation infrastructure by 2041;

And whereas, cycling and walking reduce GHG emissions, are more cost effective, and have enormous benefits in providing social determinants to health;

And whereas, the introduction and availability of electric bicycles and scooters have impacted active transportation in terms of offering a viable commuting option;

And whereas, on February 10, 2021 the Federal government announced \$14.9 billion of funding over the next eight years to support infrastructure projects as part a plan to create one million jobs, fight climate change, and rebuild a more sustainable and resilient economy;

And whereas, on March 12, 2021, the Federal government announced the first federal fund of \$400 million over five years dedicated to building active transportation to help build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails for cycling, waling and pedestrian bridges;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Region of Peel commit to advancing Sustainable Active Mobility in 2021-2022;

And further, that staff engage with local advocates who regularly use existing active transportation infrastructure in order to recognize opportunities and priority projects that enhance the connectivity of active transportation networks across the Region;

And further, that Regional staff coordinate capital plans with local municipalities to identify and bring forward sustainable transportation projects through the annual budget process, thereby ensuring alignment in the delivery of priorities identified in the Sustainable Transportation Strategy;

And further, that Regional staff work with local municipalities to identify and prioritize gaps within and between the Regional and local active transportation networks on an annual basis:

And further, where grant programs support active transportation infrastructure projects, Regional staff prioritize applications for these funding sources, either separately or in joint application with local municipalities where opportunities arise:

And further, that staff work with the Credit Valley Conservation and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to facilitate prioritization of their respective active transportation projects;

And further, that staff report back to a future meeting of Regional Council on facilitating the use of electric bicycles and creating a campaign to educate the community on safe transportation etiquette;

And further, that staff report back to a future meeting of Regional Council regarding the status of implementation of Sustainable Active Mobility infrastructure and programs throughout the Region on a semi-annual basis.

In Favour (22): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Damerla, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Abstain (2): Councillor Dasko, and Councillor Starr

**Carried** 

#### 21. OTHER BUSINESS/COUNCILLOR ENQUIRIES

# 21.1 Regional Council Meetings Dedicated to COVID-19 Matters Resolution Number 2021-403

Received

Councillor Palleschi requested that the Regional Chair consider scheduling separate Regional Council meetings dedicated to COVID-19 related matters, as required.

#### 23. BY-LAWS

Three Readings

Resolution Number 2021-404 Moved by Councillor Innis Seconded by Councillor Carlson

That the by-laws listed on the April 8, 2021 Regional Council agenda, being By-laws 23-2021 to 25-2021 inclusive, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, signed by the Regional Chair and the Deputy Regional Clerk, and the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto.

**Carried** 

#### 23.1 By-law 23-2021

A by-law to adopt estimates of all sums required during the year 2021 for the purposes of the Regional Corporation and to provide a general levy and special levies on lower-tier municipalities, and to elect to adjust the total assessment for property in a property class with changes to the tax roll for 2020 resulting from various prescribed events. (Related to 19.2)

#### 23.2 By-law 24-2021

A by-law to stop-up, close and deprive of its character as part of the public highway those lands described as Part of Lot 13, Concession 10, Northern Division, City of Brampton (formerly Township of Gore), Regional Municipality of Peel, designated as Part 1 on Reference Plan 43R-35376, known as part of

Regional Road 8 (The Gore Road). (Related to 19.3)

# 23.3 By-law 25-2021

A by-law to accept, assume and dedicate lands for public highway purposes.

#### 24. IN CAMERA MATTERS

Resolution Number 2021-405 Moved by Councillor Fonseca Seconded by Councillor Mahoney

That Council proceed "In Camera" to consider the following:

 Update on Creating New Affordable Residential Rental Units in Peel through the Rapid Housing Initiative (Oral) (A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board)

**Carried** 

Resolution Number 2021-406 Moved by Councillor Thompson Seconded by Councillor Ras

That Council move out of "In Camera".

Carried

Council moved in camera at 3:15 p.m.

Council moved out of in camera at 3:19 p.m.

# 24.1 March 25, 2021 Regional Council Closed Session Report

**Resolution Number 2021-407** 

**Received** 

This item was dealt with under the Consent Agenda.

# 24.2 Update on Creating New Affordable Residential Rental Units in Peel through the Rapid Housing Initiative

(Oral) (A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board)

**Resolution Number 2021-408** 

Received

# 25. BY-LAWS RELATING TO IN CAMERA MATTERS

Nil.

# 26. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution Number 2021-409 Moved by Councillor Saito Seconded by Councillor Ras

That By-law 26-2021 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council at its meeting held on April 8, 2021, 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 Deputy Regional Clerk, and the corporate seal be affixed thereto.

**Carried** 

27.	ADJOURNMENT	
	The meeting adjourned at 3:21 p.m.	
	Deputy Regional Clerk	Regional Chair