ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
<ul> <li>ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION</li> <li>1. Federal and Provincial Funding for Associated COVID-19 Costs</li> <li>Provincial funding for COVID-19 response, including significant costs associated with the Region's Mass Vaccination Program</li> <li>That the Province continue to work with the federal government to provide, (1) additional funding to offset incremental costs and loss of revenue associated with the COVID-19 pandemic (2) infrastructure funding to stimulate green economic recovery, and (3) income support and additional measures to support essential workers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Since the last GRC Update, April 1:         <ul> <li>On March 25, 2021 the federal government announced:</li> <li>\$1 billion for the provinces and territories to reinforce and roll out vaccination programs</li> <li>While the Province stated, on January 13, 2021, that the extra-ordinary costs related to the Mass Vaccination Program will be funded, no formal funding allocations have been announced to date</li> <li>The Region has received:                 <ul> <li>\$8,114,400 for COVID-19 isolation centres, through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative</li> <li>\$262,461 in support for implementation of a centralized Incident Management System; and</li> <li>Additional/updated funding for Emergency Support, Paramedics, Prevention and Containment of COVID-19, Temporary Pandemic Pay and Temporary Pandemic Wage Enhancement</li> <li>On May 28, 2021, the province announced it is accelerating its second dose vaccination roll out.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li></ul>
<ul> <li>Stimulus Infrastructure Funding</li> <li>That the federal and provincial governments provide:         <ul> <li>increased infrastructure resiliency funding to stimulate Peel's green economic recovery, and that</li> <li>an allocation model be implemented to distribute funds expeditiously</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>On March 14, 2021, the federal government announced that the COVID-19 Infrastructure Resiliency Stream will be extended to allow construction start and end dates to be prolonged for a period of two years. Projects must now start construction by September 30, 2023. Other time-limited elements in the original ICIP streams have also been extended by two years. These timeline extensions have yet to be finalized through an update to the Canada-Ontario Bilateral Agreement.</li> <li>Along with this announcement, the government also announced it will add \$120 million to the \$33.5 billion Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) bilateral agreements to support ventilation improvement projects in public buildings, through the program's COVID-19 Infrastructure Resiliency Stream.</li> <li>For the first year of the COVID-19 Infrastructure Resiliency Stream, program costs for</li> </ul>

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
	<ul> <li>approved projects will be retroactively eligible to December 1, 2020, for the \$120 million portion of the fund, in order to expand aid offered to recipients and allow them to initiate new projects on a risk-managed basis until funding agreements can be signed.</li> <li>Federal Budget 2021 proposed the following:         <ul> <li>\$22.6 million over four years, starting in 2021, 22, to infrastructure Canada to conduct</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>\$22.6 million over four years, starting in 2021-22, to Infrastructure Canada to conduct Canada's first ever National Infrastructure Assessment</li> <li>\$1.9 billion over four years, starting in 2021-22, to recapitalize the National Trade Corridors Fund</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>\$1.4 billion over 12 years, starting in 2021-22, to Infrastructure Canada to top up the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund</li> <li>\$200 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, to Infrastructure Canada to establish a Natural Infrastructure Fund to support natural and hybrid infrastructure projects</li> <li>\$14.9 billion over eight years for public transit projects across Canada (e.g. subway lines, light-rail transit and streetcars, electric buses, active transportation infrastructure, and improved rural transit)</li> </ul>
	• On March 25, 2021 the federal government announced that the Federal Gas Tax Fund would be renamed the Canada Community-Building Fund and funding for municipalities increased by \$2.2 billion, for a total 2021 allocation of \$4.5 billion. Peel's additional allocation is \$42,127,394.20.
	<ul> <li>On June 1, 2021, the provincial Ministry of Infrastructure announced a new application in-take for infrastructure projects under the Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP), Public Transit Stream.</li> <li>Peel has a remining ICIP Public Transit Stream allocation of \$3,825,535 million, for which it can still submit new projects</li> <li>Intake 3 launched on June 3, 2021 and will remain open until March 28, 2024, to provide flexibility to enable municipalities to submit projects that better align with their timelines and readiness.</li> </ul>
3. Provide Service Managers the funding and flexibility for affordable housing	<ul> <li>Homelessness Support</li> <li>The federal budget, released April 19, proposes to provide an additional \$567 million over two</li> </ul>

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
<ul> <li>Provide the Region of Peel additional funding to mitigate and manage the negative impacts of the COVID-19 crisis upon the homeless, those at risk of homelessness, and the community housing sector</li> </ul>	years, beginning in 2022-23, to Employment and Social Development Canada for Reaching Home. This would maintain the 2021-22 funding levels announced in the Fall Economic Statement in response to the pressures of COVID-19.
in Peel	<ul> <li>As of May 13, 3021 the Region has received \$34.5 million from the Reaching Home and Social Services Relief Fund for COVID-19 related expenses.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Improve housing affordability outcomes in Peel by contributing at least \$327.2 million in capital funding for initial implementation of the Housing Master Plan to build 2,240 affordable rental and supportive units and emergency shelter beds in Peel by 2028, and committing more long-term, stable operating funds for homelessness and supportive housing programs</li> <li>Provide legislative and policy changes at levels to increase local autonomy and improve housing affordability outcomes in Peel</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>The Region sent a letter to CMHC outlining proposed improvements in the design of the Rapid Housing Program for the second tranche, including the following:         <ul> <li>Accommodating timelines to reflect the complexities of land development, public agencies' undertaking of due diligence processes, and the necessity of approvals by elected officials;</li> <li>More transparency as to project evaluation criteria and decision-making processes, e.g. cost per unit benchmarks, to guide proponents in identifying projects;</li> <li>Permitting proponents to use construction methods most appropriate to the project, which may include the use of pre-fabrication, and</li> <li>In addition to new builds, supporting renovation and stabilization projects that prevent loss of affordable housing</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Peel Housing Master Plan</li> <li>The Region has committed \$1 billion to support development of an initial 2,240 units, to be built by 2028. However, we are only two-thirds of the way to funding this commitment, which includes \$335.3 million committed by the Region, \$276.4 million through CMHC and \$61.1 million committed through federal and provincial housing programs. There remains a gap of \$327.2 million to be funded.</li> <li>Funding is needed to implement all projects within the Housing Master Plan. The Region of Peel will continue to advocate to both the federal and provincial governments to allocate more funding to Peel.</li> </ul>
4. Sustainable Funding to Support Peel's Strategy to Address Human Sex Trafficking	<ul> <li>The Transitional House opened on May 6, 2021, one of three dedicated supports.</li> <li>Regional staff has distributed a Municipal Resource Guide to AMO, OMSSA, Ontario</li> </ul>
• Provide long-term sustainable operational funding to support the costs of housing, and support services for	Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres, the Provincial Anti-Human Trafficking Office and the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking. The guide will also be available by request

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
victims, survivors and individuals at-risk of human sex trafficking in Peel Region.	from the Region's website, as part of the strategy toolkit.
	• The federal government's commitment of \$105 million over five years, starting in 2021-22, for the federal Gender-Based Violence Program includes initiatives to stop human trafficking, including support for at-risk populations and survivors.
<ul> <li>5. Mental Health and Addictions</li> <li>Address historical inequities in provincial funding for mental health and addictions services in Peel to suppor upstream prevention and improved access to services within the community and ensure that funding matcher community needs and reflects demographic changes.</li> <li>Implement an equitable funding model that responds to needs across the age continuum, population growth, and represents the diverse needs within Peel's community.</li> <li>Invest in the integration of mental health and addictions system planning and service delivery to ensure seamless access to services across the entire ag continuum and coordinate across ministries on the basic social needs to support mental health promotion and recovery.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>addictions funding (\$30 million was committed to child and youth services, \$27 million was allocated to supports in the education system, with the remaining investments going to housing supports and mobile crisis intervention teams).</li> <li>\$176 million was invested in October 2020. As part of the investment, \$24.3 million was also targeted towards child and youth mental health service providers to increase capacity; youth hubs across Ontario; expansion of structured psychotherapy of families, youth, and children; and services for children and youth in congregate settings.</li> <li>Most recently, \$175 million has been committed through the 2021 budget for more mental health and addictions services and supports in 2021-2022. As part of this commitment, on June 1, 2021, the Province announced \$31 million to help improve access to specialized mental health treatment services, reduce waitlists and wait times, and support the mental health and wellbeing of children and youth by addressing the increased demand for services during COVID-19. This commitment is in alignment with Peel's funding advocacy and supportive of the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan's prioritization of child and youth mental health and addictions supports in Peel. The above noted funding is in addition to the \$10.5 million announced in February 2021 for the expansion of secure treatment services</li> <li>In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, in 2020-21 the province invested up to \$194 million in</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>one-time emergency funding for mental health and addictions services, including virtual supports.</li> <li>Funding announced in the federal budget for mental health and addictions services is also in</li> </ul>

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
	<ul> <li>alignment with Regional advocacy for increased funding in Peel to support system integration and planning efforts, through the Community Safety and Well-being Plan. The federal allocation will support the development of national mental health service standards to increase capacity and quality of services as well as support populations most affected by COVID-19.</li> <li>While provincial and local allocations are unclear at this time, funding announced in federal budget 2021, related to populations impacted by COVID-19, could have an impact for Peel residents living in a COVID-19 hotspot. Staff will continue to monitor to better understand local impacts to the mental health and addictions system, along with potential funding that may benefit Peel.</li> </ul>
	• In July, the Region will launch an advocacy and communication campaign targeted at elected officials to raise awareness on Peel's funding needs for community-based mental health and addictions supports. The focus will be the impacts of lack of funding on residents and calling for an equitable funding model. The campaign will be supported by community mental health and addictions partners to illustrate the experiences of children, youth and adults who face challenges accessing mental health and addictions services for the Region's mental health campaign.
<ul> <li>6. Enhanced Supports for Seniors</li> <li>Develop a provincial standard for emotional-based integrated care in traditional long-term care and community-based care.</li> </ul>	• Staff continue to leverage opportunities to influence the development National LTC standards, submitting a survey response focused on the value of emotion-based care as a standard and promoting the survey to residents and families. Regional staff applied for and secured a position on the Advisory group that will oversee IPAC-related standards.
• Provide sustainable operational funding to support expansion of community support services at the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor.	• On April 26, the Regional Chair sent a letter to the Minister of Long-Term Care, seeking support for the Seniors Health and Wellness project, and a partnership to leverage the project to develop the standard for emotion-based care along the care continuum and a model for community-based long term care.
• Funding enhancements and legislative changes to support emotion-based care and enable dementia friendly design in Long Term Care.	• On April 27, the Province introduced the <i>Advancing Oversight and Planning in Ontario's</i> <i>Health System Act</i> . It proposes a new legislative framework for personal support workers (PSWs) and would build on their capacity to provide care services to the most vulnerable
Additional funding and service delivery changes for the     Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program	Ontarians, including children, older adults and people with disabilities. An enhanced legislative framework for PSWs can enable more consistent education and quality care for

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
	seniors living in long term care.
	• On April 30, the Province released the final report of the independent commission into long term care, which included 85 recommendations and align with some of the Region's key priorities, including a focus on emotion-based care. Regional staff have been invited to participate in the Ministry of LTC's Response and Recovery Table, which is expected to play a leadership role in implementing Commission recommendations.
	<ul> <li>Federal budget 2021 proposes the following initiative that will support enhanced quality care along the continuum:         <ul> <li>\$90 million over three years, starting in 2021-22, to launch the Age Well at Home Initiative</li> <li>\$3 billion over five years, starting in 2022-23, to Health Canada to support provinces and territories in ensuring standards for long-term care are applied and permanent changes are made</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>As part of the Region's ongoing engagement with Peel elected officials, on May 21, Regional staff met with Peel MPs and MPPs to provide an update on the Region's Long Term Care initiatives and advocacy priorities.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>On May 11, the Province announced that starting Aug. 1, 2021, eligibility thresholds for OSDCP and the Seniors Co-Payment Program will be for single Ontarians aged 65 and over, from \$19,300 to \$22,200, and for couples with a combined annual income, from \$32,300 to \$37,100. The Province believes this will allow approximately 7,000 more seniors to access the OSDCP program and 17,000 more seniors to access the Seniors Co-Payment Program in 2021- 2022.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Regional staff have noted that without changing the service delivery model beyond publicly funded clinics and additional operational and capital funding, the Region would face challenges meeting increased demand for services</li> </ul>
7. Maintaining a strong Early Years and Child Care System	<ul> <li>Regional staff continue advocating to the upper levels of government for the following:         <ul> <li>A Fair Share for Peel</li> <li>Predictable, flexible funding</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
• For the Province to provide predictable, flexible, multi-	<ul> <li>Ongoing viability funding for the sector and</li> </ul>

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
<ul> <li>year funding, including ongoing provider viability funding, as well as support for a workforce strategy for Registered Early Childhood Educators.</li> <li>For the Province to participate in the Canada-wide Child Care Plan to create an affordable, inclusive, high quality, accountable and accessible child care system.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>A strategy for the recruitment and retention of Registered Early Childhood Educators, including wage enhancement funding for child care and EarlyON</li> <li>Federal budget 2021 proposed up to \$27.2 billion over five years, starting in 2021-22 to establish a Canada-wide early learning and child care system, in partnership with provincial partners.</li> <li>Regional staff continue to highlight concerns and advocacy priorities with the Ministry of Education and staff.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>8. Transition the Blue Box program to producers and develop a provincial single-use plastics strategy</li> <li><u>Blue Box Transition and Regulation Development</u></li> <li>The Region continues to advocate for Administrative Monetary Penalties for programs under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act.</li> <li><u>Single-Use Plastics Strategy</u></li> <li>Work with the federal government and other stakeholders to develop a harmonized, Ontario-wide single-use plastics strategy.</li> <li>Continue to advocate for investment in waste infrastructure, such as Anaerobic Digestion and Mixed Waste Processing, to increase resource recovery and strengthen end-markets for recovered resources.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>On June 3, the Province released the Blue Box regulation. This regulation transitions the existing Blue Box program to producers in three groups between July 1, 2023 and December 31, 2025. The regulation has confirmed that the transition date for Peel municipalities as October 1, 2024, which matches Peel's preferred transition date that was endorsed by Regional Council.</li> <li>Staff are currently reviewing the regulation in detail and will report back to Regional Council with a high-level understanding of the final details and how it aligns with the Region's interests.</li> <li>The Region continues to advocate for Administrative Monetary Penalties for programs under the <i>Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act</i>.</li> <li>The enhanced Blue Box program will include the following:         <ul> <li>Standardizing what can be recycled across Ontario;</li> <li>Accepting common single-use and packaging-like products such as paper and plastic cups, foils, trays, bags and boxes sold for home use;</li> <li>Collecting single-use items that are distributed or sold to consume food and beverage products, like stir sticks, straws, cutlery and plates;</li> <li>Expanding services to more facilities such as apartment buildings, municipally run or non-profit long-term care homes and retirement homes, and schools.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The Region had been advocating for a delay to the start of the Hazardous and Special Products program and the Province announced, on April 29, 2021, a three-month delay, to October 2021, giving Regional staff more time to prepare for the new program.</li> <li>On June 8, the Province announced a new Hazardous and Special Products (HSP)</li> </ul>

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
	regulation under the <i>Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016</i> , (RRCEA).
	<ul> <li>On April 28, Regional staff presented to the House of Commons Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development in support of a single-use plastics ban, which included the following key messages from Peel:         <ul> <li>The lack of mandatory recycled content requirements results in weak demand for some recovered plastics, such as the plastic film used in grocery bags</li> <li>Messages from brand owners and retailers often conflict with municipal messaging about what can be recycled or composted</li> <li>The Region supports the use of an evidence-based approached to assess problematic single-use plastics</li> <li>The Region supports the establishment of minimum recycled content requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The Region also expressed concerns with compostable plastic-like materials, which pose a challenge at Regional composting facilities and made the following recommendations: <ul> <li>Develop national certification standards that ensure materials marketed as 'compostable' can be composted in practice and at scale</li> <li>Develop national labeling and advertising standards to reduce consumer and resident confusion.</li> <li>Develop producer responsibility programs for compostable products and packaging, preferably in accordance with national standards or guidelines</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	• The Region continues to advocate for investment in waste infrastructure, such as Anaerobic Digestion and Mixed Waste Processing, to increase resource recovery and strengthen end-markets for recovered resources.
9. Provincial support of regional and provincial GHG reduction targets and sustained climate change adaptation and mitigation funding	<ul> <li>The federal government will be providing the provinces a benchmark for carbon pricing that they will be required to meet in the coming months.</li> <li>The federal budget, released on April 19, including the following climate change initiatives:         <ul> <li>Investing \$17.6 billion in a green recovery that will help Canada to reach its target to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
• For the Province to set the legislative and policy framework to phase-out all fossil fuel natural gas-fired electricity generation while meeting Ontario's growing electricity needs.	conserve 25 per cent of Canada's lands and oceans by 2025, exceed its Paris climate

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
	<ul> <li>Capacity Building: \$94.4 million over five years, to increase domestic and international capacity and action to address climate change, enhance cleantech policy capacity, including in support of the Clean Growth Hub, and to fund reporting requirement under the Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act.</li> </ul>
	• The Region's 2021 federal budget submission called for sustained federal funding to reduce GHG emissions and address climate change risks to critical municipal infrastructure. The Region also continues to advocate for the federal government to work with the Region to develop policy that establishes adaptation targets and defines municipal resilience to climate change
	• On April 22, Regional staff presented the CCMP annual progress report to Council. Regional staff continue advancing Council-endorsed priorities, including developing the Climate Change Risk Assessment Tool; advancing the Pacesetter Projects; and, building better buildings by developing tiered net zero emissions standards for new construction.
<ul> <li>Through the established Conservation Authority Working Group, embrace long-standing partnerships with the conservation authorities and provide them with the tools and financial resources they need to effectively implement their watershed management role.</li> </ul>	• On May 13, the Province opened a consultation on proposed regulations for amendments to the <i>Conservation Authorities Act</i> . Regional staff will be preparing Regional comments and reporting to Council.
<ul> <li><b>10. Sustainable and Integrated Transportation System</b></li> <li>Provide support for key strategic transit projects across Peel.</li> </ul>	• On May 11, the federal government announced a commitment of over \$11 billion for priority transit projects in the GTA, including the Eglinton Crosstown West LRT Extension and the Region continues to advocate for the planned connection to Toronto Pearson International Airport.
<ul> <li>Strong opposition in principle to the construction of the currently proposed GTA West 413 Highway and Transmission Corridor.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li><u>GTA West Transportation Corridor</u></li> <li>On April 3, the federal Minister of Environment and Climate Change determined that the GTA</li> </ul>
• Encourage the Province to study alternatives to the GTA West Transportation Corridor, such as the Brampton	<ul> <li>West Project warrants designation under the Impact Assessment Act.</li> <li>Regional staff continue monitoring the federal impact assessment process for the GTA</li> </ul>

ADVOCACY PRIORITY/POSITION	GOVERNMENT ACTION/NEXT STEPS
<ul> <li>Boulevard, to replace the currently intended highway.</li> <li>Request to the Province that money budgeted for the GTA West Transportation Corridor be instead invested into regionally connected transit, active transportation, and other sustainable modes of transportation.</li> </ul>	West Transportation Corridor project and will participate in the process as required.
<ul> <li>Advocate for Provincial legislative changes that would allow municipalities to create Automated School Bus Camera Enforcement programs, enforced through an Administrative Monetary Penalties System (AMPS), and that would direct penalty revenue to the municipalities.</li> <li>Request that the Province enact legislation to allow the use of Administrative Monetary Penalties System to process Automated Enforcement violations, including the implementation of all necessary legislative amendments and supporting regulations that would direct the net revenue from Automated Enforcement penalties to municipalities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>In December 2019, Regional Council approved a resolution affirming support for the implementation of cameras on school buses to promote the safety of students and their families. Based on Regional Council's endorsement of Resolution 2020-446, the Regional Chair wrote to the Minister of Transportation on October 15, 2020 to advocate for legislative amendments to allow an AMPS for automated school bus stop arm camera offences. The Region of Peel, together with other Ontario municipalities and organizations, continue to advocate to the Province requesting these legislative changes</li> <li>On May 27, Resolution 2021-564 was passed by Council and the Regional Chair was directed to send a letter, on behalf of Council, to the Minister of Transportation and the Associate Minister of Transportation requesting that the Province draw to a close the pilot phase of their Automated Speed Enforcement (ASE) Project and to consider expanding applicability.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li><u>Vision Zero</u></li> <li>Advocate for improved driver education through the license and testing program on safe interactions with pedestrians and cyclists, and micro-mobility services and systems such as e-bikes, bike share, and e-scooters.</li> </ul>	
• Request that the Province convene a stakeholder task force group to advise on how a province-wide Vision Zero strategy can be developed and implemented in Ontario to provide consistent guidance to municipalities.	• On May 26, a letter was sent from the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, to the Minister of Transportation and the Associate Minister of Transportation requesting that the Province convene a stakeholder task force.