



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

December 17, 2020

Members	P. Brown	M. Mahoney
Present:	G. Carlson	S. McFadden
	B. Crombie	M. Medeiros
	D. Damerla	M. Palleschi
	S. Dasko	C. Parrish
	G.S. Dhillon	K. Ras
	J. Downey	P. Saito
	C. Fonseca	R. Santos
	P. Fortini	I. Sinclair
	A. Groves	R. Starr
	N. Iannicca	A. Thompson
	J. Innis	P. Vicente
	J. Kovac	
Staff Present:	J. Baker, Chief Administrative Officer	N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health
	S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services	Services
	K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services	Dr. L. Loh, Medical Officer of Health
	S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer	A. Adams, Deputy Clerk and Acting Director of Clerk's
	P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor	C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services
	A. Smith, Interim Chief Planner	J. Jones, Legislative Specialist
	A. Warren, Interim Commissioner of Public Works	S. Valteau, Legislative Specialist
	J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services	R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Iannicca called the Special Meeting of Regional Council to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Councillor Thompson departed at 2:11 p.m.

Councillor Downey departed at 2:11 p.m.

Councillor Innis departed at 2:11 p.m.

Councillor Sinclair departed at 2:11 p.m.

2. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Regional Chair Iannicca read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Nil.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**Resolution Number 2020-1110**

Moved by Councillor Sinclair

Seconded by Councillor Ras

That the agenda for the December 17, 2020 Special Regional Council meeting include a communication from the Town of Caledon regarding the composition of Regional Council in Peel Region, to be dealt with under Communications – Item 9.4;

And further, that the agenda for the December 17, 2020 Special Regional Council meeting include a communication from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding the composition of Regional Council in Peel Region, to be dealt with under Communications – Item 9.5;

And further, that the agenda for the December 17, 2020 Special Regional Council meeting include a communication from Councillor Sinclair regarding the composition of Regional Council in Peel Region, to be dealt with under Communications – Item 9.6;

And further, that the agenda for the December 17, 2020 Special Regional Council meeting be approved, as amended.

Carried

Item 13.1 was dealt with.

13. IN CAMERA MATTERS**Resolution Number 2020-1111**

Moved by Councillor Downey

Seconded by Councillor Saito

That Council proceed “In Camera” to consider reports relating to the following:

- *Update Regarding Contract Negotiations (A trade secret or scientific, technical, commercial, financial or labour relations information, supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board, which, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to prejudice significantly the competitive position or interfere significantly with the contractual or other negotiations of a person, group of persons, or organization)*

Carried

Resolution Number 2020-1112**Moved by** Councillor Starr**Seconded by** Councillor Thompson*That Council move out of "In Camera".***Carried**

Council moved in camera at 1:36 p.m.

Council moved out of in camera at 1:40 p.m.

13.1 Update Regarding Contract Negotiations

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Resolution Number 2020-1113**Moved by** Councillor Starr**Seconded by** Councillor Thompson

That the Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer and the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized in accordance with the directions given in connection with in the in-camera report listed as Item 13.1 on the December 17, 2020 Special Regional Council agenda;

And further, that the directions be approved and voted upon in accordance with Section 239 (6)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.

In Favour (24): 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 Starr, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Carried**Resolution Number 2020-1114****Moved by** Councillor Starr**Seconded by** Councillor Thompson

That By-law 84-2020 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council to this point of the Special meeting held on December 17, 2020 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**6. DELEGATIONS****6.1 Azad Goyat, Vales of Humber and Brampton First Foundation**

Expressing Support for a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council

Resolution Number 2020-1115

Received**7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

8. REPORTS**8.1 Report from the Deputy Clerk Regarding the Public Meeting held on December 17, 2020**

Regarding a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council

Resolution Number 2020-1116

Received

Resolution Number 2020-1117

Moved by Councillor Downey

Seconded by Councillor Thompson

Whereas the Regional Municipality of Peel was incorporated in 1974 to provide a wide range of cost-effective programs and services over a larger geographical area that enhance our community's health and safety, social and cultural development, agricultural, environment, conservation, infrastructure and transportation systems;

And whereas, the letter dated December 14, 2020 from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing states that The Region of Peel is granted an extension on finding a local resolution to the governance model for Peel;

And whereas, section 6 of the Municipal Act assumes that communities, rural or urban, are homogenous in nature; which does not address factors such as growth rate, industry, employment, demographics, social conditions, agriculture, and conservation;

And whereas, these communities may not have reflective representation at Peel Regional Council by virtue of the Act and the body that designed it;

And whereas, the Region of Peel is the most diverse municipality in Ontario if not Canada, with strong cultural roots from around the world; this population is comprised of 51.5 per cent immigrants, 13 per cent recent immigrants and 62.3 per cent visible minorities who face a variety of settlement challenges from food

security to housing, employment, mental health, addictions and systemic discrimination;

And whereas, the Region of Peel has worked through the Community Safety and Well Being Plan, Board of Health, Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy Committee, Peel Food Security Charter, and Human Services, to address such matters as food security, family violence, discrimination, mental health, addictions and systemic racism, it is clear that reflective representation at the table is needed in order to balance and rectify the challenges of Peel's communities;

And whereas, the Region of Peel has worked diligently under the pillars of living, thriving and leading, to address challenges and create opportunities for its population, despite chronic underfunding in the areas of health and human services; the disparity gap that exists continues to grow, COVID-19 has accelerated that growth at an alarming rate, exposing the need for greater attention from this government and our provincial and federal partners;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Council of the Region of Peel utilize the extension date of March 31, 2020 granted by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

And further, that staff review governance within the Region of Peel with a broader approach regarding equal and effective representation and report back on the fundamental challenges of the Peel community, prioritizing marginalized and racialized communities including the areas of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga that are facing challenges including, but not limited to, access to food security and health care, homelessness, community policing, mental health and addictions, and systemic discrimination with the measure of those issues including but not limited to growth rate, industry, employment, demographics, social conditions, agriculture, and conservation;

And further, that a second Special Council meeting in the new year be held to provide an opportunity for staff to report back on options regarding Regional Council composition for consideration based on the afore mentioned aspects and those presented at the public meeting held on December 17, 2020.

In Favour (5): Councillor Downey, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Sinclair, and Councillor Thompson

Opposed (19): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Damerla, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Starr, and Councillor Vicente

Lost

Councillor Thompson expressed strong opposition to the proposed by-law to reduce the number of Caledon seats at the Region of Peel. He suggested the change will give the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga more power to control development and planning in the Town of Caledon. He noted there is much interest in Caledon's growth and clarified that Mississauga and Brampton taxpayers will not be not burdened with the cost of growth in Caledon because

the Town believes in the principle that growth pays for growth and they have front end servicing cost agreements. Councillor Thompson suggested that the matter of representation by population is being used to redefine the Region of Peel which will no longer exist to serve three lower tier governments.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 Mary and Lyle Cooney, Residents of Caledon

E-mail dated December 12, 2020, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in Support of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Caledon Regarding the Composition of Regional Council (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number 2020-1118

Received

9.2 Pauline, Fernando, Hannah and Fernando Paul Roque, Residents of Caledon

E-mail dated December 12, 2020, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in Support of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Caledon Regarding the Composition of Regional Council (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number 2020-1119

Received

9.3 Jane Mountain, Resident of Caledon

E-mail dated December 14, 2020, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing in Support of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Caledon Regarding the Composition of Regional Council (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number 2020-1120

Received

9.4 Allan Thompson, Mayor, Town of Caledon

Email dated December 15, 2020, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Regarding the Composition of Regional Council in Peel Region (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number 2020-1121

Received

9.5 Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing

Letter dated December 14, 2020, Responding to a Letter from the Mayor of the Town of Caledon Regarding the Composition of Regional Council (Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number 2020-1122**Received****9.6 Ian Sinclair, Regional Councillor**

Email dated December 17, 2020, Regarding the Composition of Regional Council
(Receipt recommended)

Resolution Number 2020-1123**Received****10. OTHER BUSINESS/COUNCILLOR ENQUIRIES****10.1 Truck Traffic on Highway 50 (Oral)****Resolution Number 2020-1124****Referred to Public Works for report back to Regional Council**

Councillor Groves expressed concern regarding trucks on Highway 50 in Bolton. She noted that it is a multi-jurisdictional road requiring input from various stakeholders. She requested that the matter be referred to Public Works staff to report back to Regional Council regarding a potential meeting with stakeholders such as the Region of Peel, Region of York, City of Vaughan, Caledon OPP and the Ministry of Transportation, to discuss solutions to reduce traffic and road fatalities.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION/MOTION

Nil.

12. BY-LAWS

Three Readings

Resolution Number 2020-1125

Moved by Councillor Brown

Seconded by Councillor Parrish

That the by-law listed on the December 17, 2020 Special Regional Council agenda, being By-law 83-2020, 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.

In Favour (19): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Damerla, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor McFadden, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Palleschi, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Starr, and Councillor Vicente

Opposed (1): Councillor Groves

Absent (4): Councillor Downey, Councillor Innis, Councillor Sinclair, and Councillor Thompson

Carried**12.1 By-law 83-2020**

A by-law to change the composition of Regional Council pursuant to Section 218 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended.

Councillor Groves indicated her opposition to the proposed by-law and noted her preference to have more time to discuss the matter; as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing had granted a timeline extension in his recent letter to the Town of Caledon Council.

Councillor Brown proposed that the current representation at the Region of Peel is not equitable for the City of Brampton. He noted that representation by population is a fundamental, democratic principle in Canada and that Brampton is requesting fair representation. He stated that if Brampton is not able to attain fair representation by population, then the community requests for separation from the Region of Peel may grow. He noted that two additional seats for Brampton would be a step in the right direction.

Regional Councillor Thompson provided notice that he, Regional Councillor Downey, Regional Councillor Innis and Regional Councillor Sinclair are standing together for the Town of Caledon and would leave the meeting and not participate in the vote.

13. IN CAMERA MATTERS**Resolution Number 2020-1126**

Moved by Councillor Starr

Seconded by Councillor Fonseca

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

- *Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, Including Communications Necessary for that Purpose*

Carried**Resolution Number 2020-1127**

Moved by Councillor Dasko

Seconded by Councillor Vicente

That Council move out of "In Camera".

Carried

Council moved in camera at 2:40 p.m.

Council moved out of in camera at 2:52 p.m.

13.2 Advice that is Subject to Solicitor-client Privilege, Including Communications Necessary for that Purpose

Resolution Number 2020-1128

Received

14. BY-LAWS RELATING TO IN CAMERA MATTERS

Nil.

15. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution Number 2020-1129

Moved by Councillor Ras

Seconded by Councillor Dasko

That By-law 85-2020 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council at its Special meeting held on December 17, 2020, 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

16. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Deputy Regional Clerk

Regional Chair