

# Pandemic Response – Financial Update



### **COVID-19 – A Brief History**

- Region of Peel one of the hardest hit communities by COVID-19 in Ontario
- Over the last 18 months, the pandemic response has been Peel's #1 priority
- Staff and other resources were redeployed to support the response and mass vaccination program



## Region of Peel Pandemic Milestones - 2020

#### **MARCH**

Mar. 10- Regional Emergency Operations Centre

Mar.17 - Provincial Declaration of an Emergency

Mar.18 - Canada – U.S. border closed

- Region of Peel **Declaration of an Emergency** 

Mar. 27 - Region of Peel announces financial relief measures

#### **NOVEMBER**

**Nov. 6** - Peel moves into **Red Zone** which implements broader-scale measures and restrictions across multiple sectors

Nov. 23 - Peel region moved into Lockdown

#### **APRIL**

**April 11** - Province **extends** emergency orders until April 23

#### **JUNE**

June 2 - Ontario extends state of emergency to June 30

June 6 - Provincial Emergency Orders **extended** to June 19

June 24 - Peel moves into Stage II framework

#### **DECEMBER**

**Dec. - Mass Vaccination Planning** begins

### **Regionally Controlled Programs**

 Staffing and resources were redeployed to support a quick response from Public Health

- COVID related funding from senior levels of government kept Peel financially whole
- \$134m received or allocated to 2020
- IMF "spend what you need but keep the receipts"

## Region of Peel Pandemic Milestones - 2021

#### **JANUARY**

Jan. 12 - Provincial Stayat-Home Order issued

#### **APRIL**

Apr. 1 - Provincial 4-week lockdown announced

Apr. 5 - Section 22 Order issued by Peel MOH to close all schools in Peel until at least April 18 (2 weeks)

#### **JUNE**

June 2 - Stay-at-home order lifted provincewide

June 11 - Ontario enters Step 1 of reopening (Enters Step 2 on June 30)

#### **JULY**

July 16 - Ontario enters Step 3 of reopening plan

#### **MARCH**

Mar. 1 - Mass Vaccination Clinics opened 10 Peel Centre Drive, 7120 Hurontario

Mar.17 - Toronto and Peel MOHs recommend staying in Lockdown

Mar.19 - Ontarians 75 and older can book vaccinations effective March 22

Mar. 22 - Mass Vaccination Plan hits milestone of 100,000 vaccine doses administered

#### MAY

May 15/16 - Doses After Dark launched

May 23 - Children 12+ province wide eligible to book vaccine

#### **SEPTEMBER**

**Sept. 3** - 75% of eligible population receive **second dose** of vaccination in Peel

Sept. 16 - Peel Region launches VAX Van

Sept. 27 - Peel launches Employee Vaccination Policy

## 2021 Disruption across the organization continues

#### **General Information**

COVID response continued

 Mass Vaccination program required additional redeployment of staffing and resources

Services and priorities continue to be significantly disrupted

Result is back logged work in Public Health and across the organization

### **Regionally Controlled Programs**

 Redeployment of staffing and resources to provincially funded COVID response driving large one-time surplus

Significant surpluses in Infectious Disease Prevention, Chronic Disease
Prevention and Early Growth & Development

 Mass Vaccination costs estimated at \$107M, but could be as high as \$154m Currently in wave 4 of COVID and pandemic expected to continue into
2022

Staffing and resources will be needed to continue the response

Costs estimated at between \$19 to \$38M

This is now a program

 Most significant risk is funding for the mass vaccination program (MVP)

 First tranche for MVP costs estimated at \$107m while \$74m in funding received to date

Current unfunded gap of \$33.7m for MVP

Expectation that the Province will fund all MVP costs and future
COVID costs – up to \$38m in 2022

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# Funding from Senior Levels of Government

**Amount** 

Operating Funding	Amount
Mass Vaccination Program	\$73.6m
<b>Broader Municipal Level</b>	\$72.5m
Program-Specific:	
Housing Support	\$97.4m
Public Health	\$49.8m
Child Care	\$24.5m
Long Term Care	\$21.7m
Other	\$9.1m
<b>Total Operating Funding</b>	\$348.8m

Federal/Provincial ICIP	\$18.7m
<b>Total Capital Funding</b>	\$18.7m

**Capital Funding** 

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding

- Thank you to the Provincial and Federal Governments for all their financial support
- Total range between \$52m \$118m of financial exposure
- Assumption is that Province will fund the vaccination program in full regardless of year
- Where work is backlogged, reserve those funds for when they can be used
- Load the financial risk into our balance sheet and do not pass on to taxpayer in 2022 budget
- If Province does not fund, then assess future property taxes or deplete reserves where feasible, with associated impacts.

# Funding Needed from Senior Levels of Government

- Federal/Provincial governments have provided over \$367M in COVID related funding – thank you
- Need to continue to acknowledge but advocate for continued financial support to address future COVID costs and transition to recovery

 That the Province of Ontario continue mitigation funding (COVID vaccination and COVID-19 extraordinary costs) beyond 2021; and

• That mandatory public health program funding is increased to reflect inflation and community needs for 2022 and beyond.

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## Questions