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### Update on the Region's Advocacy Priorities

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| <p><b>1. Federal and Provincial Funding for Associated COVID-19 Costs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the last GRC Update, June 17, the Region has received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$12,027,300 from the Social Services Relief Fund (SSRF)</li> <li>\$9,980,450 from the Provincial Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI)</li> <li>\$13,030,000 in COVID-19 Extraordinary Costs – Public Health One-time Funding</li> <li>73,622,900 for the Region's COVID-19 Vaccine Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Region originally requested \$153,943,000 for this effort and will continue to advocate for additional support</li> </ul> </li> <li>6,400,000 (for 2021) 2,112,000 (for 2022) for the COVID-19 School-focused Nurses Initiative</li> <li>\$250,000 from the Temporary COVID Isolation Emergency Support Fund</li> </ul> </li> <li>On Oct. 7, a letter from the Chair was sent to Minister Bethlenfalvy, highlighting the Region's request that the Province eliminate the 5-per-cent cap with the current payment in lieu of taxes (PILT) formula and reducing the payment calculation lag from two years to one.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>2. Stimulus Infrastructure Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>That the federal and provincial governments provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>  | <p>Since the last GRC Update, June 17, the Region has made note of the following announcements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On July 13, the federal government announced it is investing an additional \$1.9 billion in the National Trade Corridors Fund. The call for proposals targets bottlenecks in trade corridors. The fund's Continuous Open Call for applications is now open and will remain so until all funding has been allocated.</li> <li>On July 20, the federal government announced a new in-take of the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund. The DMAF received an additional \$1.375 billion in Budget 2021 to support projects, including rehabilitation of storm water systems.</li> <li>First assessment period for small projects (\$1-\$20 billion): Applications closed on November 15, 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First assessment period for large projects (above \$20 billion): Applications closed on October 15, 2021.</li> <li>Second assessment period for small and large projects: Applications are closed on July 20, 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On July 13, the Province announced a new in-take of the Investing in Canadian Infrastructure Program (ICIP), Green Stream. Peel Region is not eligible, as the new in-take also targets municipalities with populations under 100,000. Staff will follow-up with the Province, as to whether a third in-take of this stream will eventually be opened up to larger municipalities.</li> <li>On July 28, the federal government announced the Active Transportation Fund (ATF), which will invest \$400 million over five years to help build new and expanded networks of pathways, bike lanes, trails and pedestrian bridges and undertake planning studies. Municipalities are eligible to apply once the application period is opened.</li> <li>During the Annual AMO Conference (August 16 to 18), the province committed to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest nearly \$1.1 billion to enhance the province's housing programs and support homeless populations in 2022-23.</li> <li>Provide more than \$57 million to launch a third intake of the Municipal Modernization Program and Audit and Accountability Fund.</li> <li>Invest approximately \$47 million to extend one-time mitigation funding, through 2022, for public health units and municipalities beyond the funding approved in previous years. This funding is in addition to the increased investments to support the public health sector's response to COVID-19.</li> <li>Maintaining the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) at \$500 million, as well as the overall structure of the program, for 2022.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>3. Provide Service Managers the funding and flexibility for affordable housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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 in Peel</li> <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</li> </ul> | <p><u>Peel Housing Master Plan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Region receive \$7.5 million from the Social Services Relief Fund, however, there remains a gap of \$319.6 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> </li> </ul>  |

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| <p>committing more long-term, stable operating funds for homelessness and supportive housing programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide legislative and policy changes at levels to increase local autonomy and improve housing affordability outcomes in Peel</li> </ul>  |  |
| <p><b>4. Sustainable Funding to Support Peel's Strategy to Address Human Sex Trafficking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide long-term sustainable operational funding to support the costs of housing, and support services for victims, survivors and individuals at-risk of human sex trafficking in Peel Region.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional staff are presenting at the Ontario Non-profit Housing Association conference in November to discuss the housing pillar of the Region's Anti-Human Sex Trafficking Strategy.</li> <li>• The Region continues the implementation of a three-year pilot project to bridge service gaps and provide wrap-around services for victims, survivors and individuals at-risk.</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>5. Mental Health and Addictions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Address historical inequities in provincial funding for mental health and addictions services in Peel to support upstream prevention and improved access to services within the community and ensure that funding matches 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> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On July 7, the Province announced a \$32.7 million in annualized funding for targeted services and supports, including opioid addiction. The funding includes \$18.8 million in bed-based investments for adults and youth who need intensive supports and \$4.75 million for community-based services to support lifelong stabilization and recovery.</li> <li>• The Ontario government is investing \$2.5 million in the free therapy tool Breaking Free Online. It provides access to programming and resources for two years.</li> <li>• On Sept. 27, the Province announced \$4.2 million in funding, earmarked for the Pine River Institute – a residential treatment centre for teenagers in need of mental health and addictions support.</li> <li>• On July 19, the Region officially launched a Mental Health and Addictions Advocacy social media campaign ahead of the Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Conference.</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invest in the integration of mental health and addictions system planning and service delivery to ensure seamless access to services across the entire age continuum and coordinate across ministries on the basic social needs to support mental health promotion and recovery.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The campaign is part of a renewed advocacy strategy endorsed by Peel Regional Council on June 25, 2020, calling on the Province to implement a funding formula that will address the historic inequities impacting mental health and addiction services in Peel.</li> <li>The campaign generated 84,882 impressions and reached over 8,428 individuals across all social media platforms during the campaign (including Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn and Twitter).</li> <li>In August, at the AMO 2021 Conference, Regional staff and members of Council met with Minister Tibollo (Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions) to advocate for funding to help reduce wait times for community mental health and addictions services. Associate Minister Tibollo committed to appear before Regional Council to further discuss key priorities for Peel, including funding needs and existing gaps in services.</li> </ul>  |
| <p><b>6. Enhanced Supports for Seniors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a provincial standard for emotional-based integrated care in traditional long-term care and community-based care.</li> <li>Provide operational funding and sustainable capital funding to support the expansion of community support services at the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor.</li> <li>Funding enhancements and legislative changes to support emotion-based care and enable dementia friendly design in Long Term Care.</li> <li>Additional funding and service delivery changes for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On October 6, the Province announced details of the rollout of funding to support 4 hours of direct care to LTC residents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homes will start receiving the funds in November 2021, which will be based on the number of beds per home. This is a key development as there had been a concern that homes currently providing higher quality care (often municipal homes) would not receive their fair share</li> <li>Details on the specific allocation for homes for this year, as well as the next three fiscal years, are expected during October</li> <li>Over the next four years, along with the funding provided to train and educate more PSWs and nurses, the total funding will be \$4.9 billion. The breakdown of the funding is as follows: <div data-bbox="1045 1208 1331 1344" data-label="Text"> <p>\$270 million in 2021-22<br/> \$673 million in 2022-23<br/> \$1.25 billion in 2023-24<br/> \$1.82 billion in 2024-25</p> </div> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |

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|                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On October 4, Ontario's Speech from the Throne included a focus on improvements to the LTC sector. Recent commitments including adding 30,000 new LTC beds and implementing four hours of care were highlighted as key government priorities. The speech also reiterated the government's intention to make changes to the <i>Long-Term Care Homes Act</i> this fall.</li> <li>On Oct. 1, the Province announced that LTC homes are now required to meet the following requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff, support workers, students and volunteers will have until November 15, 2021, to show proof that they have received all required doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, or to show proof of a valid medical exemption</li> <li>Staff who do not have all required doses or a valid medical exemption by the deadline will not be able to enter a long-term care home to work</li> <li>Newly hired staff will be required to be fully vaccinated before they begin working in a home unless they have a valid medical exemption</li> <li>Homes will begin randomly testing fully vaccinated individuals, including staff, caregivers, and visitors to help detect possible breakthrough cases of COVID-19 as early as possible.</li> </ul> </li> <li><i>Ontario Long-Term Care Homes Act</i> – The Minister of Long-Term Care stated that legislative amendments would be introduced this fall to enable the 4 hours of care standard implementation and to strengthen enforcement and accountability. Regional staff are preparing a submission to the Ministry regarding changes to the legislation.</li> <li>On Aug. 12, the Province announced an investment of more than \$2 million over two years for the Recruitment and Retention Incentive Program to provide new and recently hired personal support workers (PSWs) and nurses with financial incentives to encourage them to work in retirement homes.</li> <li>Released on May 26, a review by the Financial Accountability Office (FAO) found that the Province is two years behind schedule on its goal to build 15,00 new LTC beds and won't reach it until 2025–26.</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>7. Maintaining a strong Early Years and Child Care System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the Province to provide predictable, flexible, multi-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 style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regional staff continue advocating to the upper levels of government for the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A fair funding approach that considers the Region's unique situation -- achieving the goal of \$10/day will be a challenge given Peel has some of the most expensive child care costs in Canada (\$50 to \$75/day, depending on age of child)</li> <li>Predictable, flexible funding including capital carryover provision and local decision-making ability</li> <li>Ongoing viability funding for the sector, and</li> <li>A strategy for the recruitment and retention of Registered Early Childhood Educators that includes wage enhancement funding for child care and EarlyON</li> </ul> </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. However, the Ontario government has yet to sign an agreement that would allow for access to this funding.</li> <li>Regional staff continue to highlight concerns and advocacy priorities with the Ministry of Education and staff.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>8. Transition the Blue Box program to producers and develop a provincial single-use plastics strategy</b></p> <p><u>Blue Box Transition and Regulation Development</u></p> <p>The Region continues to advocate for Administrative Monetary Penalties for programs under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act.</p> <p><u>Single-Use Plastics Strategy</u></p> <p>Work with the federal government and other stakeholders to develop a harmonized, Ontario-wide single-use plastics strategy.</p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Staff reported to Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee on September 16, 2021 with a high-level understanding of the final details of the Blue Box regulation and how it aligns with the Region's interests.</li> <li>The Region's continued advocacy has resulted in the Province posting a proposed administrative penalties regulation on September 17, 2021 for programs under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act. Staff will review the proposed regulation and submit comments by the November 1, 2021 deadline.</li> </ul>  |

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| <p>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.</p>   |   |
| <p><b>9. Provincial support of regional and provincial GHG reduction targets and sustained climate change adaptation and mitigation funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the COP 26 summit held in Glasgow, starting at the end of October, participating countries are to finalize their national action plans to cut emissions under the Paris agreement.</li> <li>The National Building, Fire, and Plumbing Codes, and the National Energy Code for Buildings are anticipated to be available in December 2021. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The updated National Model Codes are anticipated to include forward-looking climatic design data, and new and updated standards that shall have climate change mitigation and adaptation implications</li> <li>The updated National Model Codes will provide the Region with a strong benchmark to use in discussions with the Province to advocate that the Province adopts more stringent building standards and regulations pertaining to climate change mitigation and adaptation as demonstrated by the National Model Codes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <p><b>10. Sustainable and Integrated Transportation System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide support for key strategic transit projects across Peel.</li> <li>Strong opposition in principle to the construction of the currently proposed GTA West 413 Highway and Transmission Corridor.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On June 29, the Province released a discussion paper, seeking public feedback by Aug. 29 to inform the Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan.</li> <li>On July 29, the federal government released the <a href="#">National Active Transportation Strategy</a> and launched the Active Transportation Fund, which commits \$400 million over five years.</li> <li>The October 4, Ontario Speech from the Throne (<i>Protecting Ontario's Progress</i>) included four key themes, including Economic Recovery, which notes that the Province will focus on building road, highways and expanding transit to communities across Ontario.</li> </ul>   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage the Province to study alternatives to the GTA West Transportation Corridor, such as the Brampton 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> <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> <p><u>Vision Zero</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> | <p><u>GTA West Transportation Corridor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>During the AMO Conference in August, the Region's delegation discussed the following issues with the Transportation Minister and staff:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry continues working with the federal government on their EA assessment</li> <li>The Province is still proposing the construction a multimodal highway for the corridor</li> </ul> </li> <li>During this year's AMO Conference, the Ministry noted that they are working closely with the Attorney General on a legislative framework.</li> <li>Regional staff are working with Ministry of Transportation staff to facilitate a road safety roundtable in Fall 2021.</li> <li>The Province is working with other provinces on a shared Vision Zero framework.</li> </ul> |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>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.</li></ul> |                              |