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DATE: April 20, 2020

TO: Region of Peel Council

FROM: Regional Chair

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REGION OF PEEL

OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL CLERK

As is provided for in the minutes of the April 9, 2020 Regional Council meeting, a motion by Councillor Groves and seconded by Councillor Parrish carried. Council decided to hear the motion following a challenge to the Chair's ruling that the motion required notice. The motion was put forth and considered during the meeting and without prior notice as Council determined that the subject of the motion related to a report under debate by Council. The report was an in camera oral report provided for information and had no recommendation. The subject of the motion arose through a question. The motion as moved did not contain any context or "whereas" clauses to provide background or rationale for the motion. Without the context of a report, a recommendation or whereas clauses, the resolution stands on its own.

The resolution provides: That the Regional Chair write a letter, on behalf of Regional Council, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that the lands subject to Regional Official Plan Amendment 30, as adopted by Regional Council, be removed from the Provincially Significant Employment Zone 15 mapping.

The usual practice is that any correspondence relating to a resolution of council is sent after the minutes of the meeting have been approved. Minutes of a Regional Council meeting are approved at the next Regional Council meeting. In this instance, prior to the next Regional Council meeting, a request was received by the Chair from one member of Council requesting to review the draft letter arising from the above noted resolution, before it is sent to the Minister. In the recent past, an Integrity Commissioner complaint was filed against the Chair for sharing information with one member of Council and not sharing it with all members of Council.

Attached to this memo is a proposed copy of the letter I will send to the Minister, after your approval of the minutes, as is the normal timing and course for sending correspondence. I am proceeding in this manner based upon clear advice offered by our Integrity Commissioner, who strongly urged that all members of Council be informed and involved on the subject and direction in the most open and transparent way possible.

Finally, I raised several other related concerns which the Integrity Commissioner agreed were well founded. Upon his advice, these will be put into a report and referred to our Council Policy and Procedures Committee, and then through those minutes to Council, to again involve all Councillors and attain greater clarity on the procedures, roles and responsibilities of all involved.

REFERRAL TO _____
RECOMMENDED _____
DIRECTION REQUIRED ☒ _____
RECEIPT RECOMMENDED _____

April 20, 2020

The Honourable Steve Clark
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
777 Bay Street, 17th Floor
Toronto, ON M7A 2J3

Dear Minister Clark,

I am writing to you today on behalf of the Region of Peel, with a request to implement a specific change to the Provincially Significant Employment Zone (PSEZ) mapping, that has been identified within the Region of Peel by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, under the policies in the Provincial Growth Plan, 2019.

As you are aware, the Region of Peel adopted ROPA 30 in December 2016, to provide for settlement expansion west of the Bolton settlement area in the Town of Caledon, to accommodate a predominantly residential community of about 10,300 people and 2,500 jobs. Peel Council's decision on ROPA 30 was appealed to the LPAT by several parties and is currently the subject of a multi-phase LPAT hearing scheduled to begin in August 2020.

On December 20, 2019, updated PSEZ mapping was introduced by the Ministry, which expanded PSEZ 15 (Pearson Airport Hub – Highway 50 Corridor) over previous mapping to include lands west of Bolton including the ROPA 30 lands. It is not clear what may have originated this change in mapping, which appears to conflict with some of the criteria published by the Ministry, including that PSEZ lands are to be located inside a settlement area, are not to be under appeal at the LPAT, and that mapping changes are to be undertaken in consultation with municipalities, based on existing land use designations.

We have requested clarification on these matters from the Ministry with none forthcoming. On April 9, 2020, Peel Regional Council passed the attached resolution which requests that the lands subject to ROPA 30, as adopted by Regional Council, be removed from the PSEZ 15 mapping.

I respectfully request that you consider and implement this request to remove the ROPA 30 lands from the PSEZ 15 mapping. I would be pleased to make myself and relevant Peel representatives available for further discussion on this matter.

Kindest personal regards,



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Resolution



Agenda Number: Additional Item arising from In Camera Discussion

Date: April 9, 2020

Moved by Councillor Groves

Seconded by Councillor Parrish

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Carried

Regional Chair