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REASON(S) FOR DELEGATION REQUEST (SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED) Planning and Growth Management Committee Item 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 Peel 2051 Regional Official Plan Review and Muncpal Comprehensive Review Overview-Update and Key Issues SABE

A formal presentation will accompany my delegation <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
Presentation format: <input type="checkbox"/> PowerPoint File (.ppt) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adobe File or Equivalent (.pdf)		
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Monday October 4th, 2021

The Mayors, Councillors, and Chairperson of The Region of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A and B
Brampton, ON. L6T 4B9.

I am very concerned as we plan growth 30 years into the future, that Caledon is holding a special council meeting on Monday October 4th with so little notice to the public. If my understanding is correct this meeting is only an information session for Council and no decisions will be made. Nonetheless, I find the timing, the manner in which procedural matters have been handled and that a portion of the meeting is closed, highly concerning and perhaps even undemocratic. Whether intentional or not this has led to a process that limits public involvement and awareness. Given the large degree of concerns I have cc'd the Office of Ombudsman of Ontario in case they wish to, or are able to provide, clarity to any of my concerns and questions.

Timing

The Public Survey "Future Caledon: Official Plan Vision survey" is not yet completed. The deadline for comments is October 7th. Why is Council asking for a "workshop" on the Official Plan, that includes staff recommendations and statements on what staff will be advocating for, ahead of the public survey's completion? The MCR is on the agenda for the Region of Peel meeting this Thursday October 7th so why was a Town of Caledon special council meeting called in advance of the Region of Peel meeting and the completion of the Public Survey?

<https://calendar.caledon.ca/Meetings/Detail/2021-10-04-1000-Special-Town-Council-Meeting/a1f47698-8001-4fd2-9cb1-adb400d79f14>

Procedural

The clerk has stated that "At the Planning and Development Committee meeting on September 21st, committee passed a motion directing staff to schedule within the coming weeks a Council Workshop on the Town's Official Plan.

Can you please provide a link to this Council Decision and confirm when the motion was passed for the closed meeting portion as per [Section 9.1](#) of your agenda?

As per the [Office of the Ombudsman of Ontario](#)'s website it indicates a resolution must be passed in open session, in advance, and can't be applied retroactively.

When was the meeting date required by September 28th determined, and when was it posted to the [Caledon online calendar](#)? Was any public notice given for this meeting as I am unable to locate one? Also on your website this meeting is not listed under [upcoming public meetings](#). Can you please explain why it was not listed since it is an open public meeting? The Meeting was scheduled for Monday October 4th and the agenda was published on Wednesday September 29th; yet I did not receive notice of this meeting until Friday October 1st. Further, I found the minutes of the Sept 21st. meeting and the recommendation, but not the motion as the minutes of the September 28th meeting have not yet been published.

On September 21st the minutes of the Planning and Development meeting read:

"The Planning and Development Committee recommends adoption of the following recommendation: That a Council Workshop on the Town's Official Plan be scheduled in the coming weeks. This matter was recommended to the Town Council for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on September 28, 2021.

<https://calendar.caledon.ca/Meetings/Detail/2021-09-21-1900-Planning-and-Development-Committee/a51f6586-dc1c-47bc-be76-adb200b3f1e3>

The video is published but the minutes are not. I cannot find the minutes where the motion was adopted. Isn't this procedurally problematic as those who are interested in massive infrastructure projects like the GTAW 413 and the accompanying boundary expansion for sprawl that it will precipitate, simply cannot respond effectively.

Closed Session

According to procedural bylaw 4.4.1 (e) Council may not have closed sessions or confidential sessions in matters pertaining to public infrastructure projects.

As per the [Ontario Ombudsman website](#); Under the section titled Guide to the discretionary exceptions it states:

*"It is the Ombudsman's view that, wherever possible, advance public notice should include information about all open and closed portions of a meeting, and meaningful information about **all items to be considered**. The Ombudsman discourages the practice of having "standing" closed sessions and recommends that notices and agendas accurately reflect the specific matters intended to be discussed at a particular meeting*

Under the Security of municipal property – s. 239(2)(a) exemptions to have a closed meeting do not include discussions about:

- The financial interests of the municipality
- Strategy with respect to municipal infrastructure or growth
- Strategy with regard to municipal property, including its purchase or sale

<https://www.ombudsman.on.ca/have-a-complaint/who-we-oversee/municipalities/municipal-closed-meetings/open-meetings-guide-for-municipalities#Ontario%E2%80%99s%20open%20meeting%20requirementsDoes>

Is Caledon using their Official Plan process to undermine the Region of Peel and advance interests that contradict and oppose decisions made at the regional level? I fail to understand how the interests of current Caledon residents are being represented. The Ministry of Transportation "Towards A Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan" makes it clear that Caledon will not see any transit infrastructure before 2051, yet Caledon Council is lobbying for sprawling developments like "Caledon Station" without the appropriate infrastructure. Is council supporting the GTAW 413 despite the Region of Peel's withdrawing support for the highway? It is premature to support any SABE given the uncertainty surrounding the timing or even the future existence of Caledon GO and the GTAW.

<https://pub-caledon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=16679>

<https://pub-caledon.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=16670>

While I understand there are reasons for confidential information, I fail to understand what in this meeting could be subject to solicitor client privilege. Without further explanation I feel that I am forced to request a closed meeting investigation.

Jenni Le Forestier

Resident of Caledon