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Please include the attached comment regarding the proposed Representation By-law on to-days agenda.
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Comments for Dec 17, 2020 Regional Council PIM by Councillor Sinclair,
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Over the last 25 years, Caledon has become remarkably different from the big cities of Brampton and Mississauga.

The majority of issues on Peel agendas concern matters dealing with the most vulnerable in society. Important big city issues. Not near urban, countryside issues.

Caledon has different values, different complex land uses and different, rural landscapes from Mississauga and Brampton. A group of residents wrote the following statement:

“Caledon is a community of green, clean, safe, quiet and friendly villages and rural areas, a community respectful of our natural and cultural heritage. Caledon will continue to be a healthy and stable community that establishes well planned and designed settlements that develop at a rate that ensures sufficient infrastructure and services, supports a thriving business and agricultural community, protects the environment, and maintains what is positive and unique about Caledon.”

Caledon is being forced to grow by an additional 300,000 people and associated employment in just 30 years, a vast design challenge to get right the first time.

In politics, as in the rest of life, rules are often about power.

- Who sets them,
- who obeys them and who breaks them – and
- whether they get away with it – tells us a lot about where power lies.

The brinksmanship characterizing the proposed reduction of Caledon Regional Councillors on Peel Council where Peel Rules and Procedure Committee deferred the issue of representation twice this year instead of doing its job. The "letter" from Brampton indicating its Council preference for all of its members to be Regional was shoved on the Peel Council agenda by Brampton with no prior circulation. The eventual motion reducing Caledon representation arose from debate over the walk on Brampton letter, not one the approved agenda.

Both Mississauga and Brampton have approved motions, endorsing the reduction of Caledon representation prior to the Public Information Meeting, demonstrating a collective "closed mind" to any information contrary to their firm positions. The Public Information Meeting is functionally meaningless. The perspective of Peel Council has become parochial, not all Peel.

The consequences of the contempt for political courtesy towards Caledon at Peel Council will begin to be felt in many new ways by Caledon residents over time.

Caledon is now a bad fit in Peel by a large margin.