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Subject: Region of Peel – Host Community

Please be advised that due to the significant impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and its ongoing COVID-19 response, regrettably the Region of Peel (the Region) will be unable to offer support as a Host Community for out of jurisdiction evacuees, such as those from Northern Ontario, in 2021. Further, the Region will be unable to provide resources should Pearson International Airport be identified and used as a transportation hub for evacuees.

These decisions have been made based on the sizeable redeployment of staff in support of the current COVID-19 response and the degree of community spread, including several variants, of COVID-19 within Peel. Further, significant additional resources have been committed to both vaccination efforts and providing residents with isolation supports.

These decisions will be in place for the entirety of 2021 and until such time as each of the following conditions have been achieved:

- The Regional Declaration of an Emergency (March 18th, 2020) has been terminated and a 90-day recovery period has concluded;
- The Emergency Declarations for the Town of Caledon, City of Brampton and City of Mississauga have terminated;
- The entirety of the Peel falls under the Prevent (Green) status of Ontario's COVID-19 Response Framework for a period of no less than 6 consecutive weeks;
- The operations of any federally supported voluntary isolation housing sites have concluded; and,
- The capacity, as determined by the Region, exists in the community to locate and provide suitable accommodations.

The Region reserves the right to further decline any requests for assistance for out of jurisdiction evacuees for such additional period of time as necessary in the best interests of the Peel community, as determined by the Region.

While the Region is sympathetic to the potential need to secure Host Communities, there are insufficient resources to support Host Community operations without compromising the Region's ongoing COVID-19 response, vaccination operations and isolation supports.



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Please contact our Community Emergency Management Coordinator if you have any questions or comments.

Kindest personal regards,

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