



**PUBLIC MEETING
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
REPORT FROM THE REGIONAL CLERK**

November 18, 2021

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil.

2. OPENING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) opened the public meeting at 9:00 a.m. Due to the efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, the public meeting was streamed live from the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton. The CAO stated that the public meeting was being held pursuant to section 219(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, to obtain input from the public on a proposed by-law to change the composition of Regional Council as it relates to the appointment and term of office of the Regional Chair.

Janice Baker, read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

The CAO noted that the name of persons providing oral or written submissions at this meeting will appear on the agenda and report of the Public Meeting of Regional Council. The agendas and report of the Public Meeting will appear on the Region of Peel website as a public record of the proceedings. All postings are in compliance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

3. CONFIRMATION OF NOTIFICATION

Kathryn Lockyer, Regional Clerk, stated that Notice of the Public Meeting was given in accordance with Section 219(1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended; and, Region of Peel Corporate Policy G00-16 by publication in the following news media having general circulation in the Region of Peel:

- Brampton Guardian - November 4, 2021
- Caledon Citizen - November 4, 2021
- Caledon Enterprise - November 4, 2021
- Mississauga News - November 4, 2021

The Notice of Public Meeting was posted on the Region's website as of November 4, 2021, and the proposed by-law was available to the public online as of November 12, 2021.

4. FURTHER NOTICE REQUEST

5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer

Providing an Overview of a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it Relates to the Appointment and Term of Office of the Regional Chair
(Oral)

Received

Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer provided an overview of the proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it relates to the appointment and term of office for the Regional Chair.

The proposed by-law establishes a certain set of terms that would apply to the office of the Regional Chair in the event that the individual appointed as Chair is a Regional Councillor who is also a local municipal ward councillor.

Under the existing framework, the Regional Chair is not a member of a local municipal Council and is not entitled to hold any other elected office. Under the current regime, if the individual appointed as Regional Chair was an elected member of a local municipal council, that individual would be required to vacate their local municipal seat. Also, under the existing framework, the Regional Chair holds office for the entire term of Council, being 4 years, and the position of Vice-Chair does not exist.

Under the proposed by-law, if the individual appointed as Chair is not a local municipal ward council member of Regional Council, then there is no change to the current regime. In such circumstances, the Chair would not be entitled to also sit as a member of a local municipal council. The Chair would hold office for the full 4-year term of Council, and there would be no Vice-Chairs.

The by-law proposes a change to the current regime only if the individual appointed as Chair by Council is a Regional Councillor who is also a local municipal ward councillor. In such a case, the individual appointed as Chair would be required to continue to sit as, and to fulfill the office of, a member for the lower tier municipal ward to which they were elected, while also fulfilling the role of Regional Chair. The term of office of Chair for a Regional Councillor who is a lower tier municipal ward councillor would be 2 years, and Council would also appoint two Regional Councillors to act as Vice-Chairs.

The Vice-Chairs would be selected from members of Regional Council who are lower tier municipal ward councillors that represent two different municipalities other than the municipality represented by the appointed Chair. Vice-Chairs would be required to continue to sit as members for the lower tier municipal ward to which they were elected and would be appointed for a 2-year term.

The proposed by-law does not limit eligibility for the position of Chair and does not prevent Regional Council from appointing a Chair who is not an elected member of Regional Council and a lower tier municipal ward councillor. The by-law only proposes a different set of terms that would apply to the office of Regional Chair if the individual appointed as Chair is a member of Regional

Council who is also a local municipal ward councillor, and includes a requirement that both the office of Chair and the office of local municipal ward councillor be held at the same time.

If approved, the proposed by-law to change the composition of Regional Council as it relates to the appointment and term of office for the Regional Chair would come into force the day the new Council is organized following the 2022 Municipal Election.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (ORAL SUBMISSIONS)

6.1 Irene Ford, Resident, City of Vaughan

Expressing Support for a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it Relates to the Appointment and Term of Office of the Regional Chair

Received

7. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS)

7.1 Trevor McPherson, President and CEO, Mississauga Board of Trade

Letter dated November 12, 2021, Providing Comments on the Appointment of the Regional Chair (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.2 Cheryl Connors, Resident, Town of Caledon

Letter dated November 16, 2021, Expressing Support for a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it Relates to the Appointment and Term of Office of the Regional Chair (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.3 Kate Hepworth, Resident, Town of Caledon

Email dated November 16, 2021, Providing Comments on the Appointment of the Chair of the Region of Peel (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.4 Jenni Le Forestier, Town of Caledon

Email dated November 16, 2021, Expressing Support for a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it Relates to the Appointment and Term of Office of the Regional Chair (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.5 Diana Janosik-Wronski and David Dorward, Residents, Town of Caledon

Email dated November 16, 2021, Expressing Support for a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it Relates to the Appointment and Term of Office of the Regional Chair (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.6 Kira Dorward, Resident, Town of Caledon

Email dated November 16, 2021, Expressing Support for a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it Relates to the Appointment and Term of Office of the Regional Chair (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.7 Ann Seymour, Resident, Town of Caledon

Email dated November 18, 2021, Expressing Support for a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it Relates to the Appointment and Term of Office of the Regional Chair (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.8 Natalie Hart, Resident, City of Mississauga

Email dated November 18, 2021, Expressing Support for a Proposed By-law to Change the Composition of Regional Council as it Relates to the Appointment and Term of Office of the Regional Chair (Receipt recommended)

Received

8. CONCLUSION AND CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING

Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) stated that written comments together with those oral submissions expressed at this meeting have been noted and that additional written submissions can be made at any time to the Regional Clerk at regional.clerk@peelregion.ca up until 4:30 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 2021 and will be included in the final report to be considered by Regional Council on December 9, 2021.

The CAO officially closed the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Deputy Clerk