



**THE COUNCIL OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
BUDGET MINUTES**

December 2, 2021

Members Present:	P. Brown	M. Mahoney
	G. Carlson	S. McFadden
	B. Crombie	M. Medeiros
	S. Dasko	M. Palleschi
	G.S. Dhillon	C. Parrish
	J. Downey	K. Ras
	C. Fonseca	P. Saito
	P. Fortini	R. Santos
	A. Groves	I. Sinclair
	N. Iannicca	R. Starr
	J. Innis	A. Thompson
	J. Kovac	P. Vicente

Members Absent: D. Damerla, was absent due to illness

Staff Present:	J. Baker, Chief Administrative Officer	Dr. L. Loh, Medical Officer of Health
	S. Baird, Commissioner of Service Excellence and Innovation	A. Adams, Deputy Clerk and Acting Director of Administration
	G. Kent, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services	C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services
	P. Caza, Regional Solicitor	H. Gill, Legislative Specialist
	A. Smith, Chief Planner	J. Jones, Legislative Specialist
	K. Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works	S. Valteau, Legislative Specialist
	J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services	R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator
	N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services	

1. CALL TO ORDER

Regional Chair Iannicca called the meeting of Regional Council to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton. Regional Chair Iannicca participated electronically.

Councillor Crombie arrived at 9:33 a.m. due to other municipal business

Councillor Dhillon arrived at 9:38 a.m.

Councillor McFadden assumed the Chair at 9:41 a.m.

Councillor Thompson arrived at 9:47 a.m.

Regional Chair Iannicca resumed the Chair 10:13 a.m.

Councillor McFadden departed at 11:30 a.m. due to a personal matter

Councillor Santos arrived at 11:54 a.m.

2. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Aretha Adams, Deputy Clerk read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

3.1 Councillor Saito - 2022 Operating and Capital Budget

Councillor Saito declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 7.3 and general budget items that may pertain to the non-union salary portion of the Region of Peel Budget, as she has family members who are employed with the Region of Peel.

Councillor Saito stated that with respect to item 10.1, she does not have a conflict of interest under the Act but in caution, she will not participate in discussions or vote on the motion regarding funding for food banks, as a family member is a volunteer board member of Eden Food for Change. Councillor Saito stated that there is no pecuniary interest.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 November 25, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting

Resolution Number RCB-2021-65

Moved by Councillor Fonseca

Seconded by Councillor Dasko

That the minutes of the November 25, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved.

Carried

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution Number RCB-2021-66

Moved by Councillor Crombie

Seconded by Councillor Ras

That the agenda for the December 2, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting include a communication from The Mississauga Food Bank, regarding additional funding for Peel food banks, to be dealt with under Communications – Item 8.2;

And further, that the agenda for the December 2, 2021 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved, as amended.

Carried

6. DELEGATIONS

6.1 Peel Regional Police (PRP)

Presentation by Nishan Duraiappah, Chief of Police, PRP

Resolution Number RCB-2021-67

Received

Ahmad Attia, Chair, Peel Police Services Board (PPSB), provided opening remarks highlighting the PPSB accomplishments for 2021 and that the proposed 2022 Peel Regional Police (PRP) Budget manages growth and supports community and policing needs.

Alan Boughton, Chair, Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, PPSB, discussed the process to develop the 2022 PRP Budget and its link to the PPSB Strategic Plan. He noted that the proposed budget ensures the fiscally responsible delivery of adequate and responsible policing in Peel.

Nishan Duraiappah, Chief, PRP, provided an overview of the proposed 2022 PRP Budget. He highlighted the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan and noted the following key areas of focus: mental health and addiction, road safety, violent crime and, priority populations; reallocation of officers to meet community needs; leveraging technology for community safety; investments in staff; community growth; front-line response times; staffing requirements and resource re-prioritization; and, funding grants received from the provincial government. He stated that the proposed budget represents a total net tax levy of 3.6 per cent and includes a \$59.2M Capital Plan.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding: service levels in north east Brampton; calls for service response and prioritization; the number of officers per capita; emerging technology; bail reform; CCTV camera initiative; Project Noisemaker and other joint forces operations; placement of PRP satellite stations; police deployment model; the inclusion of PRP assets in the Region of Peel enterprise asset management system in 2022; the potential for co-located facilities; auxiliary officer training; and, expansion of crisis support workers.

The Commissioner of Health Services was requested to explore opportunities for emergency services personnel to use other emergency services facilities.

The Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services was requested to report to a future meeting of Regional Council with an update on advocacy efforts to increase the number of Crisis Support Counsellors.

Council recessed at 12:15 p.m.

Council reconvened at 12:45 p.m.

Item 6.5 was dealt with.

6.5 Credit Valley Conservation Authority (CVC)

Presentation by Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, CVC

Resolution Number RCB-2021-68**Received**

Deborah Martin-Downs, Chief Administrative Officer, Credit Valley Conservation (CVC), provided the CVC 2022 Budget overview and highlighted 2021 accomplishments and the following 2022 activities: rural land owner engagement; land stewardship projects; development and implementation of risk management plan to improve protection of municipal drinking water; Fletcher's Creek SNAP program; Community Tree project; flood plain mapping; school rain gardens; natural heritage inventory program; environmental monitoring; credit watershed plan; enhanced digital communication tools; park infrastructure enhancements; Bell Fountain Conservation Area project; and, the Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area project. She noted that the 2022 Budget includes a proposed 2.4 per cent net levy increase and reviewed the budget pressures and drivers; funding sources; 2023 to 2025 budget forecast; and, inflationary pressures.

In response to a question from Councillor Sinclair regarding management of the upper Credit River, Deborah Martin-Downs noted that CVC is working closely with the Town of Erin on their sewage treatment plant to monitor water quality and are looking at ways to modify the lake discharge.

Members of Council congratulated and wished Deborah Martin-Downs well in her retirement.

6.2 Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), Caledon Detachment

Presentation by Heather Haire, Treasurer, Town of Caledon, and Staff Sergeant Marcus Sanderson, Caledon OPP
(Related to 8.1)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-69**Received**

Staff Sergeant Marcus Sanderson, Caledon Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), provided an overview of the proposed 2022 OPP Budget. He highlighted contract enhancements, increased calls for service, support services provided to the Town of Caledon and, 2022 key priorities: traffic safety, effective community engagement, and property and violent crime reduction. He reviewed the 2021 operational efficiencies, community safety and engagement.

Heather Haire, Treasurer, Town of Caledon, provided the funding details of the proposed 2022 Caledon OPP Budget and the 2023-2025 forecast. She highlighted the current reserve fund balances which will support the 2022 capital projects.

In response to questions from Councillor Groves regarding commercial vehicle traffic and coordinated efforts with Peel Regional Police and other enforcement bodies, Staff Sergeant Sanderson noted that the OPP recognizes the increased truck traffic in the Town of Caledon and are focused on daily commercial vehicle enforcement initiatives. He noted that the OPP works closely with the Ministry of Transportation and Peel Regional Police on joint enforcement activities.

6.3 Conservation Halton (CH)

Presentation by Hassaan Basit, President and Chief Executive Officer, CH

Resolution Number RCB-2021-70**Received**

Hassaan Basit, President and Chief Executive Officer, Conservation Halton (CH), provided the CH 2022 Budget overview and highlighted CH's new Strategic Plan; external budget drivers: population growth, changing technology, climate change, inflation rate, aging infrastructure and continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and, 2022 priorities. He stated that the budget includes a proposed 2.2 per cent net levy increase for Peel Region. He presented the municipal funding forecast for 2023 to 2025, efficiencies implemented and program impacts as a result of funding support.

6.4 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA)

Presentation by John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, TRCA

Resolution Number RCB-2021-71**Received**

John MacKenzie, Chief Executive Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), provided the TRCA 2022 Budget overview and highlighted 2022 project initiatives for the watershed, climate, and infrastructure; outlined the services that are being provided; and, provincial funding impacts. He stated that the 2022 Budget includes a proposed 0.5 per cent net levy increase. He reviewed the 2023 to 2025 budget forecast; 2022 budget pressures; efficiencies implemented; residual impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; and, the pandemic recovery plan.

Councillor Innis requested that the Conservation Authorities budget presentations be scheduled on a separate day from the Police budget presentations.

7. REPORTS**7.1 Enterprise Asset Management Program****Resolution Number RCB-2021-72**

Moved by Councillor Parrish

Seconded by Councillor Downey

That the amendments to the asset classes and asset levels of service, outlined in Appendix II of the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, listed on the November 25, 2021 Regional Council Budget agenda titled "Enterprise Asset Management Program Update," be approved;

And further, that the 2021 Asset Management Plan be endorsed, in compliance with Ontario Regulation 588/17 and the Infrastructure for Jobs and Prosperity Act, 2015.

Carried

7.2 Overview and Update on the Status of Reserves

(For information)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-73

Received

Item 10.1 was dealt with.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION/MOTION

10.1 Motion Regarding Additional Funding for Region of Peel Food Banks

Resolution Number RCB-2021-74

Moved by Councillor Parrish
Seconded by Councillor Groves and Councillor Medeiros

Whereas the pandemic has caused the use of food banks to almost double over the past 18 months;

And whereas, the residents and businesses in the Region of Peel have risen to the challenge, providing food and funding to assist the hundreds of volunteers who work tirelessly in those food banks;

And whereas, expanded storage, unbudgeted costs and other capital and operational requirements have become necessary;

Therefore be it resolved, that for two consecutive budgets (2022 and 2023) only, an additional amount of up to \$2 million in each year be allocated specifically to address applications from the Region’s food banks to assist with their capital and operational requirements and therefore better serve those in need in the Region of Peel;

And further, that food banks currently eligible for Community Investment Program funding be considered through an application process that meets the principles of accountability, transparency, openness, equity, diversity, and inclusion;

And further, that to ensure maximum impact, no food bank receive funding that exceeds more than 20 per cent of the agency’s total annual revenue to a maximum of \$500,000 in each calendar year (2022 and 2023);

And further, that the monies be funded from the Tax Rate Stabilization reserve;

And further, to encourage efficiencies and collaboration, allocated funding may be shared or pooled amongst food banks.

In Favour (20): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Groves, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Starr, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Abstain (2): Councillor Palleschi, and Councillor Saito

Absent (2): Councillor Damerla, and Councillor McFadden

Carried

In response to questions and comments from Members of Council regarding collaboration of Peel Regional food banks to leverage resources, Janice Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services noted that more than 80 agencies provide food related services in the Region of Peel and approval of the motion will help to encourage efficiency and collaboration.

The Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services undertook to report to a future meeting of Regional Council with additional information regarding the Tax Rebate Program for Low-Income Seniors.

7. REPORTS

7.3 2022 Operating and Capital Budget

Councillor Saito stated that with respect to item 10.1, she does not have a conflict of interest under the Act but in caution, she will not participate in discussions or vote on the motion regarding funding for food banks, as a family member is a volunteer board member of Eden Food for Change. Councillor Saito stated that there is no pecuniary interest.

Resolution Number RCB-2021-75

Moved by Councillor Parrish

Seconded by Councillor Fonseca

That the salary portion of the 2022 Regional Budget which includes a 1.75 per cent non-union salary band adjustment, be approved.

In Favour (19): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Starr, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Abstain (2): Councillor Groves, and Councillor Palleschi

Absent (2): Councillor Damerla, Councillor McFadden, and Councillor Saito

Carried

Resolution Number RCB-2021-76

Moved by Councillor Parrish
Seconded by Councillor Fonseca

That the 2022 Operating Budget at a total value of \$2,743,129,278 as set out in Summary I of the 2022 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, attached as Appendix II to the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner Corporate Services, listed on the November 25, 2021 Regional Council Budget agenda, titled "2022 Operating and Capital Budget", be approved;

And further, that the By-law to apportion the \$1,228,861,665 net levy funding required, be presented for enactment;

And further, that the 2022 Capital Budget for Property Tax and Utility Rate Supported Services totaling \$1,122,716,681 as set out in Summary VI (a) of the 2022 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, attached as Appendix II to the subject report, be approved;

And further, that the Consolidated 10 Year Capital Plan totaling \$11,894,403,565 as summarized in Summary VII of the 2022 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, attached as Appendix II to the subject report, be approved, in principle, for planning purposes;

And further, that the changes to the user fees and charges effective January 1, 2022 proposed in Summary VIII a) and the changes to the user fees and charges effective April 1, 2022 (Water and Wastewater rates) proposed in Summary VIII b) of the 2022 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget, attached as Appendix II to the subject report, be approved, to take effect in accordance with the associated By-law;

And further, that the Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to carry out any necessary technical adjustments in the 2022 Operating Budget, and present the necessary levy By-law for enactment;

And further, that the necessary By-law to amend the Fees By-law, to transfer the water, wastewater, sewer and waste management system fees and charges into the Fees By-law and to repeal the associated By-laws, as outlined in Summary VIII of the 2022 Consolidated Operating and Capital Budget attached as Appendix II to the subject report, be presented for enactment.

In Favour (20): Councillor Brown, Councillor Carlson, Councillor Crombie, Councillor Dasko, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Downey, Councillor Fonseca, Councillor Fortini, Councillor Innis, Councillor Kovac, Councillor Mahoney, Councillor Medeiros, Councillor Parrish, Councillor Ras, Councillor Saito, Councillor Santos, Councillor Sinclair, Councillor Starr, Councillor Thompson, and Councillor Vicente

Opposed (1): Councillor Groves

Abstain (1): Councillor Palleschi

Absent (2): Councillor Damerla, and Councillor McFadden

Carried

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1 Laura Hall, Director, Corporate Services and Town Clerk, Town of Caledon

Letter dated November 18, 2021, Regarding the 2022 Caledon Ontario Provincial Police Budget and 2023-2025 Projections (Receipt recommended) (Related to 6.2)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-77

Received

8.2 Meghan Nicholls, Chief Executive Officer, The Mississauga Food Bank

Letter dated December 1, 2021, Expressing Support for Additional Funding for Peel Food Banks (Receipt recommended) (Related to 10.1)

Resolution Number RCB-2021-78

Received

9. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

11. BY-LAWS

Three Readings

Resolution Number RCB-2021-79

Moved by Councillor Sinclair

Seconded by Councillor Ras

That the by-law listed on the December 2, 2021 Regional Council Budget agenda, being By-law 65-2021, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, signed by the Regional Chair and the Deputy Clerk, and the Corporate Seal be affixed thereto.

Carried

11.1 By-law 65-2021

A by-law to amend By-law 43-2002 titled the "Fees By-law", as amended, and to repeal By-law Numbers 6-2021, 14-2007, 10-2021, 21-2021, 15-2007, 9-2021, 20-2021, 16-2007, 7-2021, 17-2007, 8-2021.

12. IN CAMERA MATTERS

Nil.

13. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Resolution Number RCB-2021-80

Moved by Councillor Thompson

Seconded by Councillor Parrish

That By-law 67-2021 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council at its Budget meeting held on December 2, 2021, to deliberate the 2022 Budget and to authorize the execution of documents in accordance with the Region of Peel by-laws relating thereto, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, signed by the Regional Chair and the Deputy Clerk, and the corporate seal be affixed thereto.

Carried

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 p.m.

Deputy Clerk

Regional Chair