



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Members Present:	G. Carlson A. Groves N. Iannicca	J. Innis S. McFadden I. Sinclair
Members Absent:	K. Ras P. Saito	R. Santos
Staff Present	J. Baker, Chief Administrative Officer S. Baird, Commissioner of Service Excellence and Innovation G. Kent, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services P. Caza, Regional Solicitor K. Dedman, Commissioner of Public Works J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services Dr. L. Loh, Medical Officer of Health	M. Schiller, Director, Real Property Asset Management K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Administration C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services H. Gill, Committee Clerk S. Valteau, Legislative Specialist R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator S. MacGregor, Legislative Technical Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor Groves, Committee Chair, called the Emergency Management Program Committee meeting to order on November 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive. Members of the Committee and staff participated electronically.

Councillor Ras was absent due to a personal matter.

Councillor Santos was absent due to other municipal business.

Councillor Carlson arrived at 11:03 a.m.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION EMPC-1-2021:

That the agenda for the November 4, 2021 Emergency Management Program Committee meeting include a motion from Councillor Sinclair regarding the Region of Peel Emergency Plan, to be dealt with under Other Business – Item 7.1;

And further, that the agenda for the November 4, 2021 Emergency Management Program Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

4. DELEGATIONS

Nil.

5. REPORTS

5.1 2020 Regional Fire Coordinator's Program Summary

(For information)

Received

5.2 Overview of Regional Emergency Management 2021 Program Activities

(For information)

Received

5.3 Status Update on the 2021 Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management Compliance Requirements

(For information)

Received

5.4 9-1-1 Annual Update - 2020

(For information)

Received

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Teepu Khawja, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief, Emergency Management, Ministry of the Solicitor General

Letter dated April 7, 2021, Regarding *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act 2020* Compliance Results (Receipt recommended)

Received

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Motion Regarding the Region of Peel Emergency Plan

(As requested by Councillor Sinclair)

RECOMMENDATION EMPC-2-2021:

Whereas the current Region of Peel Emergency Plan is largely focused on incidents causing physical harm to people and infrastructure;

And whereas, the COVID-19 Virus Pandemic has not harmed any infrastructure, rather sickened and killed many people and frightened the entire population of Peel and Canada;

And whereas, the recent Ontario SARS epidemic resulted in the SARS Commission, 2004 Report and many of the recommendations have not been fully implemented;

And whereas, the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board has warned that the world has neither the capacity to end the current pandemic in the near future, nor to prevent the next one, and emphasized the need to strengthen the ecosystem of epidemic preparedness and response;

And whereas, the emergency measures necessary to deal with an epidemic are entirely different from those useful to address incidents causing physical harm to people and infrastructure such as floods and explosions;

Therefore be it resolved, that Peel Emergency Management staff and Peel Public Health staff be directed to begin work jointly to draft a table of contents for an epidemic emergency preparedness and response plan.

Councillor Sinclair proposed that the Region of Peel initiate a discussion regarding epidemic emergency preparation and response capabilities to ensure that the Region is well positioned to deal with future epidemics.

Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that work is currently underway to address the issues outlined in the proposed motion as staff are reviewing the response to the pandemic and looking at lessons learned. Additionally, the approach to emergency planning has evolved and the framework for emergency planning would not include the creation of a separate pandemic plan, rather it would enhance the Region of Peel's existing plan to better prepare for identified challenges going forward.

Andrew Cooper, Manager, Regional Emergency Management, explained that the existing Region of Peel Emergency Plan is an all-hazards plan and is designed to respond to most situations. He noted that staff are working on an updated emergency plan that is expected to be presented to the Emergency Management Program Committee in 2022 and that factors in lessons learned and other observations from the COVID-19 response and vaccination clinic operations.

8. IN CAMERA

Nil.

9. NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 5, 2022
 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 Council Chamber, 5th Floor
 Regional Administrative Headquarters
 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
 Brampton, Ontario

Please forward regrets to Harjit Gill, Committee Clerk at harjit.gill@peelregion.ca.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 a.m.