



Resolution

Agenda Number 8.8

Date: April 23, 2020

Moved by Councillor Downey

Seconded by Councillor

Whereas, health care workers in the Region of Peel Long Term Care homes are essential workers serving the most vulnerable population while facing added risk and exposure working on the front line during the COVID-19 crisis;

And whereas, COVID-19 outbreak has been declared in four Region of Peel Long Term Care homes with 10 residents and 11 staff testing positive and one resident death (as of April 19);

And whereas, there has been challenges to ensure required staffing at Region of Peel Long Term Care homes;

And whereas, in order to manage outbreak requirements, a minimum of 20 additional staff is needed 24 hours a day in each of the homes in outbreak;

And whereas, the Region of Peel has reasonably taken measures to support the health and safety of staff through supportive measures such as screening all staff twice a day, ensuring personal protective equipment is available, and isolating and cohorting resident cases of COVID-19;

And whereas, the Province has implemented a COVID-19 Action Plan to Protect Long Term Care Homes by providing greater measures to testing, screening, surveillance, outbreak management, and growing the long term care workforce;

And whereas, other provinces and worker unions have begun negotiating premiums to support front line health workers;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, advocate to the Premier, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Long Term Care to request that the Province implement and fund a program to provide premium pay to long term care workers for the duration of Ontario's COVID-19 state of emergency.

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Regional Chair