
REPORT TITLE: **Appointments to Committees, Local Boards, Special Purpose Bodies and Conservation Authorities**

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That elections and appointments be conducted to fill the positions outlined in Appendix I of the report of the Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services, listed on the December 8, 2022 Regional Council agenda titled “Appointments to Committees, Local Boards, Special Purpose Bodies and Conservation Authorities”; and**
- 2. That the Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee be disbanded; and**
- 3. That staff report to a future meeting of Regional Council with updated terms of reference for the Planning and Growth Management Committee and to finalize a recommendation on the need to establish a Planning Advisory Committee.**

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- This report contains recommendations for Council appointments to various committees, local boards, special purpose bodies and conservation authorities.
 - Appendix I outlines the candidates for appointments which reflect all Councillors’ responses received by the Office of the Regional Clerk at the time this report was finalized.
 - Voting procedures for the local boards and special purpose bodies are included in Appendix IV.
 - Committee Terms of Reference have been updated in response to the elimination of Regional Council Section Chairs and Vice-Chairs.
 - Staff recommend disbanding the Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee.
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DISCUSSION

1. Background

Following the October 24, 2022, municipal election, a package was sent to all persons elected to Regional Council for the 2022-2026 term. The package contained information regarding: an overview of committees, local boards, special purpose bodies and Conservation Authorities; and a request to notify the Office of the Regional Clerk of interest in serving as a Committee or Board Member. Indications of interest, received by the Office of the Regional Clerk at the time this report was finalized, are attached as Appendix I. (Councillors may add or remove their name to or from the indication of interest up to the time

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of appointment at the December 8, 2022 Regional Council meeting.) The Regional Clerk will provide a summary, at the time of appointment proceedings, of any additional or amended notices of interest received after the finalization of this report.

a) Elimination of Regional Council Section Chairs and Vice-Chairs

The role of Regional Council Section Chairs and Vice Chairs was discontinued when electronic meetings commenced in March 2020 and as Council meetings transitioned to a hybrid format to provide for an effective and efficient meeting flow. The new Region of Peel Procedure By-law 27-2022 eliminated Section Chairs and Vice Chairs and corresponding amendments to the Terms of Reference for certain Committees have been made. With the elimination of Council Section Chairs and Vice-Chairs these membership positions on committees will now be open to any Regional Councillor.

2. Committees and Advisory Groups

Council Members are appointed to various committees and advisory groups at the start of each new term of Regional Council. Appointed Members who are unable to attend a meeting are requested to designate another Council Member to attend on their behalf to ensure quorum requirements are achieved.

Information on the following Committees and Advisory Groups is provided in Appendix II.

- Accessible Transportation Master Plan Council Advisory Group
- Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)
- Debt Issuance Committee (DEBT)
- Diversity, Equity and Anti-Racism Committee (DEAR)
- Emergency Management Program Committee (EMPC)
- Government Relations Committee (GRC)
- Health System Integration Committee (HSIC)
- Interim Periods Approvals Committee (IPAC)
- Long-Term Utility Financial Plan Working Group
- Peel Agricultural Advisory Working Group (PAAWG)
- Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee (PPC)
- Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)
- Region of Peel Planning Advisory Committee
- Regional of Peel Planning and Growth Management Committee (PGMC)
- Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee (SHHC)
- Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee (WMSAC)

a) Disbandment of Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee

The Region of Peel is the Service Manager for the affordable housing system in Peel. The lack of affordable housing is a complex and growing issue for our community, and a priority for all levels of government, including the Region of Peel, Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga. Over this term of Council several housing related reports, with significant policy and financial implications, will be brought forward to Regional Council. For this reason and because affordable housing is one of our community's top priorities, staff recommend disbanding the Strategic Housing and Homelessness Committee

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(SHHC), to allow for all housing related reports to be brought directly to Council as a whole. This will ensure all members of Council are aware of and involved in all housing related discussions and decisions.

b) Recommended Direction to Establish Region of Peel Planning Committees for the 2022-2026 Term of Council.

On October 25, 2022, the Ontario Government introduced the *More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022* (Bill 23). Among other matters, the Bill includes revisions to the *Planning Act* that removes planning policy and approval responsibilities from certain upper-tier municipalities including the Region of Peel. Although Bill 23 received Royal Assent on November 28, 2022, changes affecting Regional planning responsibilities come into effect upon proclamation at a future date. Item 8.1 on the December 8, 2022 agenda provides a review and response to the Bill.

The current direction of Council requires establishing two committees with similar purposes related to planning and growth management matters.

i) Planning and Growth Management Committee

The Planning and Growth Management Committee (PGMC) was initiated in 2021 at the request of Council to provide an opportunity to share information and facilitate focused discussion on the Peel 2051 Regional Official Plan Review and Municipal Comprehensive Review (Council Resolution 2021-53). The initial purpose of the PGMC has been largely fulfilled with the adoption of the new Region of Peel Official Plan. Should Council wish to retain the Committee it is recommended that its name, terms of reference, purpose and mandate be reviewed and revised to reflect recent changes made to the *Planning Act* affecting Regional planning responsibilities. A summary of the current purpose and mandate of the Committee is provided in Appendix II.

ii) Planning Advisory Committee

The establishment of a planning advisory committee with public membership is a legislated requirement under the *Planning Act* until such time that the provisions in Bill 23 affecting Regional planning responsibilities come into effect. In 2019, Terms of Reference to establish the Region of Peel Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) were approved for this purpose (Council Resolution 2019-31). The start-up of the PAC was postponed and was to be activated in 2023 to coincide with the 2022-2026 Term of Council. Staff are not recommending that the Region appoint a Planning Advisory Committee as planning responsibilities of the Region are removed under the *Planning Act* in Bill 23. Upon full enactment of Bill 23 the appointment of a Planning Advisory Committee by the Region would no longer be mandatory.

3. Legislative Authority for Council Committees

Establishment of the following committees is required by provincial legislation:

- Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee (as required under Section 29 (1) of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*)
- Region of Peel Planning Advisory Committee (as required under Section 8 (1) of the *Planning Act*)

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- Emergency Management Program Committee (as required by O. Reg 380/04, section 11(1), *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, 1990)

The remaining committees, as listed in section 2 of this report, are not required by legislation but may be established and appointed at the discretion of Regional Council. The *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that (under Section 8 (1)) a municipality has the authority to enable the municipality to govern its affairs as it considers appropriate and to enhance the municipality's ability to respond to municipal issues; and, (under Section 11 (1)) the municipality may provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable for the public. In addition, Section 23.1 provides Council with authority to delegate its powers and duties (under the Act) to a person or body subject to the restrictions set out in Section 23.

As such, Regional Council may establish or disband any committee that it considers necessary to achieve its strategic priorities, where such committee is not otherwise required by legislation.

4. Local Boards and Special Purpose Bodies

Council members are appointed to local boards and special purpose bodies at the start of each new term of Council. In accordance with Region of Peel Policy G20-05 (Appointments to Special Purpose Bodies), where appointments to local boards and special purpose bodies may be made or recommended by Regional Council, members of Regional Council shall be so appointed or recommended unless there is an insufficient number of members who are able to serve. Should Regional Councillors not be able to serve on these bodies, the area municipalities shall be requested by the Regional Clerk to recommend to Regional Council, citizens or other elected officials to serve as Regional representatives on these bodies.

Information on the following local boards and special purpose bodies is provided in Appendix III.

Conservation Authorities:

- Conservation Halton
- Credit Valley Conservation
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority – Partners in Project Green: Executive Management Committee

Other Local Boards and Special Purpose Bodies:

- Committee of Revision (COR)
- Extended Leadership Committee – Region of Peel Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan
- Golden Horseshoe Food and Farming
- Niagara Escarpment Commission 1.
- Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives – Friends of PAMA Advisory Board
- Peel Goods Movement Task Force
- Peel Police Services Board

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5. Voting Procedures

Voting procedures for appointments to special purpose bodies are outlined in Appendix IV to this report. In the event that members of Council participate in the meeting electronically, voting will be conducted in accordance with the Electronic Meeting Procedures as outlined in Appendix V to this report. These procedures are prescribed by Procedure By-law 27-2022, as amended.

6. Councillor Requests for Endorsement to Other Bodies

Appointments to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), and the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) are not made by Regional Council however, members seeking support to serve on those bodies may request endorsement of Regional Council at the time of application.

CONCLUSION

Subsequent to each municipal election, a report is prepared in consultation with Members of Regional Council which outlines appointments of varying lengths for the coming term of Council. The appointments recommended in this report are required to be made at the beginning of the term of Council. Reports dealing with other appointments not required at this time will be presented to Regional Council, as required. Clerk's staff will provide an amended Council and Committee schedule to Members of Council in the New Year, when required.

APPENDICES

Appendix I - Appointments to Committees and Advisory Groups

Appendix II - Overview of Committees, Advisory Committees and Advisory Groups

Appendix III - Overview of Local Boards and Special Purpose Bodies

Appendix IV - Voting Procedures – Appointments to Special Purpose Bodies

Appendix V - Electronic Meeting Procedures for Regional Council and Committee Meetings



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