



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

**January 26, 2023**

Members Present:

N.K. Brar	J. Kovac
P. Brown	M. Mahoney
B. Butt	S. McFadden
B. Crombie	M. Medeiros
D. Damerla	M. Palleschi
S. Dasko	C. Parrish
C. Early	M. Reid
C. Fonseca	M. Russo
P. Fortini	R. Santos
A. Groves	A. Tedjo
J. Horneck	G.S. Toor
N. Iannicca	P. Vicente
D. Keenan	

Staff Present:

J. Baker, Chief Administrative Officer	A. Adams, Regional Clerk and
G. Kent, Chief Financial Officer and	Director of Legislative Services
Commissioner of Corporate Services	C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and
P. Caza, Regional Solicitor	Manager of Legislative Services
T. Buonpensiero, Acting Chief	H. Gill, Legislative Technical Advisor
Planner and Director of Planning and	J. Jones, Legislative Specialist
Development Services	D. Obaseki, Legislative Specialist
K. Dedman, Commissioner of Public	S. MacGregor, Legislative Technical
Works	Coordinator
S. Baird, Commissioner of Human	A. Dhindsa, Legislative Assistant
Services	
N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health	
Services	
K. Bingham, Acting Medical Officer of	
Health	

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

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

*Councillor Kovac arrived at 9:32 a.m.*

*Councillor Damerla arrived at 9:35 a.m.*

*Councillor Crombie arrived at 9:44 a.m.*

*Councillor Brown departed at 3:23 p.m.*

*Councillor Butt departed at 3:23 p.m.*

Janice Baker, Chief Administrative Officer provided opening remarks on Peel Talks Mental Health week from January 23 to 29, 2023. This year's campaign is focused on reducing the stigma around discussing mental health.

**2. INDIGENOUS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Regional Chair Iannicca read an Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

Nil.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**4.1 January 19, 2023 Regional Council Budget meeting**

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-22**

**Moved by** Councillor Russo

**Seconded by** Councillor Toor

*That the minutes of the January 19, 2023 Regional Council Budget meeting, be approved.*

**Carried**

**5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-23 - Two Thirds Vote**

**Moved by** Councillor Groves

**Seconded by** Councillor Russo

*That section 4.4.3.d. of Procedure By-law 27-2022, as amended, be waived to add a delegation that was received after 9:30 a.m. on the Wednesday prior to the start time of a Regional Council meeting.*

**Carried**

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-24**

**Moved by** Councillor Groves

**Seconded by** Councillor Russo

1. *That the agenda for the January 26, 2023 Regional Council Budget meeting include a delegation from Mira Budd, Resident, Town of Caledon, regarding the Paramedic Services Budget and the need for a Paramedic reporting station in the Town of Caledon, to be dealt with under Delegations - Item 6.3; and*
2. *That the agenda for the January 26, 2023 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved, as amended.*

**Carried**

## **6. DELEGATIONS**

### **6.1 Rohith Pothneni Ramachandranaidu, Resident, City of Brampton, Ward 2**

Regarding the Housing Master Plan Budget (Related to 7.1)

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-25**

**Received**

Rohith Pothneni Ramachandranaidu, Resident, City of Brampton, spoke to the Housing Master Plan Budget, including upcoming and completed housing projects regarding the number bedrooms, square footage, and cost per unit.

Aileen Baird, Director of Housing Services responded that multiple bedroom units are more commonly built to provide affordable family units.

### **6.2 David Laing, Bike Brampton and Rahul Mehta, Founder, Sustainable Mississauga**

Regarding the Regional Active Transportation Programs (Related to 7.8)

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-26**

**Received**

David Laing, Bike Brampton and Rahul Mehta, Founder, Sustainable Mississauga, provided an overview of the Regional Active Transportation Programs, including shifting transportation patterns, Mississauga 'School Streets' Pilot, Region of Peel supported Cycling Programs, and expressed concerns that the proposed budget does not adequately prioritize active transportation.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding the usage of cycling and active transportation infrastructure, micro-mobility, road widenings, infrastructure investment funding from upper levels of government, and funding allocation.

Gary Kent, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services advised that an application under the Active Transportation fund has been submitted and undertook to provide the status of that application directly to Councillor Tedjo.

### **6.3 Mira Budd, Resident, Town of Caledon**

Regarding the Paramedic Services Budget and the need for a Paramedic reporting station in the Town of Caledon (Related to 7.3)

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-27**

**Received**

Mira Budd, Resident, Town of Caledon provided an overview of the efforts of Caledon residents to have a paramedic reporting station located in the Town of Caledon and expressed concern that it is not included in the proposed 2023 Paramedic Services Budget.

## 7. REGIONALLY CONTROLLED SERVICES BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Gary Kent, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services provided opening remarks on the overall proposed 2023 Budget, including previous discussions regarding the budget overview, the Ontario Provincial Police and Peel Regional Police presentations as well as the upcoming Regionally Controlled Services budget presentations.

Item 7.3 was dealt with.

### 7.3 Paramedic Services

Presentation by Peter Dundas, Chief and Director of Paramedic Services

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-28**

**Received**

Peter Dundas, Chief and Director of Paramedic Services presented an overview of the proposed Paramedic Service budget, highlighting the building of sustainable partnerships, psychological and mental health assistance for employees, pressures and impacts, staff resourcing, population growth, the service delivery model, the business plan outlook, and performance measures.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding: call wait times for 9-1-1; response times for ambulances; off-load delays; a per capita comparison for paramedic services to other municipalities of like size; the percentages of calls dispatched to Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon; the vast geography of Caledon; the location for the sixth paramedic station; acquiring land for a future paramedic station in Caledon; utilizing the Peel Memorial Urgent Care Centre for lower acuity patients; supports for mental health and Post Traumatic Stress Disorders; the need for continued advocacy to the Province; an update on the drones pilot project; paramedic involvement with working groups for safe consumption sites; and innovative ideas to maintain a high response time for condominiums.

Chief Dundas responded to questions and highlighted that the provincial government has developed a new acuity dispatching system, based on medical evidence to determine acuity levels on 9-1-1 calls. This will allow higher acuity levels to be tiered with a quicker response time to those calls. He undertook to provide a per capita analysis of paramedic services of municipalities that are similar in size to Peel, to a future meeting.

Item 7.2 was dealt with.

### 7.2 Waste Management

Presentation by Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-29**

**Received**

Norman Lee, Director of Waste Management presented an overview of the proposed Waste Management budget including the priorities to address collection and processing costs due to tonnage increase related to growth, diversion strategies, community partnerships, the service delivery model, the business plan outlook, performance measures, and the proposed operating and capital budgets.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding organics collection at multi-unit residential buildings, blue box materials and contamination, producer responsibility, collection of used clothing or other textiles, the process involved in real Christmas tree collection, and utilizing the school system to educate students about the importance of recycling

Staff was requested to report to a future meeting of Regional Council with information regarding organics collection at multi-unit residential buildings, including financial implications.

*Council recessed at 12:51 p.m.*

*Council reconvened at 1:18 p.m.*

#### **7.1 Housing Support**

Presentation by Aileen Baird, Director of Housing Services (Related to 6.1)

##### **Resolution Number RCB-2023-30**

**Received**

Aileen Baird, Director of Housing Services, presented an overview of the proposed Housing Support budget, including chronic provincial and federal underfunding, preventing homelessness and use of shelters, staffing resources, the Housing Master Plan, the service delivery model, business plan outlook, and performance measures.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding: the shortfall in federal/provincial funding and the repercussions for the 18 projects that are to be delivered by 2028; the need for continued advocacy to the federal and provincial governments; how Peel's warming and cooling shelters are administered and operated; locating a shelter in the south end of Brampton or Malton; funds that have been received from developers for affordable housing and the impact of Bill 23; economic analysis and benefits for investing in affordable housing; and the status of the permanent youth shelter.

#### **7.4 Seniors Services**

Presentation by Ann-Marie Case-Volkert, Interim Director of Long Term Care

##### **Resolution Number RCB-2023-31**

**Received**

Ann-Marie Case-Volkert, Interim Director of Long-Term Care presented an overview of the proposed Seniors Services budget including achievements involving the Butterfly Model of Care, impacts from the pandemic, long-term care waitlist times, the business plan outlook, and performance measures.

## **7.5 Public Health**

Presentation by Dr. Kate Bingham, Acting Medical Officer of Health and Director of Public Health

### **Resolution Number RCB-2023-32**

**Received**

Dr. Kate Bingham, Acting Medical Officer of Health and Director of Public Health presented an overview of the proposed Public Health budget including achievements, service delivery model, growing population demands, online booking system, the business plan outlook, and performance measures.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding: the online booking system; child immunizations; training and provision of a food handling certificate for the Malton Youth Hub; the request for three Full Time Equivalent Community Safety and Well-Being positions; and climate change initiatives.

Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services, undertook to review funding options and training for a food handling certificate for the Malton Youth Hub.

## **7.6 Early Years and Child Care**

Presentation by Nakiema Palmer, Director of Early Years and Child Care Services

### **Resolution Number RCB-2023-33**

**Received**

Nakiema Palmer, Director of Early Years and Child Care Services presented an overview of the proposed Early Years and Child Care Services budget, including achievements involving affordable and inclusive childcare, service delivery model, service levels and trends, the business plan outlook and performance measures, and cost containment measures.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding the Region's ability to meet the 2025 targets, and a request to appropriately acknowledge the work completed by three levels of government to provide families access to affordable programs and services.

## **7.7 Water and Wastewater**

Presentation by Anthony Parente, General Manager of Water and Wastewater

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-34****Received**

Anthony Parente, General Manager, Water and Wastewater, provided an overview of the proposed 2023 Water and Wastewater Budget, including priorities to mitigate the infrastructure funding gap through the existing levy; meet the demands for ongoing construction project support related to system growth; address increasing fleet and facilities demands; ensure compliance with applicable legislation and regulations related to effective health and safety requirements, the new Excess Soils Management regulation and construction of two new soil management facilities (dewatering); achieve service level enhancements by upgrading the billing system that would address software security challenges and eliminate unsupported applications; and install electrical vehicle charging infrastructure at various Public Works facilities.

Members of Regional Council discussed and asked questions regarding: safe and high quality drinking water in Peel, collection of water and wastewater samples to test water quality, property acquisition related to aging infrastructure, water and wastewater rates in Peel versus the Greater Toronto Area, the Region's long term utility financial plan, wastewater samples for detecting COVID-19 and other related health threats or contaminants, water system repairs, watermain breaks, and water and wastewater infrastructure locate services.

**7.8 Transportation**

Presentation by Terry Ricketts, Director of Transportation (Related to 6.2)

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-35****Received**

Terry Ricketts, Director of Transportation, provided an overview of the proposed 2023 Transportation Budget, including priorities to manage and negotiate agreements with Metrolinx to expedite implementation of higher order transit and protect Regional infrastructure; provide timely reviews, approvals and technical solutions to meet reduced timelines required by *Bill 108, More Homes, More Choice Act*, and related regulations, such as Bill 23; address the reduction in TransHelp trips to reflect common trends and trip volumes impacted by COVID-19; update Regional Transportation Engineering Standards to ensure changing regulatory requirements and new technical innovations are reflected; and, build additional workspace capacity at the TransHelp Mavis Road location to accommodate staff and operational requirements.

Mark Castro, Director of TransHelp, undertook to discuss with Councillor Russo the Region's future plans to connect the service with neighbouring municipalities.

**8. REPORTS****8.1 2023 Fees and Charges**

(Related to By-law 5-2023)

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-36**

**Moved by** Councillor Butt

**Seconded by** Councillor Russo

**Deferred to the February 2, 2023 Regional Council Budget meeting**

**8.2 2023 Operating and Capital Budget**

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-37**

**Moved by** Councillor Butt

**Seconded by** Councillor Russo

**Deferred to the February 2, 2023 Regional Council Budget meeting**

**9. COMMUNICATIONS**

Nil.

**10. OTHER BUSINESS**

Nil.

**11. NOTICE OF MOTION/MOTION**

Nil.

**12. BY-LAWS**

*Three Readings*

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-38**

**Moved by** Councillor Butt

**Seconded by** Councillor Russo

**Deferred to the February 2, 2023 Regional Council Budget meeting**

**12.1 By-law 5-2023**

A by-law to amend By-law 43-2002 titled the "Fees By-law", as amended.

(Related to 8.1)

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

*Regional Council opted not to move into closed session to consider the following matter:*

- *Email from the Director (A), Accountability and Liaison Branch, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Public Health, Ministry of Health, dated January 11, 2023 (Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them)*

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-39**



**Moved by** Councillor Toor  
**Seconded by** Councillor Fonseca

*That Council proceed into "closed session" to consider reports relating to the following:*

- *Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Local Board Employees*

**Carried**

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-40**

**Moved by** Councillor Parrish  
**Seconded by** Councillor Crombie

*That Council move out of "closed session".*

**Carried**

*Council moved into closed session at 3:21 p.m.*

*Council moved out of closed session at 3:40 p.m.*

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-43**

**Moved by** Councillor Brar  
**Seconded by** Councillor Damerla

That By-law 7-2023 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council at its Budget meeting held on January 26, 2023 to deliberate the 2023 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 Regional Clerk, and the corporate seal be affixed thereto.

**Carried**

**13.1 Email from the Director (A), Accountability and Liaison Branch, Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health Public Health, Ministry of Health dated January 11, 2023**

(Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality or local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them)

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-41**

**Received**

**13.2 Personal Matters About an Identifiable Individual, Including Municipal or Local Board Employees**

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-42**

**Moved by** Councillor Parrish  
**Seconded by** Councillor Early

*That the closed session direction to the Chief Administrative Officer, Regional Clerk and the Director of Human Resources, related to the confidential oral update listed as item 13.2 on the January 26, 2023 Regional Council Budget agenda, be approved and voted upon in accordance with Section 239(6)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.*

**Carried**

The January 26, 2023 Regional Council Budget Closed Session Report will be listed on the February 9, 2023 Regional Council Agenda.

**14. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL**

**Resolution Number RCB-2023-44**

**Moved by** Councillor Toor  
**Seconded by** Councillor Fonseca

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**Carried**

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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Regional Clerk

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Regional Chair