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<p>1. Federal and Provincial Funding for Associated COVID-19 Costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide sufficient funding for the ongoing COVID-19 response, including significant costs associated with the Region’s COVID-19 Response and Mass Vaccination Program • Provide additional funding support to offset incremental service costs and loss of revenue for services that have continued to operate during the pandemic • Increase funding for provincially mandated services to keep pace with inflation and population growth • Review provincial-municipal service responsibilities to modernize the planning, regulating, funding, and delivery of those services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the last GRC Update, June 16, 2022, the Region has received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No additional funding for extraordinary costs related to COVID-19, as cost share funding was utilized to fund COVID-19 extraordinary costs at the budget funding ratio of 60/40. ○ \$47,660,30 for its vaccine program in 2022. This amount represents 100% of Peel’s ask after cost-share funding was utilized. ○ One-time funding to Peel Regional Paramedic Services of up to \$1,268,240, including \$928,802 for 2022 and \$339,437 for 2021. ○ \$4,778,700 for the COVID-19 School-focused Nurses Initiative.
<p>2. Stimulus Infrastructure Funding</p> <p>To ensure the most efficient and effective use of taxpayers’ dollars, the federal and provincial governments should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate to ensure that Peel receives sustainable and timely infrastructure investments • Ensure funding is commensurate with expected high inflation through 2023, to maintain real spending levels • Partner with the federal government to ensure that Peel receives sustainable infrastructure investments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 10, 2023, the Region of Peel submitted its federal and provincial pre-budget submissions, including updated infrastructure stimulus advocacy messaging. • In a December 14, 2022, letter to Minister Clark, the Region noted that accelerated housing targets associated with Bill 23 will impact the Region’s ability to provide infrastructure to support growth in a timely manner and will increase financial and regulatory risk. • In 2022, the Region received a \$1.4 million approval for one project, through the Improving Wastewater and Stormwater Discharges in Lake Ontario program. • On November 30, 2022, Peel submitted for the remainder of its Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) Public Transit Stream allocation, TransHelp Life-Cycle Bus Replacement Project #2 (applied for \$3,092,235). • On November 24, 2022, the federal government announced Canada’s National Adaptation Strategy: Building Resilient Communities and a Strong Economy. The announcement includes \$1.6 billion in new federal funding commitments. New investments will include:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ \$530 million to expand the Green Municipal Fund to support community-based adaptation initiatives, in collaboration with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities ○ \$489.1 million to top up the Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund ○ Staff are monitoring official announcements for when this funding becomes available ● On October 13, 2022, the Region submitted program design recommendations to Infrastructure Canada for its new Permanent Public Transit Funding program. ● On June 28, 2022, the Region also received approval for \$50,000 in funding through the Active Transportation Fund. ● On June 8, 2022, the federal government opened its Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Offset Credit System to applications for project registration under additional protocols it is currently developing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional protocols will be developed for Bioenergy Carbon Capture and Sequestration and Anaerobic Digestion, among other processes. ○ Staff are monitoring federal announcements for the upcoming anaerobic digestion protocols, as the Region determines a path forward for its organic waste disposal.
<p>3. Provide Service Managers the funding and flexibility for affordable housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create a municipal compensation fund to make Peel Region and the local municipalities financially whole to mitigate the significant impacts of Bill 23 on municipal growth funding revenues and expenditures. ● Provide legislative and policy changes at levels to increase local autonomy and improve housing affordability outcomes in Peel. ● Contribute housing funding in the form of contributory grants, which are allocation-based and flexible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Region’s pre-budget submission to the provincial government included the following key housing-related advocacy: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Region is advocating to the Province for the creation of a municipal compensation fund to compensate the Region, and its local municipalities, in order that they be made whole as a result of the impacts of Bill 23, <i>More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022</i>, on municipal growth funding revenues and expenditures. ○ Services that the Region provides are essential to support growth and adequately address items of public health and safety. Bill 23 will impact the Region’s ability to coordinate, plan, and protect those services and may curtail, rather than enhance, housing supply. ○ To ensure that municipalities can provide adequate housing services to meet the needs of their respective communities, predictable and sustainable long-term provincial funding is required.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure housing is used for homes, through measures to curb the use of housing as a speculative financial tool. • Quickly advance the Housing Accelerator Fund to support municipal efforts to address the affordable housing crisis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On November 24, 2022, Regional staff responded to the provincial consultation on changes to the DC Act, including the following housing considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The changes would immediately jeopardize the Region's Housing Master Plan. ○ Housing units already underway would be put at risk of cancellation and the loss of approximately \$250 million in federal funding. ○ Public housing corporations, such as Peel Housing Corporation, should be put on level footing with other non-profit housing developers. • In October 2022, Regional staff provided comments in response to the provincial consultation seeking feedback on Municipal Rental Replacement By-Laws, which proposed regulations to standardize and clarify municipal powers to regulate the demolition and conversion of residential rental properties, to provide consistency and streamline the construction and revitalization of new housing supply.
<p>4. Sustainable Funding to Support Peel's Strategy to Address Human Sex Trafficking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Province provide long-term sustainable operational funding to support the costs of housing, and support services for victims, survivors and individuals at-risk of human sex trafficking in Peel Region. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On February 27-28, 2023, the Region was to host a two-day strategic planning session to promote cross sector collaboration and develop strategic priorities for 2023. • On January 10, 2023, Peel Regional Police announced its first-ever survivor-led, Anti-Human Trafficking training for all officers to complete. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The training will allow all front-line and investigative officers to gain knowledge with detecting human trafficking during regular service calls. It will also integrate a survivor-informed lens to better understand and identify instances of human sex trafficking. • At the June 23, 2022, Regional Council approved making the Region's Anti-Human Sex Trafficking Strategy a permanent annual program, which aims to ensure the long-term sustainability of needed services and supports to those impacted by human sex trafficking.

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<p>5. Mental Health and Addictions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Province provide targeted operating funding to meet the growing demand for mental health and addiction services in Peel. • That the Province address historical inequities in provincial funding for mental health and addictions services in Peel to support upstream prevention and improved access to services within the community and ensure that funding matches community needs and reflects demographic changes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In its 2023 pre-budget submission, the Region requested that the provincial government provide Peel with targeted operating funding to meet the growing demand for mental health and addiction services in Peel, as mental health services funding per capita remains well below the provincial average. • On January 25, 2023, the Province announced \$4.75 million in funding to expand the <i>One Stop Talk</i> virtual 'walk-in' mental health counselling program.
<p>6. Enhanced Supports for Seniors</p> <p>That the Province:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide funding and stronger regulatory requirements and measurement to support emotion-based care and enable dementia friendly design in Long-Term Care. • Support the expansion of community support services and wrap-around care at the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at Peel Manor. • Provide formal and consistent regulation of community paramedicine, including sustainable funding and a policy framework. • Provide additional funding and service delivery changes for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program to meet the number of eligible seniors in Peel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Region's 2023 pre-budget submission requested that the provincial government fund operating costs for wrap-around care for seniors through the Seniors Health and Wellness Village, and to provide full and sustainable funding and a provincial policy framework for innovative community paramedicine programming. • Descriptions of the proposed Phase II regulations for the Fixing Long-Term Care Act, 2021 were released in February 2023 and are open for comment until March 5, 2023, to come into force on April 11, 2023. Proposed regulations cover staffing qualifications, medication management and drug administration, resident experience, and technical amendments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff prepared a submission on these draft regulations. • Ontario Health's annual business plan, released in fall 2022 sets out three-year timelines for the creation of a policy framework for community paramedicine. Paramedic Services leadership continue to engage Ontario Health and the Ministry of Health regarding this framework. • In January 2023, the Ministry of Health released <i>Your Health: A Plan for Connected and Convenient Care</i>, a plan to deliver connected and convenient health care. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This plan sets out government initiatives under three pillars: The Right Care in the Right Place, Faster Access to Care, and Hiring More Health Care Workers. ○ The plan includes previous announcements regarding Ontario Health Teams, long-term care beds, and health human resources, and funding to increase access to primary care teams

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSA Group and Health Standards Organization (HSO) have each released voluntary national long-term care standards (December 2022 and January 2023 respectively). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional staff provided feedback for both standards, including feedback from LTC subject matter experts and public health representatives. Comments were structured around feasibility, concerns or gaps, clarifications that were required, and items that were already in place. • On January 18, 2023, Minister Calandra and MPP Cuzzetto toured Sheridan Villa to learn more about emotion-based (Butterfly) model of care at Peel homes (collaboration with Advantage Ontario) • On July 21, 2022, the Regional Chair wrote a letter to the Minister of Long-Term Care, Minister of Health, and Peel MPPs to advocate for increased permanent funding to support implementation of the legislative and operational changes outlined in the <i>Fixing Long-Term Care Act</i>. • On September 8, 2022, the Ministry of Health notified the Region it would receive, for the 2022 calendar year, up to \$1,872,785 million in additional base funding through the Land Ambulance Services Grant. • The Ontario Economic Outlook and Fiscal Review, released by the provincial government on November 14, 2022, included the following re-commitments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Over \$1.5 billion over three years to expand home care including virtual care options ○ Capital infrastructure spending for LTC homes <p><u>Seniors Dental Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On May 2, 2022, the Ministry of Health approved capital funding for Peel Public Health, to construct three new fixed dental clinics for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP). The funds are to be awarded on April 1, 2023. • The Ministry also provided capital funding for the expansion of clinical space at East Mississauga Community Health Centre. The three new operatories are expected to be completed in Spring 2023.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding was received to expand OSDCP service delivery at the Seniors Health & Wellness Village Dental Suite, at Peel Manor, expected to open in the Fall of 2023. • The Ministry raised the income eligibility threshold in July 2021 to allow more seniors access to the OSDCP program. • Peel Public Health continues to advocate for operational funding to meet the growing demand for the program. Funding will also be needed to operate the new fixed clinics and the expansion at local Community Health Centres.
<p>7. Maintaining a strong Early Years and Child Care System</p> <p>That the Province:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide fair, predictable, flexible funding to service system managers to support the administration of the CWELCC program. • Work collaboratively with service system managers on a workforce strategy for Registered Early Childhood Educators. • Provide adequate capital funding to support child care expansion to improve access to affordable licensed child care. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional staff continues to work with colleagues in other municipalities, the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association and other organizations to achieve the required changes and amendments from the provincial and federal governments to ensure the goals of the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) plan are achieved in Peel. • In a September 2022 letter to Ontario Education Minister Stephen Lecce, the federal government questioned removing limits on profit-making by child care providers who will receive CWELCC funding. • A November 14, 2022 report by Ontario's Financial Accountability Office concluded that demand for \$10-a-day childcare is expected to exceed supply. • In December 2022, the province released the Access and Inclusion Framework, which sets a foundation for targeted CWELCC child care expansion in communities with diverse and underserved populations. • As part of the CWELCC expansion, the Region, as the Service System Manager for EYCC, has been allocated 7,621 new child care spaces to be realized by the end of 2026 in priority communities identified by the Region - 13 priority communities have been identified for targeted child care expansion. • The Region continues to participate on the Minister's Advisory Group and Ministry Technical Table to engage in roundtable discussions with sector partners on key priorities, including a new funding formula, adequate capital funding to support expansion, supports for the workforce, and access and inclusion. • Regional staff will provide an update to Council on the CWELCC expansion plan on March 9, 2023.

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<p>8. Invest in waste management infrastructure and processes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Province transition the Blue Box program to producers and develop a provincial single-use plastics strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Region's 2023 provincial pre-budget submission included a request for funding to ensure waste management infrastructure keeps pace with anticipated growth in Peel. On November 4, 2022, Regional staff provided comments to the Continuous Improvement Fund re: windup plan proposals to disperse surplus funds or to extend the fund for an additional year. Regional staff continue preparation for transition of the Blue Box program to align with the October 1, 2024 transition date for Peel municipalities. On October 26, 2022, Regional staff sent a letter to the Environment, Parks and Conservation minister, containing the following additional information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Box Program Transition – expected savings and challenges Waste management best practices Opportunities related to competitiveness in the circular economy On October 7, 2022, Regional staff submitted comments on the federal government's consultation paper about the establishment of a federal plastics registry. On December 20, 2022, the federal government's Single-use Plastics Prohibition Regulations (SUPPR) came into force, prohibiting the manufacture, import and sale of single-use plastic checkout bags, cutlery, foodservice ware made from or containing problematic plastics, ring carriers, stir sticks, and straws.
<p>9. Provincial support of regional and provincial GHG reduction targets and sustained climate change adaptation and mitigation funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> That the Province to set the legislative and policy framework to phase-out all fossil fuel natural gas-fired electricity generation while meeting Ontario's growing electricity needs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In September 2022, the Region sent a letter the Electrification and Energy Transition Panel re: continued engagement and the shared goal of the Region and the Province of increasing sustainable energy generation. The September 22, 2022 FAO report <i>Costing Climate Change Impacts to Public Transportation Infrastructure</i> found that climate change hazards could add \$14 billion to Ontario's transportation infrastructure costs by 2030.
<p>10. Sustainable and Integrated Transportation System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request the Province provide support for key strategic transit projects across Peel. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On September 30, 2022, the Region submitted a response to the federal government's consultation on permanent public transit funding (PPTF) in Canada: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional staff provided recommendations that highlight ways public transit funds may be leveraged to promote community social and economic benefits, such as full

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong opposition in principle to the construction of the currently proposed GTA West/Highway 413 and Transmission Corridor. • Encourage the Province to study alternatives to the GTA West/Highway 413, such as the Brampton Boulevard, to replace the currently intended highway. • Request to the Province that money budgeted for the GTA West/Highway 413 be instead invested into regionally connected transit, active transportation, and other sustainable modes of transportation. • Request that the Province allow the use of Administrative Monetary Penalties System (AMPS) to process Automated Enforcement violations and direct the net revenue from Automated Enforcement penalties to municipalities. <p><u>Vision Zero</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate to the Province for improved driver education through the license and testing program on safe interactions with pedestrians and cyclists, and micro-mobility services and systems such as e-bikes, bike share, and e-scooters. • Request that the Province convene a stakeholder task force group to advise on how a province-wide Vision Zero strategy can be developed and implemented in Ontario to provide consistent guidance to municipalities. 	<p>participation in the economy, enhanced access to affordable housing, and lowered GHG emissions and transportation related air pollution.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regional staff met with Infrastructure Canada officials regarding the public transit fund in September. The meeting included representatives from the local municipalities. ○ The Region's federal pre-budget submission, submitted February 10, 2023, requested that the federal government continue to advance the PPTF. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On August 17, 2022, the Region received a letter from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation providing updates on the Milton and Kitchener GO lines, as well as the Greater Golden Horseshoe Transportation Plan and Highway 413. • Regional staff continue advocating for MTO and MAG agreements to be finalized to permit municipalities to use an Administrative Penalties legislative framework to process Automated Enforcement violations.

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<p>11. Ukrainian Humanitarian Response in Peel</p> <p>That the Province provide dedicated financial support to reimburse Peel's Ukrainian humanitarian response efforts.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Region's pre-budget submission to the federal government request for financial assistance, noting that without federal funding, it is unclear whether Peel or other municipalities in the GTHA will be able to support these efforts in 2023.• A letter was sent on October 3, 2022 to Minister Fraser (Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship) and Minister Clark (MMAH) outlining the efforts underway in Peel and requesting greater financial assistance to support for the Region's costs associated with the humanitarian response.• Extensive advocacy efforts have been made through the GTHA Mayors and Chairs Group for financial support for municipal efforts to support displaced Ukrainians fleeing the current conflict.