August 4, 2023

Chair Nando Iannicca Regional Municipality of Peel 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

Re: Peel Region Refugee Asylum Crisis

Dear Nando,

I'm writing to share my thoughts and concerns regarding the current refugee asylum claimant crisis in Peel Region. I commend regional staff and our community support agencies who are on the front lines doing all they can to process the refugees as efficiently and compassionately as possible and providing and sourcing emergency housing, food, language, financial and health supports.

I understand that, to date, Peel Region has taken the largest number of refugees per capita however has not received any federal funding while the City of Toronto received more than 90 million in federal funding to offset the additional shelter costs while Peel's shelter system is 190% over capacity. This is another example of Peel not getting its "Fair Share"

I would like to add my voice to yours, Mayor Brown, and Mayor Crombie, in advocating the Federal Government for urgent funding to support the Region's efforts and work in managing this crisis and in coordinating the settlement of these refugees.

Town of Caledon staff will continue to attend and participate in the coordination meetings and offer supports and assistance when needed.

Sincerely,

Mayor Annette Groves

c. Mayor Patrick Brown, Mayor Bonnie Crombie, Hon. Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin Caledon, Mr. Kyle Seeback, MP Dufferin Caledon, Town of Caledon Council