



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

Members Present:	B. Butt D. Damerla C. Fonseca* J. Horneck N. Iannicca	M. Medeiros M. Russo R. Santos P. Vicente
Members Absent:	P. Brown B. Crombie* (Designate C. Fonseca)	A. Groves A. Tedjo
Staff Present:	G. Kent, Chief Administrative Officer D. Valeri, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services J. Zingaro, Acting Regional Solicitor and Commissioner of Legislative Services S. Baird, Commissioner of Human Services A. Adams, Regional Clerk	C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services H. Gill, Legislative Specialist J. Jones, Legislative Specialist D. Rai, Legislative Technical Coordinator M. Monzavi, Legislative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Councillor Medeiros, Committee Vice-Chair, called the Government Relations Committee meeting to order on October 19, 2023 at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chambers, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION GRC-5-2023:

That the agenda for the October 19, 2023 Government Relations Committee meeting, be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS

Nil.

5. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

5.1 Discussion led by Keith Medenblik, Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations

(Oral)

Received

Keith Medenblik, Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations, provided an update on the AMO Conference; provincial legislative changes, policy announcements and funding opportunities; federal policy and legislative changes; asylum claimants in Peel; housing advocacy and the HOME framework; and upcoming advocacy opportunities.

Members of the Committee discussed and asked questions regarding the lack of provincial funding for transitional housing; future opportunities to advocate to provincial ministers; the Transition Board's role regarding legislation needed to facilitate Peel's dissolution; the Government Relations Committee (GRC) role regarding Council approved advocacy; and the City of Toronto's new deal for sustainable financing and implications for Peel and other GTA municipalities.

Staff undertook to include transitional housing funding and legislative change as part of Peel's housing advocacy; to add the matter to the November 17, 2023 meeting with MPs and MPPs; and to arrange a GRC Queen's Park Day to meet with Ministers including the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

In response to a question regarding funding for refugees and asylum seekers, the Commissioner of Human Services provided an update on two recent funding announcements: federal funding of \$212 Million in 2023 for the refugee response, and the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit provincial funding increase of approximately \$40 M for Ontario. Both funding announcements included an automatic apportionment to the City of Toronto. Peel Region received \$2.11 M from the Canada Ontario Housing Benefit. Staff advised the Province of concerns regarding results of the allocation process which was based on social assistance data. Peel has applied to the federal government for refugee response compensation of \$12 M to potentially \$15 M by the end of 2023

6. REPORTS**6.1 Update on Peel Region Advocacy Priorities**

(For information)

Received**7. COMMUNICATIONS**

Nil.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

9. CLOSED SESSION

Nil.

10. NEXT MEETING

Thursday March 28, 2024
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Council Chamber, 5th Floor
Regional Administrative Headquarters
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A
Brampton, Ontario

Please forward regrets to Jill Jones, Committee Clerk, at jill.jones@peelregion.ca.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 p.m.