



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

Members Present: B. Crombie
S. Dasko
J. Downey
A. Groves
J. Innis
N. Iannicca

M. Palleschi
K. Ras
R. Santos
A. Thompson
P. Vicente

Members Absent: P. Brown

G.S. Dhillon

Staff Present: N. Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer
S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services
K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Interim Commissioner of Corporate Services
S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer
P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor
M. Head, Acting Chief Planner
A. Farr, Interim Commissioner of Public Works

J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services
C. Granger, Acting Commissioner of Health Services
C. Thomson, Deputy Clerk and Manager of Legislative Services
S. Valteau, Committee Clerk
H. Gill, Legislative Specialist
R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Region of Peel Government Relations Committee met on October 15, 2020 at 11:03 a.m., in the Regional Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON. The Committee Chair attended in-person. Members of the Committee and staff participated electronically

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION GRC-5-2020

That the agenda for the October 15, 2020 Government Relations Committee meeting, be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Natalia Kusendova, Member of Provincial Parliament, Mississauga Centre

Regarding Ongoing and Upcoming Provincial Initiatives

Received

Councillor Palleschi arrived at 11:11 a.m.

Councillor Groves arrived at 11:15 a.m.

Councillor Crombie arrived at 11:39 a.m.

Natalia Kusendova, Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), Mississauga Centre, provided an overview of ongoing and upcoming provincial initiatives focused on mental health and addictions, long term care and small business support.

In response to a question from Councillor Groves regarding the shortage of psychiatrists and the inability to utilize psychiatrists with foreign credentials, MPP Kusendova stated that provincial staff are investigating strategies to make use of international talent.

In response to a question from Councillor Groves, MPP Kusendova explained that police officers are required to complete training specific to human trafficking as part of the provincial advocacy priority. She noted that while mental health training is not provincially mandated, individual police departments may provide supplemental mental health training. The provincial government is considering ways to expand these training programs.

Councillor Dasko inquired about provincial supports for small business during the COVID-19 pandemic, MPP Kusendova provided an overview of the work undertaken by MPP Sarkaria to support the Region of Peel and the joint initiatives being undertaken with the federal government in an effort to avoid a full return to stage 2 restrictions.

Councillor Innis requested that MPP Kusendova advocate on behalf of the Region of Peel to include the Region in the Independent Commission into Long Term Care.

Regional Chair Iannicca departed at 12:30 p.m.

5. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE

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

Received

Councillor Palleschi departed at 12:38 p.m.

Keith Medenblik, Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations, provided an overview of the current provincial and federal landscapes, including an update on priority issues, engagement with Peel MPs/MPs, and upcoming opportunities for advocacy.

6. REPORTS

6.1 Update on the Region of Peel's Advocacy Priorities

(For information)

Received

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Laurie Scott, Minister of Infrastructure, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.2 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.3 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Andrea Horwath, Leader of the Ontario New Democrat Party, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.4 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Mike Schreiner, Leader of the Green Party of Ontario, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.5 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Steven Del Duca, Leader of the Ontario Liberal Party, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.6 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.7 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister, Women's Issues, Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.8 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Merrilee Fullerton, Minister of Long-Term Care, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.9 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

7.10 Nando Iannicca, Regional Chair

Letter dated September 3, 2020, to Rod Phillips, Minister of Finance, Regarding the 2020 Virtual Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference (Receipt recommended)

Received

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

9. IN CAMERA MATTERS

Nil.

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Government Relations Committee is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., Regional Administrative Headquarters, Council Chamber, 5th floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Please forward regrets to Sabrina Valleau, Committee Clerk, at sabrina.valleau@peelregion.ca.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.