



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL  
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE

REVISED AGENDA

GRC - 2/2019

**DATE:** Thursday, October 17, 2019

**TIME:** 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM

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

**MEMBERS:** P. Brown; B. Crombie; S. Dasko; G. S. Dhillon; J. Downey;  
A. Groves; N. Iannicca; J. Innis; M. Palleschi; K. Ras; R. Santos;  
A. Thompson; P. Vicente

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*Chaired by Councillor Innis or Vice-Chair Councillor Ras*

**1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**3. DELEGATIONS**

- 3.1. **Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction for the Ministry of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade;** Regarding Local and Provincial Priorities

**4. GOVERNMENT RELATIONS UPDATE (Oral)**

Discussion led by Sonia Mistry, Acting Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations; and Patrick Mangion, Specialist, External Relations  
**(Revised Presentation)**

**5. REPORTS**

- 5.1. Update on 2019 Region of Peel Advocacy Priorities (For information) **(Revised Appendix I)**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. IN CAMERA MATTERS**

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

**9. NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 5, 2020  
Council Chamber, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Regional Administrative Headquarters  
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A  
Brampton, Ontario

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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DATE SUBMITTED YYYY/MM/DD  
**2019/10/07**

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL(S)  
**Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria**

POSITION(S)/TITLE(S)  
**MPP Brampton South - Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction**

NAME OF ORGANIZATION(S)  
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REASON(S) FOR DELEGATION REQUEST (SUBJECT MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED)  
**To share local and provincial priorities with the Government Relations Committee (Oct. 17, 2019).**

A formal presentation will accompany my delegation  Yes  No

Presentation format:  PowerPoint File (.ppt)  Adobe File or Equivalent (.pdf)  
 Picture File (.jpg)  Video File (.avi,.mpg)  Other

Additional printed information/materials will be distributed with my delegation :  Yes  No  Attached

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# Government Relations Update

## Government Relations Committee October 17, 2019

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# Government Relations Update - Overview

- Federal Landscape
- Party platform alignment
- Provincial Landscape
- Looking Forward

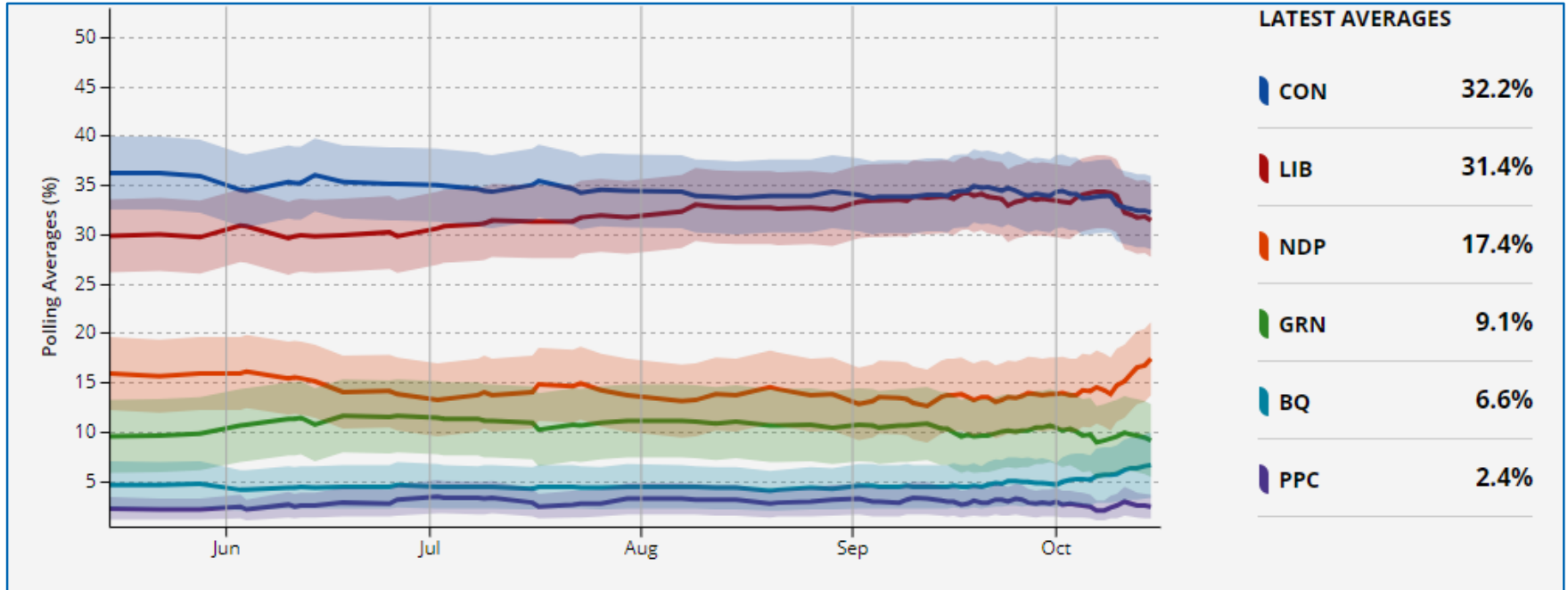


# Federal Political Landscape

- Throughout this Federal Election, polls have the Liberal and Conservative parties polling at a virtual tie
- Battle ground 905
- Ballot-box issues were expected to include environmental policy and cost of living
- During the of the campaign, considerable attention has been paid to pocket-book issues, including cuts to Canadians' cellphone bills, middle class tax cuts and child care policy



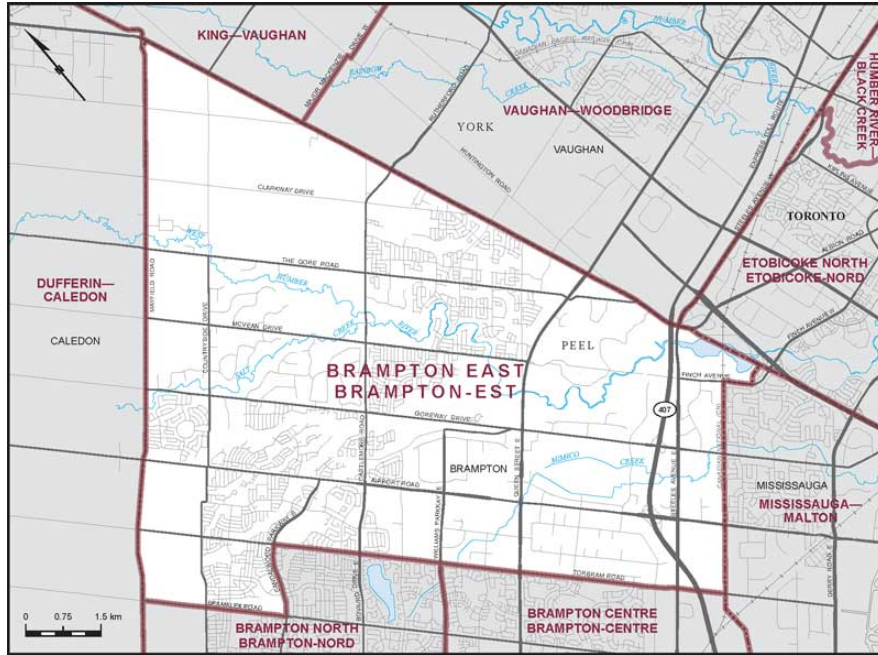
# Federal Political Landscape



- Conservatives and Liberals haven't been able to build any significant momentum
- NDP and Bloc have made greatest gains
- Polling suggests a minority may be more likely than a majority government

(Source: CBC Poll Tracker (aggregate polling). Update Oct.15)

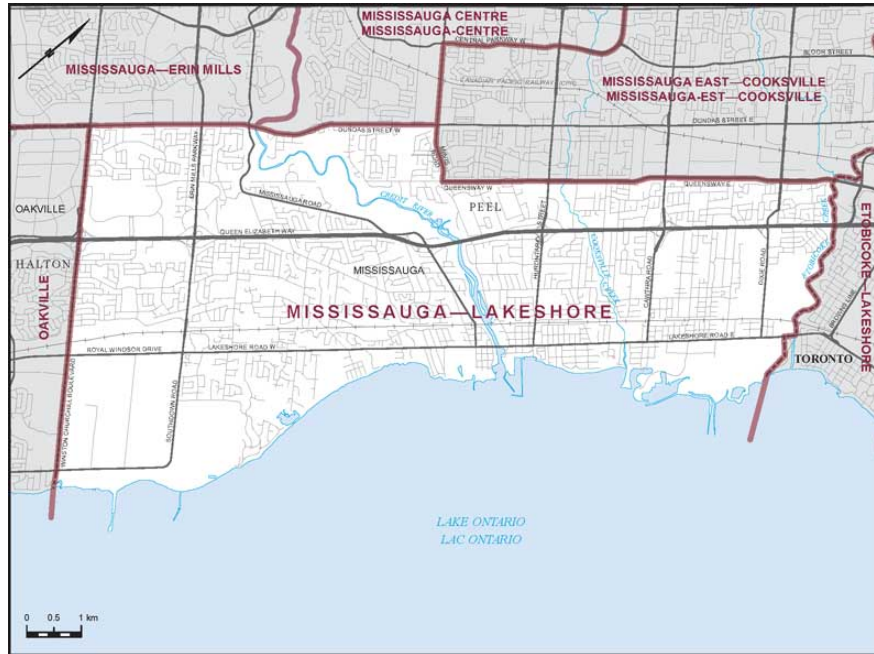
# Ridings To Watch - Brampton East



Federal NDP Leader Jagmeet Singh once represented this provincial riding. It was won by a Liberal candidate in the 2015 election, but will not have a Liberal incumbent running this time.

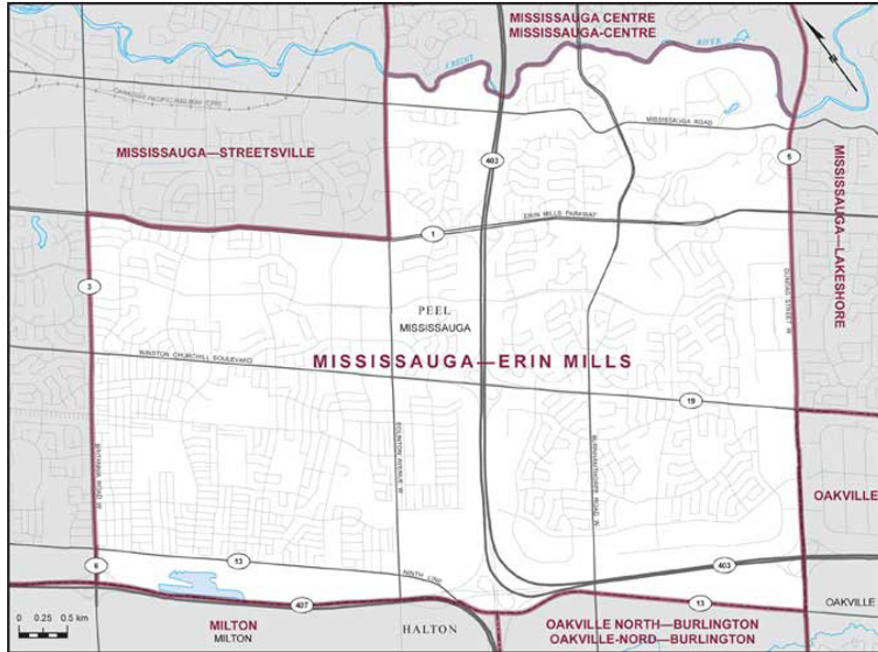


# Ridings To Watch – Mississauga Lakeshore



This riding was decided by a margin of six points in 2015. Next week's election also marks a re-match of the 2015 vote between the Liberal and Conservative candidates.

# Ridings To Watch – Mississauga Erin Mills



Conservative candidates won here in the 2008 and 2011 Federal elections. However, the Liberal Party candidate won here in 2015.

# Region of Peel Federal Election Strategy

- Strategy was shared with Peel MP candidates and Region's external stakeholders
- Highlighted Regional federal priorities based on six key themes
- Social media

# Alignment with Party Platforms

Peel Priorities	Liberal Party	Conservative Party	NDP	Green Party
Prevent human sex trafficking through education and accessible services	Introduced a \$75-million National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking strategy	Builds on the previous Conservative Government's National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking	No specific proposals	No specific proposals
Increase funding for transit	Additional \$3B a year to cities	Green Public Transit Tax Credit	Ensure federal transit funding flows - emphasis on low-carbon transit projects	Invest \$600M in 2020-21, increasing to \$720 million by 2023

# Alignment with Party Platforms

Peel Priorities	Liberal Party	Conservative Party	NDP	Green Party
Climate Change	Goal of net-zero by 2050. Increase DMAF funding by \$1B over 10 years.	Repeal the carbon pricing plan put forward by the Liberal party, replaced with emission standards to reduce GHGs	Reduce GHGs 37% from 2017 levels by 2030	Double Canada's emissions reduction target to 60 per cent by 2030. 100% of electricity from renewables by 2030.
Waste/plastics	Ban "harmful" single-use plastics by as early as 2021	Harmonize Regulations and Standards for Plastics Recycling	Ban single-use plastics by 2022	Ban single-use plastics by 2022

# Alignment with Party Platforms

Peel Priorities	Liberal Party	Conservative Party	NDP	Green Party
Sustainable funding for affordable housing	Previously announced 10-year \$55B+ NHS  (Home buyer incentives)	No specific proposals on affordable housing (Increased amortization periods)	500,000 new affordable homes over 10 years; immediate \$5B investment	Build 25,000 affordable units; renovate 15,000 every year for 10 years
Modernized Municipal-Federal partnership	Budget 2019 included a “one-time” doubling of Gas Tax transfers	No specific proposals	Fund public infrastructure through “community benefit agreements”	Creation of a Municipal Fund, doubling current funding

# Alignment with Party Platforms

Peel Priorities	Liberal Party	Conservative Party	NDP	Green Party
Infrastructure	Provinces must identify infrastructure priorities by 2021	Eliminate Infrastructure Bank; Prioritize Ontario Line and Yonge subway extension	Expand funding for communities to adapt to climate change	Reduce interest rates to municipalities on loans for infrastructure projects
Help families access affordable licensed child care	Increase number of spaces; Decrease fees; Invest \$535M	No specific proposal	\$1B investment in 2020, increasing annually	Increase federal child care funding to at least 1% of GDP annually

# Alignment with Party Platforms

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Peel Priorities	Liberal Party	Conservative Party	NDP	Green Party
Seniors/ dementia funding	Boost Old Age Security at 75 by 10 per cent and increase the CPP by 25 per cent for widows and widowers	Expanding the Age Tax Credit  Pension plan reforms	Create a national seniors strategy, which would include a national strategy for dementia	Create a national seniors strategy, which would include a national strategy for dementia
Mental health	Promising a 3% annual health transfer increase with more funding for mental health and addictions	Increase health care funding at least 3% a year, maintain additional <i>Shared Health Priorities</i> funding for mental health	Expand the current health care model to include mental health	Prioritize mental health in the Canada Health Accord. Create a mental health strategy



# Post-Election Activity

- Memo circulated outlining Federal election results across the Region of Peel
- Congratulatory letters sent to elected Peel MPs
- Congratulatory letters outlining Region of Peel priorities to be sent to new cabinet members

# Provincial Political Landscape

- Fall economic statement Nov. 6
- Increased focus on gun crime/public safety
- Lower projected Provincial deficit
- Legislature to resume Oct. 28



# Advocacy Opportunities

Issue	Update
<b>Blue Box program</b>	Starting this fall, Ontario will begin early engagement with a broad range of stakeholders, including the municipal and industry stakeholders, in drafting regulations. Staff will continue engaging on the transition process and keep Council up to date.
<b>GTA West Corridor</b>	Three Public Information Centres were held from Sept. 19 to Oct. 3 for public review and comment on the Technically Preferred Route. A staff report and an information session will be presented at the Oct. 24 Council meeting.

# Advocacy Opportunities

Issue	Update
<p><b>Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan</b></p>	<p>Staff is currently determining whether the Region could qualify for funding under the ICIP streams that are currently open. Staff is also reaching out to provincial and federal staff to ensure that Ontario's Environment Plan meets the Federal criteria needed for the release of the funding under the Green Infrastructure stream.</p>
<p><b>Provincial Policy Statement Review</b></p>	<p>Peel has submitted comments on the proposed changes to the PPS, which were included on the Oct. 10 Council agenda.</p>
<p><b>Human sex trafficking</b></p>	<p>A Regional working group has been established to develop a coordinated approach to advance the Region's Human Sex Trafficking Strategy Outreach with community partners and potential funding opportunities is ongoing</p>

# Advocacy Opportunities

Issue	Update
<b>Public Health Reorganization (Bill 116)</b>	The <i>Foundations for Promoting and Protecting Mental Health and Addictions Services Act</i> is expected to include various legislative and regulatory changes this fall
<b>Mental Health</b>	To better understand mental health issues from a Peel perspective, Associate Minister of Mental Health has expressed interest in attending a mental health roundtable on Oct. 21. Region of Peel Staff is working with community partners to coordinate the roundtable.

# Looking Forward

- **Ontario and Federal budgets**
  - Expected Q1 of 2020
- **2020 OGRA Conference**
  - February 23 – 26
- **FCM Annual Conference**
  - June 4 – 7, Toronto
- **AMO Annual Conference**
  - Aug. 16 – 19, Ottawa



**Thank You**

**For Information**

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DATE: October 4, 2019

REPORT TITLE: **UPDATE ON 2019 REGION OF PEEL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES**

FROM: Catherine Matheson, Commissioner of Corporate Services

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**OBJECTIVE**

To provide a summary of the work and progress of the Government Relations Committee (GRC) related to Region of Peel advocacy priorities. In addition, this report also highlights next steps and potential opportunities related to high priority Region of Peel advocacy positions.

**REPORT HIGHLIGHTS**

- This report highlights advocacy efforts undertaken by the Government Relations Committee (GRC) since the last meeting held on May 16, 2019.
- Significant efforts include leveraging opportunities available at conferences held by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).
- This report also provides a progress report on high priority Region of Peel advocacy positions as well as next steps and potential opportunities related to these positions.
- As the GRC moves forward to leverage upcoming opportunities, the GRC will continue to be nimble and flexible in its approach to advocacy.

**DISCUSSION****1. Background**

Over the course of 2019, the Government Relations Committee (GRC) has worked to fulfill its mandate which includes developing, coordinating, implementing and monitoring government relations strategies to help advance Regional Council endorsed advocacy priorities at the provincial and federal levels of government.

By engaging with elected and departmental officials from the provincial and federal levels of governments and other stakeholders as appropriate, the GRC has implemented a variety of advocacy initiatives that has led to demonstrated progress on key Region of Peel strategic priorities.

When pursuing these initiatives and opportunities, through direction by the GRC, the Region has maintained its commitment to being nimble in its approach to advocacy. In addition, by strengthening relations with key partners and stakeholders, the Region has been able to leverage these relationships to further advance messaging on key priorities.



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### **UPDATE ON 2019 REGION OF PEEL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES**

This report provides an update on the advocacy initiatives that was brought forward to the GRC on May 16, 2019 and approved by Regional Council on June 13, 2019. It also describes the various advocacy opportunities that the Region has leveraged over the past several months. In addition, this report also includes notable progress on key Regional priorities and potential next steps where appropriate.

#### **2. Municipal Sector Association Advocacy Opportunities**

The Region's participation in associations such as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) provides an opportunity to advance its advocacy priorities and solicit support from a broader base of stakeholders. The Region's involvement also allows Region of Peel representation on the key committees and provides opportunities to delegate to key federal and provincial officials, including cabinet Ministers, at conferences and stand-alone advocacy days.

a) 2019 FCM Annual Conference (May 30 - June 2, 2019 – Quebec City)

This year's FCM conference provided an opportunity for municipal officials to engage with all major federal parties ahead of the 2019 Federal Election. At this year's conference, the Region was well represented at several significant advocacy tables including the Big Cities Mayors' Caucus meeting. During this meeting, Mayors from large cities across Canada, including the cities of Mississauga and Brampton, called on the next federal government to modernize the federal-municipal relationship as this is essential to addressing shared priorities such as congestion and affordable housing.

In addition, the Region was also represented at FCM's Ontario Regional Caucus meetings, during which members were able to engage with several federal Ministers and senior staff to discuss a variety of priorities including:

- Long-term, sustainable capital and operational funding for affordable housing
- Working with the Province to expedite the distribution for Phase 2 infrastructure funding
- Increase funding for transit infrastructure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

The 2020 FCM Annual Conference is in Toronto on June 4 - 7, 2020.

b) 2019 Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO) Conference

The Region once again leveraged opportunities available at the 2019 AMO Conference which took place on August 18 - 21, 2019 in Ottawa. This included meetings with Ministers as well the leaders of the opposition parties. In addition, the Region also used the Conference to build and strengthen relationships with Peel MPPs.

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## UPDATE ON 2019 REGION OF PEEL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES

### Minister Delegation Meetings

At this year's Conference, the Region was able to secure 11 delegation meetings which included meeting with seven Ministers, one Parliamentary Assistant and the three opposition leaders. Important to note is that while the Region's request to meet with the Minister of Health to discuss the key priorities related to public health and paramedic services was not accepted, the Region's delegation was able to speak to these advocacy positions during meetings with other Ministers (e.g. Minister of Finance) and with the opposition party leaders.

While the Region used each of the meetings to communicate specific advocacy positions there were several common themes the Region conveyed at all meetings. These themes included:

- Raising awareness of risks to municipal fiscal sustainability and the willingness of the Region to work with the Province to address the challenges associated with these risks
- The Region is a recognized leader in service and program delivery with a Triple A credit rating by both Standard and Poor's Global Rating and Moody's Investors Service
- Prior to moving forward with funding cuts and downloading of services, there is a need for consultation with municipalities.

The Region's delegation also raised several Region of Peel Council endorsed advocacy priorities with the Ministers and their staff as seen in the table below. These priorities were further validated and confirmed by Regional Councillors at the AMO Conference Preparation Workshop held on July 18, 2019.

### 2019 Region of Peel Advocacy Priority Themes

MINISTER	ADVOCACY POSITION/PRIORITY
Children, Community and Social Services Hon. Todd Smith	Sustainable Funding to Support Peel's Strategy to Address Human Sex Trafficking  Improving Ontario Works Service Delivery Model
Finance Hon. Rod Phillips	Municipal Fiscal Sustainability  Provincial Budget Cut Implications
Infrastructure Hon. Laurie Scott	Long-term Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure Planning and Funding

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MINISTER	ADVOCACY POSITION/PRIORITY
Environment, Conservation and Parks Hon. Jeff Yurek	Blue Box Transition Climate Change
Transportation Hon. Caroline Mulroney	Sustainable and Integrated Transportation System
Education Parliamentary Assistant Sam Oosterhoff	Maintaining a strong Early Years and Child Care System
Mental Health and Addictions Hon. Michael Tibollo	Mental Health and Addictions
Seniors and Accessibility Hon. Raymond Cho	Supports for Seniors

Other Advocacy Opportunities

The Region was also able to maximize advocacy efforts by engaging with the leaders of the opposition parties as well as Peel MPPs.

The Region met with the leaders of the major opposition parties including:

- Andrea Horwath, Ontario NDP (Official Opposition)
- Mike Schreiner, Green Party of Ontario
- John Fraser, Liberal Party of Ontario

During these discussions, the Region's delegation focused on the need for the Provincial government to work with municipalities to address key priorities such as:

- Long-term municipal fiscal sustainability
- Addressing Affordable Housing
- Supporting municipal initiative aimed at addressing climate change

As part of the Region's on-going efforts to build and strengthen relationships with local elected officials, the Region's advocacy priorities were shared in advance of the conference to all Peel MPPs to raise awareness of the Region's issues discussed with the Ministers. These priorities were further discussed at an event hosted by the Region in which the following eight Peel MPPs attended:

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- Hon. Sylvia Jones, Solicitor General, MPP Dufferin-County
- Hon. Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, MPP Brampton South
- Amarjot Sandhu, MPP Brampton West
- Sara Singh, MPP Brampton Centre, Official Opposition Deputy Leader
- Nina Tangri, MPP Mississauga-Streetsville, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Economic Development
- Deepak Anand, MPP Mississauga-Malton
- Kaleed Rasheed, MPP Mississauga East—Cooksville
- Sheref Sabawy, MPP Mississauga—Erin Mills

The 2020 AMO Conference will be held August 16 - 19, 2020 in Ottawa.

### 3. Recent Progress on Region of Peel Priorities

Since the last GRC meeting held on May 16, 2019, progress has been made on Region of Peel advocacy priorities. These include:

#### **Municipal Fiscal Sustainability**

- Raising awareness on the findings and key messages from the Region's and former Mowat Centre's report "Rethinking Municipal Finance for the New Economy"
- At the 2019 AMO Conference, the Region's Chief Financial Officer was able to showcase the Region's work in this area as part of panel discussion during one of the Conference's Plenary Sessions.
- FCM released a report in early September 2019 titled; *The case for growing the Gas Tax Fund: A report on the state of municipal finance in Canada*. FCM's report both notes the Region's work in this area and also includes key messages found in the Region's report.

#### **Waste Management: Blue Box Transition**

- The Region is pleased that the Minister issued a letter (August 16, 2019) directing Stewardship Ontario to wind-up the Blue Box existing program and with the timelines outlined in the letter and the Region will continue to advocate and work with the Province to transition to fully producer responsibility by 2026.

#### **Sustainable Transportation**

- The Province remains committed to the moving forward with the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment Process and
- On September 19, 2019, the GTA West Project team released the Technically Preferred Route at a Public Information Centre (PIC) for public review and comment.
- At the recent AMO Conference, the Minister of Transportation expressed interest in supporting initiatives that aim to help improve goods movement through the Region's collaboration with Smart Freight Centre. The Region is currently arranging to meet with the Minister and her staff.
- The work being done through the Smart Freight Centre recently received positive media coverage.

**UPDATE ON 2019 REGION OF PEEL ADVOCACY PRIORITIES**

Appendix I of this report highlights recent progress on key Region of Peel priorities since the last GRC meeting held on May 16, 2019. This table also includes next steps and potential opportunities.

**4. Region of Peel Federal Election Priorities and Post-Election Activities**

The 2019 Federal Election will be held on October 21, 2019. As part of the Region's Federal Election Strategy, the Region's priorities brought forward at the May 16, 2019 GRC meeting were shared with Peel MP Candidates as well as other key stakeholders.

As part of the Region's post-election activities, outreach to the newly elected Peel MPs will occur through congratulatory correspondence from the Regional Chair. In addition, Region of Peel priorities will be highlighted through initiatives such as the MP/MPP Advocacy Update newsletter as well as inviting the Peel MPs to a briefing session.

**CONCLUSION**

This report provides an update on the GRC's efforts to advance the Region's interests at the federal and provincial levels of government and to provide an overview of recent and upcoming activities. Additional issues impacting the Region and advocacy initiatives are expected to arise from time to time and may be addressed at the Committee's discretion.



Catherine Matheson, Commissioner of Corporate Services

**Approved for Submission:**



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N. Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer

**APPENDICES**

1. Appendix I - Update on 2019 Region of Peel Advocacy Priorities

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ADVOCACY POSITION/PRIORITY	PROGRESS & RECENT ACTIVITY	NEXT STEPS/POTENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES
<p><b>1. Municipal Fiscal Sustainability</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work with federal and municipal counterparts to address the fiscal gap left between the decreasing revenues generated from outdated municipal revenue tools and the 21st century challenges municipalities face. The increased risk to municipal fiscal sustainability stemming from this gap should also be more widely understood.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the 2019 AMO Conference, key messages and findings from the Region's and former Mowat Centre's report "Rethinking Municipal Finance for the New Economy" were communicated to the Minister of Finance.</li> <li>Both the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) have indicated interest on the Region's report and work in this area.</li> <li>In September 2019, FCM released the report, <i>The case for growing the Gas Tax Fund</i> which references the Region's work related to municipal fiscal sustainability.</li> <li>The Region has also provided successive rounds of feedback to the province, as its <i>Bill 108: More Homes, More Choices Act</i> and accompanying regulations have taken shape.</li> <li>The Region also provided response letters to proposed regulations accompanying the Planning and LPAT Act. Additional response letters for the proposed regulatory changes attached to the DC Act and the Community Benefits Charge were sent on August 21, 2019.</li> <li>The Region provided comments on the Provincial Policy Statement (2019) Review regarding increases in land supply availability. That "There is concern that Provincial financial tools that can be used to enable municipalities to collect infrastructure funding will not be sufficient to provide additional years of supply."</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a follow-up to the Region's meeting with the Minister of Finance at the AMO Conference, the Regional Chair has reached out to the Minister's office to continue the conversation.</li> <li>Will be looking for opportunities to educate stakeholders and provincial and federal officials about the issue of municipal fiscal sustainability.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>2. Affordable Housing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the Region of Peel as Service Manager has the funding and the flexibility to provide housing for low and middle-income households by:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ improving access to and increasing the funding contribution for affordable housing based on need, and established targets as stated in the Peel Housing and Homelessness Plan</li> <li>○ providing greater flexibility and reducing regulatory red tape within the Housing Services Act, 2011, to better determine and implement priorities that address local needs</li> <li>○ recognizing that affordable housing is key to business retention and attraction.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On July 11, 2019, Regional Council approved the Housing Master Plan, 30 development opportunities and a capital envelope of \$288.6 million to move forward with seven priority projects to achieve 740 affordable units and 100 shelter beds.</li> <li>• If fully implemented, the Housing Master Plan portfolio will potentially add 5,364 new affordable rental units, 226 supportive units and 60 emergency shelter beds to the housing stock in Peel by 2034. Further implementation of the plan beyond what was approved in July by Regional Council requires significant investment from the Provincial and Federal governments.</li> <li>• Since July, the Region is in discussions with the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) to leverage funding available through the National Housing Strategy. CMHC is supportive of Peel's long-term approach to affordable housing development introduced through the Housing Master Plan and is working with the Region to negotiate a multi-year funding commitment tailored to Peel's needs from the National Co-Investment Fund.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff is currently developing an advocacy strategy to help ensure all three levels of government contribute equally to the funding of the implementation of the Housing Master Plan, thereby achieving much-needed affordable housing supply in Peel.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>3. Waste Management</b></p> <p><u>Blue Box Transition</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wind-up Stewardship Ontario in accordance with the Minister’s wind-up letter.</li> <li>• Develop regulations to transition the Blue Box Program, generally, in accordance with the Special Advisor’s Report.</li> </ul> <p><u>Provincial Single-Use Plastics Strategy</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Region of Peel Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee endorsed support for a province-wide single-use plastics strategy as well as participation in discussions with the Province, the Retail Council of Canada and other stakeholders to develop a harmonized, Ontario-wide strategy for single-use plastics.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In June 2019, the Province appointed a Special Advisor on Recycling and Plastic Waste to provide advice on how to improve recycling through the Blue Box Program.</li> <li>• In August 2019, the Province’s Special Advisor on Recycling and Plastic Waste’s recommendations were publicly released.</li> <li>• The recommendations are generally aligned with the positions advocated by Peel and other municipalities. Notable recommendations include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Issuing a transition direction letter outlining the timeline for transition before the end of 2019;</li> <li>○ Finalize regulations in consultation with stakeholders by end of 2020;</li> <li>○ Transition will be a multi-stage process with producers having two years to prepare (e.g. 2021-22) and municipalities having three years to transfer responsibility to producers (e.g. 2023-2025); and</li> <li>○ Standardizing the list of blue box materials that must be collected.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>On August 15, 2019 the Minister issued a letter directing Stewardship Ontario to wind-up the existing program. Peel is pleased with the timelines outlined in the letter and will continue to advocate and work with the Province to transition to fully producer responsibility by 2026.</p>	<p>Participate in consultation sessions on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Blue Box regulation</li> <li>• Proposed wind-up plan with Stewardship Ontario and the Resource Productivity and Recovery Authority</li> </ul> <p>Regional Chair to write to the Minister to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• thank him for the wind-up direction letters</li> <li>• reiterate the need for a speedy transition</li> <li>• ensure that the regulation doesn’t reduce environmental or performance outcomes</li> <li>• ensure adequate oversight of producers</li> </ul>



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<p><b>4. Climate Change</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure the Provincial Environment Plan supports meeting regional and provincial greenhouse gas reduction targets and that sustained adaptation and mitigation funding programs are available to accelerate transformation to a low carbon and resilient community.</li> </ul>	<p>The Region is concerned with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry's funding reductions of nearly 50 % for flood and erosion safety services provided by conservation authorities. Services include flood forecasting and warning to municipalities, flood emergency planning support to municipalities and preventative maintenance for flood and erosion control infrastructure.</p> <p>On July 18, 2019 the Province appointed an advisor to make recommendations on how to reduce the impacts of flooding and ensure communities can recover quickly. The Advisor has reached out to the Region to learn more about the Region's water infrastructure protection programs, flood management and mapping, collaboration with the conservation authorities.</p> <p>On October 10, 2019, Regional Council endorsed comments on proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement including recommendations to the Province to review floodplain planning policies and determine whether polices, standards and guidelines are adequate or need to be updated to address climate projections.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Region will be taking its Climate Change Master Plan (CCMP) to Council on October 24, 2019.</li> <li>The CCMP has an outcome focused on raising capital to fund the CCMP's actions, including public funding available from other levels of government.</li> <li>Staff will continue to engage with the Province's Special Advisor on flood management to ensure the Province is aware of the Region's programs and collaborative efforts.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>5. Governance, Geographic Boundaries and Funding of Public Health and Paramedic Services</b></p> <p>Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain existing geographic boundaries of Peel Public Health to ensure local planning and service delivery that is responsive to community needs given Peel's geography and population size.</li> <li>Ensure strong municipal representation on the Board of Health proportional and accountable to the residents served.</li> <li>Achieve 75% Provincial funding and not increase the municipal share of funding.</li> </ul> <p>Paramedics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consult with municipalities on possible future changes to Paramedic Services to ensure consideration of impacts from a local lens and responsiveness to community needs.</li> <li>Not reduce Provincial funding for Paramedic Services in order to ensure service levels are maintained and do not adversely impact residents in Peel.</li> </ul>	<p>For Public Health, consultations are expected, by end of 2019, on the new proposed geographic boundaries, governance structures, back office efficiencies, and the proposed shift to 60/40 municipal cost-sharing in 2021.</p> <p>In May 2019, the province announced that it will cancel retroactive funding cuts for public health in 2019 to provide additional time for municipalities to find cost-savings. It remains unclear how the Province will move forward with its original plans announced in the 2019 budget to increase the municipal share of public health funding to 40% by 2021-2022</p> <p>At the 2019 AMO Conference the Province provided additional information about public health and paramedic funding:</p> <p>Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change from 75/25 to 70/30 happening January 1, 2020. 100% Provincial funded programs will be cost shared 70/30 from January 1, 2020.</li> <li>Received the same funding from the Province in 2019, as in 2018 (\$54 million), and expects to receive this same amount in 2020 which represents a potential funding shortfall of \$0.9 million depending on how the Province implements the cost share shift for the 100% funded programs.</li> </ul>	<p>Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to participate in formal and informal consultations on public health reforms.</li> </ul> <p>Paramedics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In June 2019, Paramedics staff provided comments to the Ministry team that was consulting on the standards framework for the new models of care. PRPS submitted comments and concerns regarding these regulations, as part of the feedback process.</li> </ul>

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	<p>Paramedics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provided an additional 4% funding across the province for 2019 and 2020. As a result, there will not be any service reductions for Paramedic Services for 2020 due to Provincial changes. Paramedic Services will be proposing through the 2020 Budget, additional resources to address the 2020 service demand.</li> </ul> <p>On October 10, 2019, the Minister of Health announced a Special Advisor, Jim Pine, to be appointed by the Province to oversee the consultations around Public Health and Paramedic restructuring. He will be starting consultations in the Fall 2019 and conclude in 2020.</p>	
<p><b>6. Supports for Seniors</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhance dementia supports across the long-term care sector through funding that aligns with increasingly complex resident care needs, dedicated and consistent training related to person-centered emotional dementia care, enhanced specialized supports and supportive structural design; and</li> <li>• Provide funding to the Region to support the redevelopment of the Seniors Health and Wellness Village at the Peel Manor long term care home, while also partnering on an innovative project aimed at improving integrated care in the community.</li> </ul>	<p>The 2019 Budget commits to investing \$1.75 billion over five years in long term care (LTC) homes as well as \$90 million in a new low-income seniors' dental program. However, additional funding and supports to enable person-centred seniors care along the continuum are still needed.</p> <p>The Minister of Long-Term Care attended the ground-breaking ceremony at the Seniors Health and Wellness Village on October 2, 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide additional supporting information about Peel Manor redevelopment to Minister Raymond Cho.</li> <li>• Invite Minister Cho and his staff to tour the Peel Manor facility.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>7. Mental Health and Addictions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Integrate mental health and addictions system planning and service delivery to ensure seamless access to services across the entire age continuum and coordinate across ministries on the basic social needs to support mental health promotion and recovery; and</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>	<p>As part of the province's 10-year commitment to invest \$3.8 billion to develop and implement a mental health and addictions strategy, Budget 2019 commits to invest \$174 million which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>\$30 million for child and youth mental health services and programs - it is unclear what proportion of this funding announcement will support programs and services in Peel.</li> <li>Over \$3.8 million to Central West LHIN</li> <li>Over \$2.6 million to Mississauga Halton LHIN</li> </ul> <p>On September 10, the Province pledged \$3 million over three years for the mental health initiative Project Now (formerly Project Zero). Project Now is comprised of the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School Board, Government of Ontario, Peel Children's Centre, Peel District School Board, Peel Public Health and Trillium Health Partners. Project Now aims to end all child and youth suicides in Mississauga by 2029.</p> <p>The Provincial government has also tabled Bill 116, Foundations for Promoting and Protecting Mental Health &amp; Addictions Act which would also see the creation of the Centre for Excellence for Mental Health and Addictions. Further, a dedicated Associate Minister for Mental Health &amp; Addictions was newly established in June 2019.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the 2019 AMO Conference, the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions requested that the Region host a mental health and addictions roundtable with key community partners to understand how Peel is addressing mental health and addictions issues.</li> <li>This roundtable is scheduled to take place on October 21, 2019.</li> <li>The Region will continue to support the design and evaluation of a community-based, integrated program for children and youth. Staff will also continue to monitor how key initiatives associated with Project Now will be implemented and operationalized, as it relates to Peel Public Health.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>8. Sustainable and Integrated Transportation System</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide support for key strategic transit projects across Peel, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improving transit connections between the Town of Caledon and Toronto</li> <li>○ Continue with the implementation of two-way, all-day, 15-Minute GO Regional Express Rail on the Kitchener Line from Bramalea GO Station to Union Station and further to Mount Pleasant GO Station</li> <li>○ Expedite two-way, all-day, 15-Minute GO Regional Express Rail for Milton Line</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Complete the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment (EA) process expeditiously and move forward as soon as possible with the implementation of a highway and a dedicated transit right-of-way.</li> <li>• The Region is pleased to see an extension of Highway 427 and future alignment with the GTA West Corridor as shown on the technically preferred route. The Region continues to advocate for further extension of Highway 427 to Highway 9 and beyond.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 19, 2019, the Province announced that they will resume the GTA West Corridor EA at the point it left off in 2015, and that it is expected to be completed by the end of 2022. This announcement represents an opportunity for both the Province and the Region to meet their planning objectives.</li> <li>• At the AMO 2019 Conference, Ministry of Transportation (MTO) Staff noted that a Public Information Centre will be held this Fall and stakeholders will be able to provide feedback.</li> <li>• The Region's delegation also raised the importance of the Smart Freight Centre (SFC) for the goods movement and committed to providing the Minister more information on SFC initiatives.</li> <li>• On September 19, 2019, the GTA West Project released the Technically Preferred Route at a Public Information Centre (PIC) for public review and comment.</li> </ul>	<p><u>GTA West Corridor</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The preliminary route has been released and while largely the Region is pleased with the progress of the study and route, there are a number of implications that need to be better understood. A report is being brought forward to Council on October 24, 2019 that will include high level concerns.</li> <li>• MTO Staff will also be delegating at this meeting.</li> </ul> <p><u>Smart Freight Centre (SFC)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff is having discussions with MTO staff about SFC and the Off-Peak Delivery Pilot Project.</li> <li>• The SFC is organizing a Smart Freight Symposium with the University of Toronto where the Minister has been invited to speak.</li> <li>• The Regional Chair will also be speaking at the Symposium.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>9. Long-term Sustainable Municipal Infrastructure Planning and Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that infrastructure funding programs promote the best use of funds by implementing timelines that reflect the reality of the construction and development processes.</li> <li>• Ensure a climate change plan is in place that meets the criteria set out by the federal government and that the Province work with its federal counterparts to ensure that \$1.4 billion of Phase 2 federal infrastructure funding is distributed to municipalities in a timely manner.</li> </ul>	<p>As announced at the AMO annual conference, the Province opened applications to the Community, Culture and Recreation Fund under the federal government's Investing in Canada Infrastructure Plan (ICIP) (Sept. 3, 2019). This program will make approximately \$407 million in federal funding and \$320 million in provincial funds available to municipalities. Municipal governments will be responsible for 27 % of project costs.</p> <p>With this announcement, ICIP funds under all federal funding streams with the exception of the Green Infrastructure stream have been opened for application in Ontario. The Green Infrastructure Stream is expected to open late fall 2019.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff is currently determining whether the Region could qualify for funding under the ICIP streams that are currently open. Staff is also reaching out to provincial and federal staff to ensure that Ontario's Environment Plan meets the Federal criteria needed for the release of the funding under the Green Infrastructure stream.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>10. Maintaining a strong Early Years and Child Care System</b> Support the Region of Peel's efforts to have an Early Years and Child Care system that is affordable, inclusive, high quality, accountable and accessible. To do this, we recommend that the Government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Phase-in proposed changes to provincial funding for early years and child care in order to avoid reductions in the availability of quality child care, EarlyON and Special Needs services in Peel.</li> <li>Proactively consult with Service System Managers on funding and policy changes that impact EarlyYears and Child Care program delivery and service levels.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earlier this year, the Province announced cuts that would result in a \$17.8 million shortfall in program funding that had the potential to seriously impact the Region's ability to achieve key priorities related to the Early Years and Child Care system.</li> <li>On July 11, 2019 Regional Council approved the cessation of the Fee Stabilization program (Resolution: 2019-680). The program's \$4.9 million in costs were 100 % funded by the Province. The remaining funding cut of \$12.9 million includes a \$5.6 million reduction in provincial funding for the Child Care Expansion Plan. The service impacts of the funding cuts were outlined in the report.</li> <li>On September 26, 2019 Council approved \$5.6M to offset the 20 % reduction in Child Care Expansion Funding and approved ending the Region's current Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (\$12/6 per day) to ensure that affordability funds are being used most efficiently. (Resolution 2019-847).</li> <li>Concerns surrounding the implications of the provincial funding cuts were raised at the 2019 AMO Conference.</li> <li>Due in part to municipal advocacy efforts, the Province recently deferred some of the expected reductions in funding that were originally planned for 2020: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective January 1, 2021, the Province will implement a 50/50 cost share with the Region for administrative expenses.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue advocating for increased collaboration with the Ministry to share data and provide feedback and insights on funding and policy changes that are being considered.</li> <li>The Province is making changes to the funding formula which could impact our funding.</li> <li>Seek opportunities for ongoing engagement on Peel's early years and child care programs. MPs and MPPs have recently been invited to attend openings/events at EarlyON centres and this has been effective at building understanding of what we do at both levels of government.</li> <li>Whenever possible, reinforce the importance of the Province providing 2020 allocation as soon as possible so we can continue to plan and adapt.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Effective January 1, 2022, in addition to the 50/50 cost share, the Province will cap the amount of provincial funding the Region can spend on administration to five % (from 10 %).</li> <li>● In August 2019, the Region was approved for the Province’s Audit and Accountability Funding. We have subsequently hired a consultant (Optimus SBR) to complete a review of the Child Care Fee Subsidy Program.</li> <li>● This review will find efficiencies and outline specific and actionable recommendations to save costs and strengthen accountability. It must be complete by the end of December 2019.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. Improving Ontario Works Service Delivery Model</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Implement changes to the Ontario Works Service Delivery Model to one that provides more integrated health, employment and recreation supports for single-support families similar to the Region of Peel’s Families First program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provincial Budget 2019 did not mention the Families First model; however, provincial reforms to social assistance and employment services may be aligned with the Families First principles, which use a holistic approach to social and health service delivery.</li> <li>● Provincial spending in this area is expected to decrease from \$17 billion in 2018-19 to \$16billion in 2021-22, which represents an annual decrease of 2.1% over this period.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An evaluation of the Families First program is currently underway. Once the evaluation has been completed, the Region will determine how best to work with the Province in relation to reforms to the Ontario Works Service Delivery Model.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>12. Sustainable Funding to Support Peel's Strategy to Address Human Sex Trafficking</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide long-term sustainable operational funding to support the costs of housing, and support services for victims and survivors of human sex trafficking in Peel Region.</li> </ul>	<p><u>Provincial Government</u></p> <p>The Province has launched province-wide Human Trafficking Lived Experience Roundtable on sex trafficking with stakeholders and survivors to create a more responsive and supportive system for individuals who have been trafficked and those at risk. The province has committed to investing:</p> <p>On Sept. 6, 2019, the Province introduced the Victim Quick Response Program + (VQRP+). Starting on Oct. 1, 2019, the program will become the one-window provider of victims' financial support services.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• VQRP+ will provide up to \$20,000 in funding for residential in-patient treatment for survivors of human trafficking, up from \$10,000.</li> </ul> <p><u>Federal Government</u></p> <p>On Sept. 4, 2019, the Federal government announced, a new National Strategy to Combat Human Trafficking which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$57.22 million over five years and then \$10.28 million a year on-going</li> <li>• A recommitment of \$14.51 million included in the 2018 budget toward the creation of a new Canadian Human Trafficking Hotline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Region is in the process of implementing the strategy and seeking sustainable funding to ensure the supportive services remain in the community long-term. This includes working with community partners and seeking meetings with relevant Ministers.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>13. Implications of the Transitional Regulation for a Place to Grow 2019</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include the settlement boundary expansions of Mayfield West Phase 2 Stage 2 in Caledon and Ninth Line in Mississauga in the Transitional Regulation for A Place to Grow, 2019.</li> </ul>	<p>On June 21, 2019, a letter was sent from the Regional Chair to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Steve Clark highlighting the importance of including the two developments (Mayfield West Phase 2 Stage 2 in Caledon and Ninth Line in Mississauga) in the Transitional Regulation for A Place to Grow 2019.</p> <p>This advocacy position was included in the 2019 AMO Briefing which was shared with Peel MPPs and opposition leaders during the Conference.</p> <p>On September 26, 2019 staff brought forward a report which provides an update on the ongoing Peel 2041: Official Plan Review proceeding by means of a Municipal Comprehensive Review, including process implications of the new Growth Plan, 2019: "A Place to Grow".</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Region will continue to advance and monitor progress on this position.</li> </ul>