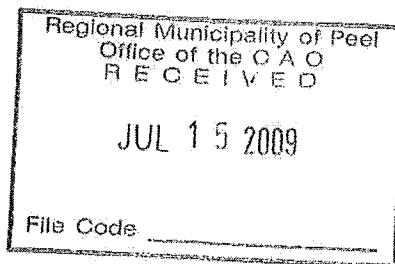


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Mr. Emil Kolb  
Regional Chair and CEO  
The Regional Municipality of Peel  
10 Peel Centre Drive  
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Dear Mr. Kolb: *Emil*

Thank you for your letter dated May 12, 2009, noting Resolution No. 2009-449 by the Regional Municipality of Peel regarding the *Review of the Roots of Youth Violence* report.

Our government is committed to addressing the complex issues that contribute to youth violence and to working in partnership with communities and other levels of government to develop lasting solutions. We believe that youth in Ontario deserve opportunities to reach their full potential and this report is another milestone in helping us to meet that goal.

We enormously value the recommendations that Alvin Curling and Roy McMurtry have brought to us through the Roots of Youth Violence report. It will help to inform a comprehensive plan moving forward to address the many and layered issues involving youth and violence. As you know, one of the key recommendations was for the development of a Youth Policy Framework and I'm pleased to say that we're going to be moving forward on this. It will be vitally important that Ontario youth play a leading role in the development of this youth policy framework.

As you may also know, a results committee has been established by the government to monitor progress in implementing our new poverty reduction strategy, *Breaking the Cycle*, and examine the recommendations from the *Review of the Roots of Youth Violence* report.

REFERRAL TO \_\_\_\_\_  
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I appreciate the time you have taken to share your Regional Council's support. I'd also like to let you know that my office will be in touch soon to schedule a meeting between provincial officials and the Region of Peel to discuss child poverty in the region.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Matthews".

Deb Matthews  
Minister

c: Premier Dalton McGuinty



## Office of the Chair

May 12, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-449

The Honourable Deborah Matthews  
Minister of Children and Youth Services  
and Cabinet Committee Chair on Poverty Reduction  
Ministry of Children and Youth Services  
56 Wellesley St. W., 14th Floor  
Toronto ON M5S 2S3

Dear Minister Matthews:

Subject: Provincial Roots of Youth Violence Report

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I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on April 23, 2009:

That the Provincial Report of the Review of the Roots of Youth Violence be endorsed;

And further, that the Regional Chair write to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services, supporting Ontario's "Review of the Roots of Youth Violence and ask that the Province of Ontario move quickly to implement and provide funding for the 12 Structural Recommendations presented in this report i.e. Report Recommendations numbered 1 to 12.

Implementation of these Structural Recommendations will:

- Ensure that a youth policy framework and governance structure are put into place to align government ministries and to support an effective collaborative approach between government (all levels) and communities in addressing the root causes of youth violence;
- Establish the infrastructure and mandate needed to carry out the remaining eighteen recommendations of the report; and
- Effectively support the four recommendations presented by the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Network to the provincial Roots of Youth Violence Prevention Committee for specific action in the Region of Peel; those being:
  - Keeping our public buildings and schools open after hours;
  - Sustainable funding for youth programs and community groups;
  - Development of a seamless support for children of all, ages and;
  - Shared advocacy for youth safety.

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Resolution No. 2009-449

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution. I look forward to your reply. Please quote the Region's reference number in your reply.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emil Kolb".

Emil Kolb  
Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services, Region of Peel  
Keith Ward, Commissioner of Human Services, Region of Peel