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Mr. Emil Kolb Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer The Regional Municipality of Peel 10 Peel Centre Drive Brampton, Ontario

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Dear Mr. Kolb:

Thank you for your letter of June 15 providing me with a copy of council's resolution regarding health and social services funding. I appreciate your keeping me informed of council's activities.

I note that you have sent a copy of council's resolution to my colleague the Honourable David Caplan, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care. I trust that the minister will also take council's views into consideration.

Thank you again for the information.

Yours truly,

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Dalton McGuinty Premier

c: The Honourable David Caplan

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Office of the Chair

June 15, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-593

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty Premier of Ontario Room 281, Main Legislative Building Queen's Park Toronto, Ontario M7A 1A1

Dear Premier McGuinty:

Subject:

Update on the Funding Gap in Health and Social Services in the Greater Toronto

Area/905

I am writing to advise that Peel Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on June 4, 2009:

Whereas, Ontarians believe in the principle of fairness; that fairness defines who we are and how we live;

And whereas, the high growth communities in Ontario grow at more than twice the rate of the provincial population growth rate and are aging at twice the provincial rate;

And whereas, population growth in these regions will further intensify due to Ontario's 25-year growth plan, Places to Grow;

And whereas, as of 2008/09 Ontarian's residing in the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) within high growth communities are receiving \$255 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to residents in other LHINs in Ontario, which translates into a \$1.4 billion annual operating funding gap for local hospital services – and these provincial funding gaps are worsening each year;

And whereas, residents of the Region of Peel as part of the Mississauga-Halton LHIN and Central West LHIN are receiving \$272 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a \$272 million annual operating funding gap for local hospital services;

And whereas, Ontarians living in high growth communities of the GTA/905 are receiving \$193 less per resident for provincially funded local social services when compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a \$641.9 million annual operating funding gap for local provincially funded social services — and these provincial funding inequities also worsening each year;

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And whereas, the Government of Ontario has acknowledged the growing funding gaps for hospital services in high growth communities by committing during the 2007 provincial election to provide \$100 million in additional annual operating funding to high growth hospitals;

And whereas, the provision of \$30 million in hospital growth funding for 2008/09 still means that the provincial funding gap for hospital care continues to widen in high growth communities;

And whereas, the Government of Ontario has announced that it is developing and will implement a new Health Based Allocation Model (HBAM) to allocate new health care resources to Local Health Integration Networks based on patient care needs and to address health care funding inequities in Ontario;

And whereas, the Government of Ontario has successfully secured from the federal government greater fairness for Ontario resulting in additional funding for Ontario through the Canada Health Transfer;

Therefore be it resolved, that in order to improve timely and local access to health and social services in the Region of Peel and across high growth communities in Ontario, the Council of the Region of Peel asks the Government of Ontario to:

- 1. Speed up implementation of the \$100m hospital growth funding commitment ensuring that growth funding is targeted to high growth hospitals and provide growth funding for social services;
- 2. Quickly implement "Health Based Allocation Model" (HBAM) i.e., population-needs-based funding for provincial hospital and health care services and develop a population-needs-based funding formula for social services, and,
- 3. Develop a health and social services growth plan for Ontario high growth communities to complement Places to Grow.

And further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Finance, all Peel-area MPPs, High Growth Communities Mayors and Chairs, and the Mississauga-Halton LHIN and Central West LHIN.

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,

Emil Kolb

Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer

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c: Keith Ward, Commissioner of Human Services, Region of Peel Janet Menard, Interim Commissioner of Human Services, Region of Peel