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DATE: May 17, 2011

REPORT TITLE: **WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY - NOVEMBER 8, 2011**

FROM: Dan Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works  
Norma Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services

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### RECOMMENDATION

**That November 8, 2011 be proclaimed "World Town Planning Day" in the Regional Municipality of Peel.**

#### REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- World Town Planning Day will be celebrated in over 30 countries on November 8, 2011.
- The purpose of World Town Planning Day is to advance public and professional interest in planning.
- Staff proposes the proclamation of World Town Planning Day in the Region of Peel.

### DISCUSSION

#### 1. Background

The Canadian Institute of Planners, through their regional affiliate the Ontario Professional Planners Institute, requests that municipalities consider issuing an official public proclamation recognizing November 8<sup>th</sup> of each year as World Town Planning Day (WTPD). WTPD will be celebrated on November 8, 2011 in over 30 counties around the world. The international organization for WTPD was founded in 1949 by the late Professor Carlos Maria della Paolera of the University of Buenos Aires to advance public and professional interest in planning, both locally and abroad. WTPD is promoted by the International Society of City and Regional Planners (ISoCaRP) headquartered at The Hague in the Netherlands.

The 20<sup>th</sup> century transformed Canada from a rural to an urban industrial society. The impact of this change on our community spaces resulted in formidable challenges for planners in Canada. Planners integrate the goals of sustainable development, good governance and economic viability to improve the health of the human environment. Their contributions to Canadian society have helped make our county a highly enjoyable place in which to live.

WTPD in Canada focuses on the progress of community planning. It will highlight the valuable contributions that sound planning has made to the quality of the environment and will provide recognition of the ideals of community planning among the profession and the general public worldwide.

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## CONCLUSION

Celebrating World Town Planning Day will:

- Consider future impacts and draw attention to the objectives, goals and progress of local and regional planning in our communities;
- Highlight the valuable contributions that good planning has made to the quality of our built environment and the protection and preservation of the natural environment;
- Celebrate our accomplishments in making those collaborative decisions concerning our communities that bring quality and meaning to our lives;
- Address the current needs of our society, while addressing the needs of future generations; and,
- Promote the importance of healthy communities and the need for personal involvement in community policy making.



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# Proclamation

APPENDIX I

## WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY

November 8, 2011

**WHEREAS, November 8<sup>th</sup> of each year has been celebrated as World Town Planning Day since its inception in 1949 and is currently celebrated in over 30 countries on four continents;**

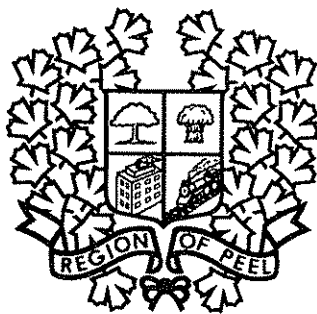
**AND WHEREAS, the Region of Peel Public Works Department and Corporate Services Department, with affiliations to the 5800 member Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and the 2500 member Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI), endorses World Town Planning Day as an opportunity to highlight the contribution that sound planning makes to the quality of our communities and environment;**

**AND WHEREAS, the celebration of World Town Planning Day gives us an opportunity to publicly recognize the participation and dedication of citizens who have contributed time and effort to the improvement of our communities;**

**AND WHEREAS, the Region of Peel recognizes the many valuable contributions made by professional planners and their commitment to public service;**

**AND WHEREAS, particular recognition should be given to the Planning staff at the Town of Caledon and the Cities of Brampton and Mississauga, and the continuing partnerships with Regional Planning staff;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT November 8, 2011 be proclaimed "WORLD TOWN PLANNING DAY" in the Region of Peel.**



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Emil Kolb  
Regional Chair