



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL**  
**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**EMPC - 2/2015**

The Region of Peel Emergency Management Program Committee met on November 19, 2015 at 11:11 a.m., in the Regional Council Chambers, 5th Floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

**Members Present:** F. Dale; J. Innis; S. McFadden; M. Palleschi; K. Ras, P. Saito; J. Tovey

**Members Absent:** A. Groves, due to illness; M. Medeiros, due to illness

**Also Present:** D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Graham-Watson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; R. Macintyre, Acting Regional Solicitor; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; G. Bursey, Acting Commissioner of Human Services; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; G. Sabat, Commissioner, Service Innovation, Information and Technology; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; H. West, Committee Clerk; V. Montesdeoca, Technical Coordinator

*Chaired by Councillor K. Ras.*

**1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION EMPC-5-2015:

That the agenda for the November 19, 2015, Emergency Management Program Committee meeting be approved.

**3. DELEGATIONS - Nil**

**4. REPORTS**

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\* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

**4.1. Region of Peel Emergency Plan**

Presentation by Richard Gibson, Manager, Regional Emergency Management

Received

RECOMMENDATION EMPC-6-2015:

That the Region of Peel Emergency Plan attached as Appendix II to the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services titled "Region of Peel Emergency Plan" be approved;

And further, that a By-law to enact the Emergency Plan and continue the Regional Emergency Management Program be presented at the December 10, 2015 Regional Council meeting.

Richard Gibson, Manager, Regional Emergency Management, provided an overview of the Incident Management System (IMS) and the IMS structure which is a component of the newly revised Region of Peel Emergency Plan. He noted that the Plan is compliant with Provincial legislation, provides comprehensive resiliency, is scalable depending on the scope of the incident and contains consistent criteria for monitoring emergency events.

Councillor McFadden inquired how the Region of Peel coordinates with the area municipalities and how Regional Council is informed when there is an event. Richard Gibson responded that all municipalities are required to develop an Emergency Plan and that Regional staff meet quarterly with area municipal staff to ensure that emergency response activities are coordinated. He noted that if there is a Regional emergency, the Regional Chair and Regional Councillors are notified.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Saito, Richard Gibson stated that Members of Regional Council are welcome to complete IMS on-line and attend training sessions. He noted that the Greater Toronto Airport Authority is hosting a full scale exercise for a simulated civil aviation emergency on May 28, 2016. He will provide further details as they become available.

**4.2. Potential Solutions to Deliver Emergency Information Within the Region of Peel**

Received

In response to a question raised by Councillor Ras, Gilbert Sabat, Commissioner of Service Innovation, Information and Technology stated that there are multiple data centres (cloud) where information is stored which prevents information being lost if one data centre fails.

**4.3. Regional Emergency Management Program Activities (Oral)**

Presentation by Richard Gibson, Manager, Regional Emergency Management

Received

Richard Gibson, Manager, Regional Emergency Management, provided an update on some of the recent activities that have occurred in the Region of Peel, including:

- The Pan Am games provided an opportunity to work with the area municipalities, the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre and Regional staff held open houses of the Regional Emergency Operations Centre (REOC) during the games.
- The Region of Peel has received \$860,000 from the Provincial government in response to the Region's \$2.5 M financial request for Ice Storm relief. On October 26, 2015 the Ministry of Municipal Housing and Affairs confirmed that the government will seek to provide further funds by the end of the year; it is hopeful that the full balance will be provided to the Region of Peel.
- Staff from the City of Brampton and the Region of Peel met to discuss the Region's response and recovery plans from the Ice Storm. In response to the previous recommendation of EMPC, Regional Emergency Management and public Works staff will continue ongoing collaborations with area municipalities to refine the scope of activities and approach to events including recovery which may, depending on the circumstances include an approach to waste/debris management following a significant event.
- The adoption of the Region of Peel Emergency Plan assists with compliance under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*. Under the old plan, the Council Chamber was designated as the REOC which was not ultimately practical. The new plan designates the Conference Centre which is located between Suite A & B. The Conference Centre was utilized during the Pan Am games and proved to be a suitable location.
- The weather remains the most significant risk with approximately 80 per cent of emergency notifications being weather related. A strong focus is placed on planning for weather events.
- Other incidents included: fires; discussions with Provincial staff regarding northern evacuations; discussions with Public Health staff regarding Ebola; the Canadian Pacific train derailment in Mississauga; and, discussions to relocate Syrian refugees.

## **5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- 5.1. Breaking News: From Association of Municipalities Ontario (AMO),** received August 20, 2015, Regarding the Government Announcement of New Disaster Recovery Assistance Programs

Referred to Corporate Services

In response to a question raised by Councillor Tovey, Richard Gibson stated that it is anticipated that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing will be providing the disaster relief criteria by the end of 2015 for the revised Disaster Recovery Assistance Program.

## **6. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Emergency Management Program Committee is scheduled for Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., Regional Administrative Headquarters, Council Chamber, 5th floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 a.m.