



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL**  
**GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES**

**GMC - 5/2015**

The Region of Peel Growth Management Committee met on November 19, 2015 at 9:33 a.m., in the Regional Council Chambers, 5th Floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

**Members Present:** F. Dale; N. Iannicca; J. Innis, designate for J. Downey; E. Moore; B. Shaughnessy; A. Thompson\*; J. Tovey

**Members Absent:** B. Crombie, due to other municipal business; L. Jeffrey, due to other municipal business

**Also Present:** D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Graham-Watson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; Dr. E. de Villa, Medical Officer of Health; R. Maciver, Acting Regional Solicitor; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk; H. West, Committee Clerk; S. Valteau, Legislative Assistant

*Chaired by Councillor J. Tovey.*

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION GMC-10-2015:

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

*Councillor Thompson arrived at 9:35 a.m.*

**3. DELEGATIONS**

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- 3.1. **Nicola Crawhall, Consultant, Nicola J. Crawhall Consulting,** Providing an Overview on Implementing the Growth Plan: Seeking Provincial and Municipal Alignment to Support a Prosperous Ontario

Received

See also Reports – Item 4.1

Nicola Crawhall, Consultant, Nicola J. Crawhall Consulting, provided an overview of the joint study commissioned by the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario, Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario and the Ontario Regional and Single Tier Treasurers which provides 15 recommendations to the Provincial government regarding the review of the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe area. She highlighted five key components and recommendations related to: how to incent intensification; revision of jobs/employment and population growth projections; the approach being taken in relation to the current jobs/people provincial targets in greenfield development; growth paying for growth and the required changes to the Development Charges methodology to alleviate systemic shortfalls; and, infrastructure decisions based on costs, risks, and integrated land use planning decisions.

Councillor Thompson raised concerns regarding employment growth; the need for high speed fibre optics to accommodate all industries and businesses; the cost of providing transit; utilizing current employment data; and, employment changes due to technology. He suggested that the business industry be invited to a round table discussion to ensure that the Region of Peel is on the right track with respect to the types of future employment growth.

Nicola Crawhall stated that all of the issues noted are being raised with the Provincial government.

David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer, confirmed that discussions with industry and business leaders regarding types of future employment and growth to 2041 are occurring. He noted that the challenge is determining how much infrastructure (water and wastewater and roads) will be required and how to appropriately charge for the cost of servicing.

Members of Council requested that Nicola Crawhall provide the presentation to the area municipalities.

Councillor Tovey asked if the Provincial and Federal governments are reviewing infrastructure funding to municipalities.

Nicola Crawhall responded that consultation has occurred with the Ministry of Economic Development and Infrastructure and municipalities outside of the GTHA to review what principles should be used to fund infrastructure applications outside of the GTHA. She noted that the Commissioners have also addressed the lack of infrastructure funding within the joint study.

Councillor Moore raised concern with municipal comprehensive reviews that are based on old data calculations for employment/population growth noting there is no framework to operate outside the policies for future growth.

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Nicola Crawhall suggested that Regional governments raise this issue with the Province through the review of the Growth Plan policy.

Councillor Tovey requested that a copy of the joint study be sent to all Members of Regional Council.

#### **4. REPORTS**

##### **4.1. Implementing the Growth Plan: Seeking Provincial and Municipal Alignment to Support a Prosperous Ontario**

Received

See also Delegations – Item 3.1

##### **4.2. Update on Creating Healthy Built Environments in Peel**

Presentation by Olha Dobush, Director, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

Received

##### RECOMMENDATION GMC-11-2015:

That a Regional Official Plan amendment be brought forward for consideration in order to strengthen plan policies to:

- Require health assessments as part of the development application process;
- Ensure municipal councils are informed of the health impact of development;
- Support the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of the health impacts of development at the Regional and municipal levels.

Olha Dobush, Director, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, stated that the Strategic Plan adopted at the November 12, 2015 Regional Council meeting endorsed development of healthy, complete communities in the Region of Peel. She noted that complete communities provide walkability and transit use which enables healthy active lifestyles for its residents. To provide complete communities in the Region of Peel, a paradigm shift needs to occur to link health with planning development. She highlighted aspects of the approach to develop healthier communities noting that Region Official Plan Amendment 24 and 25 included assessment tools to review development applications and that further refinement of policies and processes will increase the capacity to deliver healthy communities.

##### **4.3. Growth Management Program Update (Oral)**

Presentation by Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division

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Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division, provided an overview of the new approach for planning, servicing and financing growth in the Region of Peel noting that collaboration is occurring between Regional staff, area municipalities and Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD). He outlined the next steps to report to the Growth Management Committee including: a ROPA 27 update to include policies on Health and the Built Environment; growth forecast; a progress update on the new approach to planning, servicing and financing growth; and, comments on the proposed Provincial Growth Plan amendments.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil**

**6. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of Growth Management Committee is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber, 5th floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, Suite A, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario.

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**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

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