

DECISIONS

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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, January 25, 2018.

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■ Declaration of Vacancy

Regional Council observed a Moment of Silence in Reverence for the late Councillor Jim Tovey.

The sudden passing of Councillor Jim Tovey, Councillor, Ward 1, Mississauga, created a vacancy on Regional Council and a resolution was passed to declare his seat vacant.

For more information about the Declaration of Vacancy, please visit:

<http://www.mississauga.ca>

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■ Delegations

Catherine Sople, Founder, Building Up Our Neighbourhoods and Member, Peel Poverty Action Group; and Sara Singh, Founder and Executive Director, Broadening Horizons, Regarding the 10-Year Anniversary of the Peel Youth Charter

Regional Council received a delegation from Catherine Sople, Founder, Building Up Our Neighbourhoods and Member, Peel Poverty Action Group, and Sara Singh, Founder and Executive Director, Broadening Horizons, who recognized the 10 year anniversary of the Peel Youth Charter, which was developed as a result of recommendations from the Peel Youth Violence Prevention Committee 2006 report titled "Toward a Bright Future for Peel Youth". Eleven civic partners, including the Region of Peel, endorsed the Charter and in doing so, committed to use best efforts to ensure the safety, health and education and future employment of Peel's youth.

Regional Council passed a resolution renewing its endorsement of the Peel Youth Charter and directing that the Charter be installed throughout Regional facilities.

For more information about Peel Poverty Action Group and Broadening Horizons, please visit:

<https://ppag.wordpress.com/> and

<https://www.broadeninghorizons.ca/>

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Lynn Ward, Executive Director; and Lucy Cameron, Board President, Armagh Providing an Overview of Armagh's Services, Programs and Outcomes

Regional Council received a delegation from Lynn Ward, Executive Director and Lucy Cameron, President, Armagh, who advised that Armagh provides the only transitional supportive housing in the Region of Peel for women and children who have fled an abusive environment and the number of referrals it receives exceeds its capacity. Lynn Ward noted that Armagh provides a variety of services including supportive counselling, legal supports, transportation support for safety and security, and life skills for independent living. Families continue to receive after-care support services from Armagh for as long as the families require it.

The delegates requested the support of Regional Council to increase Armagh's capacity and create an additional 10 new two-bedroom units and programming space at its current location

Regional Council approved a related report from the Commissioner of Human Services and passed a resolution allocating an additional \$755,862 to the Armagh Transitional Housing Project, bringing the total funding for the project to \$5,255,862. Regional Council also approved up to \$200,000 per year from the provincially funded Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative, to support the operations of the project, which is expected to be completed in 2019.

For more information about Armagh, please visit: <http://armaghhouse.ca/>

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■ Enterprise Programs and Services

Psychological Health and Safety Program Update

Regional Council received a presentation by Mary Killeavy, Director, Human Resources; Peter Dundas, Chief and Director, Peel Paramedic Services; and, Dave Wakely, President, OPSEU Local 227, and a related report outlining steps that have been taken to enhance the psychological supports and protocols within Paramedic Services and the implementation of an overarching, multi-year corporate psychological health and safety program. There is a full spectrum of psychological health support services available to assist in boosting staff resiliency, providing support to at-risk employees, and assisting with recovery and work accommodation.

The Region of Peel places a priority on the psychological health and safety of all employees. As such, it is continually assessing best practices and new opportunities to support the health and well-being of employees. Mental health claims are one of the top two drivers for non-occupational disability claims at the Region.

The Region is committed to providing employees with a healthy, safe and supportive workplace, which will enable all staff to contribute to achieving the Region's business outcomes and help to build a community for life.

For more information about the Region of Peel's Psychological Health and Safety Program Update, please visit: [Report Item 11.6](#)

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Meetings at a Glance

Next Regional Council Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Next Health System Integration Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Next Region of Peel Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 15, 2018 – 1:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Region's Council Chamber, Fifth Floor, 10 Peel Centre Dr., Suite A, Brampton, unless otherwise noted.

For additional information on any of the items or to obtain a copy of a report included in Decisions, please contact the Region of Peel, Clerk's Office at 905-791-7800, ext. 4526.

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