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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, May 24, 2018.

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Health

2018 Vector-Borne Disease Update

Regional Council received a report from the Commissioner of Health Services and the Medical Officer Health, providing an update on activities to reduce the burden of Vector-borne diseases (VBDs) of significance in Peel Region.

VBDs are transmitted by insects or other arthropods and the Region's VBD team monitors, controls, and where possible, prevents VBDs of local significance, such as West Nile virus and Lyme disease. An established black legged tick population, which transit Lyme disease, has not been found in Peel to date, although sporadic Lyme disease positive black-legged ticks are being found throughout the Region of Peel, and south-eastern Mississauga falls within the 20km radius for a known established tick population. The risk of acquiring Lyme disease in Peel remains low. Local health care providers will be provided with information on signs and symptoms, diagnosis, management and reporting requirements of Lyme disease.

A key goal of the Vector-Borne Disease Prevention Plan for 2018 is to minimize the impact of West Nile virus on human health through region-wide surveillance and Integrated Mosquito Management, which includes larviciding, source reduction and public education.

For more information on mosquito and tick-borne diseases, please visit:

<http://www.peelregion.ca/health/vbd/index.htm>

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Human Services

Service Delivery Model to Create Equitable Access to High Quality EarlyON Child and Family Programs

Regional Council passed a resolution approving the recommended Service Delivery Model for Peel's EarlyON Child and Family Centres, as described in a report from the Commissioner of Human Services titled "Service Delivery Model to Create Equitable Access to High Quality EarlyON Child and Family Programs".

Regional Council heard from Suzanne Finn, Director, Early Years and Child Care Services, and Lory Wolter, Executive Director, BridgeWay Family Centre, who advised that, as Service System Manager, the Region of Peel is responsible for the local oversight of EarlyON centres in Peel Region and is accountable to plan locations, deliver free, high-quality and universal programs, and develop and administer local policies.

EarlyON centres provide opportunities for children of all abilities to learn through play and exploration and have fun. Parents or caregivers have opportunities to access staff one-on-one to help answer questions and build a network of support through connections to other services in the community. The new service delivery model includes the following two key components:

- The establishment of equitable access standards to provide a minimum number of program hours in all communities; and
- A new staffing plan to deliver core programs and engage with families. Staff include Registered Early Childhood Educators, professionals trained to support children with special needs,



and staff focused on community outreach to reach vulnerable families and connect them to services.

The model will be implemented in partnership with service providers, and in some cases, existing services will be relocated, either to improve the program space or to create more equitable access across the Region of Peel. The transition is planned over a five year period to manage the pace of change and the impact on service providers and families. The new model will support children to achieve their mental and physical potential, connect families to the information and resources they need to thrive, and contribute to the Region of Peel's vision of a Community for Life.

For more information on the Service Delivery Model to Create Equitable Access to High Quality EarlyON Child and Family Programs, please visit: [Report Item 10.1](#)

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■ **Public Works**

The Region of Peel's Green Fleet Strategy

Regional Council received a presentation by Shaun Hewitt, Director, Operations Support, who provided an overview of the Green Fleet Strategy, which is focused on the mitigation of fleet related Greenhouse Gas emissions, with a corporate target of an 80 per cent reduction below 1990 emission levels by 2050.

Shaun Hewitt advised that the Region of Peel's fleet consists of over 700 vehicles and 465 pieces of equipment. The fleet emission profile has continued to grow with increased demands for vehicles and Regional services. A balanced Fleet Greening approach has been developed that focusses on feasible technologies and fuels however, these may change over the medium and long term as technology and fuels evolve.

Fifteen preliminary Strategy actions have been identified across five categories and many of the actions can be completed within existing fleet budgets. Resources or initiatives beyond current budgets will be included in future annual budget submissions for Regional Council's consideration.

For further information, please visit: [Report Item 14.1](#)

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Meetings at a Glance

Next Peel Housing Corporation
Thursday, June 7, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

Next Audit and Risk Committee
Thursday, June 7, 2018 – 1:00 p.m.

Next Regional Council Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2018 – 9:30 a.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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