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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, February 14, 2019.

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■ Delegations/Staff Presentations

Recent Calls for the Elimination of Water and Wastewater Development Charges

Regional Council received a presentation from Stephen VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), who advised that the C.D. Howe Institute recently released a report titled “Hosing Home Buyers: Why Cities Should Not Pay for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure with Development Charges”. That report claims, among other things, that housing will be more affordable if water and wastewater Development Charges (DCs) are eliminated.

The CFO provided a brief history of why development charges have increased and perspectives that recognize the importance of DCs. He noted that municipalities have limited sources of revenue for infrastructure costs and that the principal of “growth paying for growth” has not been achieved; in reality, DCs only cover

approximately 80 per cent of growth-related costs.

Regional Council passed a resolution endorsing the position of the Municipal Finance Officers Association, the Ontario Regional and Single Tier Treasurers and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, opposing the elimination of water and wastewater infrastructure costs from DCs. The Resolution also calls for the Regional Chair to write, on behalf of Regional Council, to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Premier of Ontario, local MPPs and local municipalities to convey the Region’s position. Region of Peel staff was directed to report to a future meeting of Regional Council with options for a public awareness campaign on the impacts to taxpayers of the proposed changes to development charges.

For more information, please visit: [Report - Item 8.1](#)

Service Delivery Options for TransHelp Passenger Assistant Program

Regional Council received a presentation from Steven Fantin, Director, TransHelp, who stated that the Passenger Assistant Program (the Program) provides an attendant on board vehicles to help passengers as needed, during travel. New *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disability Act (AODA)* legislation in 2017 enables individuals with cognitive disabilities to be eligible for TransHelp and in 2016, Council directed staff to continue the Program to current passengers and report to Regional Council with a future plan for the Program. With the existence of the Program, the Region offers two levels of service as the Program provides a support person to the 80 passengers currently enrolled in the Program, whereas there are 2,000 TransHelp passengers who require a support person but provide their own. The Region of Peel is also the only transit agency in the Greater Toronto Area that offers the Program to its residents.

There are two partners today that deliver the service across the Region. In Mississauga and Brampton, the Program is delivered by CANES Community Services, who will no longer be the delivery partner after June 30, 2019. There are no agencies that the Region is aware of that are willing and able to take on the service beyond June 30th. In Caledon, the Program is delivered by Caledon Community Services.

Regional Council passed a resolution to transition all current Passenger Assistant Program (the Program) passengers to TransHelp and move to discontinue the Program effective June 30, 2019. A contract for the provision of the Program services for TransHelp between the Region of Peel and CANES Community Care was extended for the continuation of the Program until June 30, 2019, in accordance with Procurement By-law 30-2018.

For more information, please visit: [Report - Item 8.2](#)

■ Planning and Growth Management

North West Brampton Shale Resources Policy Review Request to Proceed to a Public Meeting

Regional Council will hold a statutory public meeting on March 28, 2019 pursuant to Section 17(15) of the *Planning Act* to inform the public and to obtain its input with respect to a draft Regional Official Plan Amendment related to the removal of shale resource protection policies in the North West Brampton Urban Development Area.

The North West Brampton Shale Review Study analyzed the provincial policy direction related to shale protection and sustainable growth management in relation to the North West Brampton context. The Study concluded that the development of urban uses in the North West Brampton Urban Development Area is in the greater long-term public interest than protecting these same lands for shale extraction. In order to implement the Study's direction, staff recommended that the Regional Official Plan be amended.

Through the public consultation process, stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide comments on the proposed amendments to the North West Brampton Policy Area framework in the Regional Official Plan. Following receipt of stakeholder feedback, staff will evaluate the proposed policy and a report will be presented to Regional Council with a request that the Regional Official Plan Amendment be adopted.

For more information, please visit: [Report – Item 9.1](#)

Meetings at a Glance

<p>Next Regional Council Meeting Thursday, February 28, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Next Health System Integration Committee Meeting Thursday, March 7, 2019 – 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>Next Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee Thursday, March 21, 2019 – 11:00 a.m.</p>
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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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