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1. Maintain Service Levels – 6.3 per cent net tax levy increase
2. Reduce Services Levels – 2.9 per cent net tax levy increase
3. Hybrid Model – 3.9 per cent net tax levy increase

Staff recommended the implementation of Scenario 3 for the development of the 2020 Budget as the net tax levy increase of 3.9 per cent is slightly outside of the expected inflation range. Services targeted by the Province for funding envelope reductions will need to be reduced and staff will report to Regional Council with the impacts to each affected program.

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

The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, July 11, 2019.

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Staff Presentations

Strategies to Address the Provincial Funding Cuts

Regional Council passed a resolution directing staff to work towards a revised 2020 budget target of 3.9 per cent.

Council heard from Norm Lum, Director, Business and Financial Planning, who advised that under the Region of Peel's Long Term Financial Planning Strategy, net tax levy increases are targeted to be within the inflation range of one per cent to three per cent. In order to achieve that target for 2020, service levels for the Region's tax supported services may have to be adjusted due to the reduction in provincial funding. The provincial reductions have impacted the Region of Peel by reducing the funding envelope for provincially mandated programs and changing the cost share formula resulting in a shift in the tax burden from the Province to the Peel Property Taxpayer.

Norm Lum presented three scenarios, each with different net tax levy impacts and corresponding service level risks to inform Council's decision and direction:

New Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program

Regional Council received a presentation from Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health and Dr. Faahim Rashid, Dental Consultant, who provided an overview of the Region of Peel Seniors' Dental Program, noting that approximately 800 eligible seniors are provided access to dental care, at no cost, each year. The Region of Peel funds 100 per cent of the program through an annual budget of \$1.68 million. In April 2019, as part of the provincial budget, the government announced \$90 million in funding for the new Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program, of which Peel Public Health is expected to receive \$3.9 million in operational funding. Public Health Units also have the opportunity to apply for one-time capital funding to increase dental services in under serviced areas. To support the funding application, staff in Peel Public Health are assessing the needs of seniors in the Region of Peel to ensure equitable access to dental services.

Regional Council passed a resolution directing Region of Peel staff to continue to collect names of Seniors who wish to submit an application for the Region of Peel Seniors' Dental Program and create a list to refer to the provincial program when it starts. Seniors, currently enrolled or on the program waitlist, who do not meet the provincial eligibility criteria will be provided treatment through the Region's Seniors' Dental Program.

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

■ Planning and Growth Management

North West Brampton Shale Resources Policy Review Regional Official Plan Amendment 32

Regional Council approved Regional Official Plan Amendment 32, to delete and replace the current shale resource protection policies applying within the North West Brampton Policy Area with new policies that will continue to identify and protect shale resources in the Provincial Greenbelt Area. The new policies will also retain permission for shale extraction, without the need for an Official Plan Amendment, in the North West Brampton Urban Development Area and in the Greenbelt Area.

The Amendment is consistent with provincial policy and conforms to provincial plans. Approval of the Amendment removes shale resource protection in the North West Brampton Urban Development Area and allows for urban uses to proceed.

For more information, visit: [Report - Item 17.1](#)

Meetings at a Glance

Next Regional Council Policies and Procedures Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 5, 2019 – 11:30 a.m.

Next Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2019 – 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.

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