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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

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Delegations

Domestic Violence Campaign

Regional Council passed a resolution for Region of Peel staff to work staff from with the City of Brampton, City of Mississauga, Town of Caledon, Peel Regional Police, Ontario Provincial Police and community organizations to develop and strategize a public awareness and education campaign to tackle the issue of domestic violence across the Region.

During 2020 Budget deliberations, the Chief of Peel Regional Police reported that the highest number of calls Peel Regional Police receive are related to domestic violence.

Interim Place reported that there have been 45 deaths in the Region of Peel over the last 10 years related to violence against women and in 2019, responded to 1,388 crisis calls. Peel Children's Aid Society receives approximately 13,000 referrals a year from families experiencing domestic violence.

Regional Council heard from Sharon Mayne Devine,

Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Family Services of Peel Dufferin and the Honourable William G. Davis Centre for Families, who highlighted the need for community partners to stand together to convey the message that the Region of Peel is a safe place for women and children, where families can thrive and where abuse of women and children will not be tolerated. She suggested that a public awareness campaign be developed that provides information on what bystanders can say and do in situations involving abuse.

For more information about Catholic Family Services of Peel Dufferin and the William G. Davis Centre for Families, please visit:

<http://cfspd.com/> and <http://cfspd.com/about-us/the-honorable-william-g-davis-centre-for-families/>

Staff Presentations

2019 Public Health Annual Review

Regional Council received a presentation from Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health, who provided 2019 Peel Public Health highlights including work on the Comprehensive Health Status Report, Peel Outdoor No Smoking or Vaping By-law, Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program, Healthy Schools, Opioid Strategy and Diabetes prevention. Dr. Hopkins identified top public health organizational risks as being public health restructuring as it relates to transition costs, staff turnover, changing provincial policies and limited funding. Ongoing risks include keeping pace with emerging technologies, meeting the needs of priority populations, limited ability to actively engage the public and ongoing funding pressures.

For more information about Region of Peel Public Health, please visit:

<http://www.peelregion.ca/public-health/>

Proposed Changes to the Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Reduction Program

Regional Council approved a recommendation to request regulatory authority from the Ontario Ministry of Finance to reduce the current Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Reduction Program for the commercial and industrial tax classes in the Region of Peel to 15 per cent for the 2020 taxation year and to remove the Program for the 2021 taxation year and taxation years thereafter.



Stephanie Nagel, Treasurer and Director, Corporate Finance, outlined the process undertaken by Region of Peel staff in response to Regional Council's direction to review the Vacant and Excess Land Subclass Reduction Program. Key considerations of the review included equity and fairness between all property classes; the residential property class primarily subsidizes the Program; assessments recognize the use of vacant and excess land; vacant/excess properties remain for a long period of time; and 76 per cent of municipalities are eliminating the reduction program.

For more information about Property Tax Policy, please visit: <http://www.peelregion.ca/finance/media/property-tax-handbook.pdf>

Meetings at a Glance

Next Health System Integration Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.

Next ROPA 30 Appeals Oversight Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 20, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

Next Regional Council Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2020 – 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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