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The following are decisions made by Regional Council on Thursday, April 23, 2020.

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■ Staff Presentations

Long Term Care COVID-19 Response

Regional Council heard from Cathy Granger, Acting Commissioner of Health Services, who advised that a Regional Planning Table is overseeing the development and execution of the response to conduct COVID-19 testing on residents and staff at long term care (LTC) homes, retirement homes and other congregate settings across the Region of Peel. The Regional Planning Table's membership includes staff from Peel Public Health, Strategic Policy and Planning, Peel Region Paramedic Services, and Ontario Health Central Region.

Peel Public Health's role is to procure and distribute testing kits to homes in need, supply test teams with procedural instructions and lab requisitions and conduct training for the Peel Paramedic Services test team. Peel Public Health staff are also conducting contact tracing in LTC homes to identify the index case and to identify who to test.

Peel Paramedic Services are conducting swabbing at LTC homes, retirement homes, shelters and other congregate settings; and Ontario Health – Central Region is monitoring the testing needs in homes across the Region and is responsible for data reporting to the Minister of Health.

While staff in LTC homes are working tirelessly to keep residents safe and engaged, the Region is working to support those heroes on the front lines by ensuring personal protective equipment is available when necessary; providing meal provisions during shifts, partnering with licensed child care providers to deliver free emergency child care for eligible health care and front line workers; and, arranging accommodations for LTC staff who have tested positive for COVID-19, are working with confirmed COVID-19 residents or have been told by Public Health to self-isolate.

For more information about the Region of Peel's response to COVID-19, please visit:

<https://www.peelregion.ca/coronavirus/>

■ Enterprise Programs and Services

Annual Accessibility Status Report 2019

Regional Council received the Annual Accessibility Status Report 2019 that provides an update on the progress made and actions taken by the Region of Peel to improve accessibility, remove barriers and implement the requirements set out in the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005*, as well as the strategies contained in the Region's 2018 – 2025 Multi-Year Accessibility Plan.

Examples of 2019 accomplishments include Regional Council's support for the Dynamic Symbol of Access and incorporating the symbol at Regional facilities; the integration of programs for seniors with disabilities into our older adults' programs; and, enhancements to the TransHelp service including the introduction of a free mobile app for TransHelp users.

To view the Region of Peel Accessibility Status Report 2019, please visit: [Item 13.6 Appendix I](#)

Region of Peel Archives at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA)

Regional Council received a report from the Commissioner of Digital and Information Services on the role and services offered by the Region of Peel Archives to local municipalities.

The Archives at the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) is the Region's official repository for government and private sector archival records and play a unique stewardship role by providing professional archival services for the Region of Peel, City of Mississauga, City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon.

The current extent of records in the Archives is approximately 1.5 linear kilometres and includes close to two million photographic images, hundreds of maps, plans, posters and microfilm resources, and an increasing number of born-digital and digitized records.

In 2019, the Archives handled approximately 2,631 reference and research inquiries from public employees, residents, historians, scholars, authors, consultants and genealogists.

For more information about PAMA, please visit: <https://pama.peelregion.ca/en/index.asp>

Meetings at a Glance

Next Regional Council Meeting
Thursday, May 14, 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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