



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

GRC-3/2016

The Government Relations Committee (GRC) met on November 10, 2016, at 8:38 a.m. in the Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Members Present: B. Crombie; G. Gibson; J. Innis*; L. Jeffrey; G. Miles; K. Ras; J. Tovey

Members Absent: F. Dale, due to a personal matter; M. Medeiros, due to other municipal business; A. Thompson, due to other municipal business

Other Councillors Present: E. Moore

Also Present: David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Graham-Watson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works, Patrick O'Connor S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor; Dr. E. De Villa, Medical Officer of Health; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; L. Duarte, Director, Corporate Strategy Office; G. Cristiano, Acting Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations; S. Mistry, Specialist, External Relations; H. West, Committee Clerk

Chaired by Councillor J. Tovey.

- 1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION GRC-5-2016:

That the agenda for the November 10, 2016 Government Relations Committee meeting, be approved.

* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

Councillor Innis arrived at 8:40 a.m.

3. DELEGATIONS

- 3.1. **Bob Delaney, Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP), Mississauga – Streetsville,**
Presenting an Update on the Key Issues within the Mississauga-Streetsville Riding

This item was dealt with later in the meeting.

4. REPORTS

- 4.1. **Aligning Region of Peel's Advocacy with the Strategic Plan and Term of Council Priorities**

RECOMMENDATION GRC-6-2016:

That the advocacy positions and next steps outlined in the report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, titled "Aligning Region of Peel's Advocacy with the Strategic Plan and Term of Council Priorities", be endorsed.

Giancarlo Cristiano, Acting Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations, undertook to contact Members of the Committee to determine the order of priorities for the preliminary list of invitees to upcoming Government Relations Committee meetings.

Councillor Tovey requested a meeting with Minister Mauro, the Chair, Vice-Chair of the Government Relations Committee and staff at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to discuss the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) reform.

Councillor Crombie stated that the review period may be over before a meeting can be set up at Queen's Park and suggested that staff delegate at the Provincial round table discussions being held in Mississauga later this month.

5. FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL UPDATE (Oral)

Discussion led by Sonia Mistry, Specialist, External Relations, Corporate Services

Received

In response to a question raised by Councillor Tovey, David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that the timelines for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor consultation was very short and that the Region of Peel's position is addressed in a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, which was added to the November 10, 2016 Regional Council agenda.

In response to a further question raised by Councillor Tovey, Sonia Mistry stated that the Region of Peel does participate in the Advocacy Days held in Ottawa, as well as, Councillor Fonseca advocates issues through Federation of Canadian Municipalities. Councillor Crombie also noted that the Big City Mayors (Large Urban Mayor's Caucus of Ontario) advocates for infrastructure, transportation and affordable housing funding at the Federal level.

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Received

Councillor Tovey welcomed Bob Delaney, Member of Provincial Parliament, Mississauga – Streetsville.

Bob Delaney highlighted key issues in the Streetsville riding including development of ethnic community seniors' buildings; growth and traffic movement during construction seasons; advocacy between the Cities, coordination of traffic infrastructure between the Region of Peel and Provincial government; and, integration of Go transportation. As Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, he offered to answer questions related to Ontario's energy plan.

In response to a question from Councillor Crombie, Bob Delaney indicated that he has not been assigned a personal task related to the OMB reform, but that he can receive questions and will seek to provide answers to the questions.

In response to a further question from Councillor Crombie, Bob Delaney stated that he previously took two private members' resolutions to the Legislature regarding fluoridation. He urged the Region of Peel not to change its current policy noting that Dorval, Windsor, and Calgary removed fluoride from the drinking water and within three years, following the removal, there was a spike in tooth decay.

Councillor Jeffrey requested that the Ministry of Transportation provide clarity regarding the GTA West Corridor as this has an impact on businesses and the ability to plan for goods movement across Peel region.

Councillor Jeffrey discussed the lack of per capita funding for health care for the Central West Local Health Integration Network and integration with the Community Care Access Centres. Bob Delaney stated the Province is challenged with achieving a surplus budget, bringing down the long term debt, as well as, meeting needs resulting from increased growth.

Councillor Jeffrey raised concern with the disproportionate costs related to the PRESTO card system for the large urban centres within the GTA in comparison to that of the City of Toronto. She noted that there are ongoing negotiations with Metrolinx and the Ministry of Transportation. Bob Delaney responded that he will get more information on the PRESTO costs and that he will meet with Metrolinx/Go Transit on behalf of the Region of Peel.

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6. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1. **Bill Mauro, Minister of Municipal Affairs**, Letter dated September 28, 2016, Regarding the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association Annual Meeting Date

Received

- 6.2. **Fall 2016 MP/MPP Advocacy Update**

Received

7. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Government Relations Committee is scheduled for Thursday, March 2, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, 5th floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, Suite A, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton, Ontario.

Please forward regrets to Christine Thomson, Committee Clerk, at (905) 791-7800 ext. 4582 or at Christine.thomson@peelregion.ca

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.