



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE
MINUTES

GRC - 1/2018

The Region of Peel Government Relations Committee met on March 1, 2018 at 11:04 a.m., in the Regional Council Chambers, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Members Present: B. Crombie; D. Cook; F. Dale; G. Gibson; J. Innis; M. Medeiros; K. Ras; A. Thompson

Members Absent: L. Jeffrey, due to other municipal business; G. Miles, due to other municipal business

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; M. Killeavy, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services; S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer and Acting Commissioner of Digital and Information Services; J. Smith, Commissioner of Public Works; J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services; N. Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health Services; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; J. Barillas, Advisor, External Relations; C. Thomson, Legislative Specialist; S. Valleau, Committee Clerk; D. Obaseki, Legislative Assistant

Chaired by Vice-Chair Councillor J. Innis.

1. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Sabrina Valleau, Committee Clerk presided.

RECOMMENDATION GRC-1-2018:

That Councillor Innis be appointed Chair of the Government Relations Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018 or until a successor is appointed.

* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

RECOMMENDATION GRC-2-2018:

That Councillor Ras be appointed Vice-Chair of the Government Relations Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018 or until a successor is appointed.

Councillor Innis assumed the Chair.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION GRC-3-2018:

That the agenda for the March 1, 2018 Government Relations Committee meeting include a communication regarding the 2018 Federal Budget, to be dealt with under Communications – Item 6.4;

And further, that the agenda for the March 1, 2018 Government Relations Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

4. DELEGATIONS - Nil

5. REPORTS

5.1. Update on the Region of Peel's 2018 Provincial Election Strategy

Received

In response to a question from Councillor Crombie, Jeffrey Barillas, Advisor, External Relations, informed that staff will be hosting an educational MPP candidate forum on April 3, 2018 and that the local municipalities would be participating in the forum.

6. Government Relations Update

Discussion led by Jeffrey Barillas, Advisor, External Relations, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations

Received

Jeffrey Barillas, Advisor, External Relations, acknowledged the passing of Councillor Jim Tovey and recognized his commitment to the Region of Peel and support of the Government Relations Committee. He welcomed Councillor Cook to the Government Relations Committee.

Jeffrey Barillas provided an update on the provincial decision to not proceed with the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor and instead, initiate the Northwest GTA Corridor Identification Study.

Councillor Innis advised that she had met with the Minister of Transportation at the Ontario Good Roads Association (OGRA) conference and that the Minister committed to provide information regarding the GIS data mapping for the Goods Movement corridor.

Councillor Crombie informed Committee Members that the Big City Mayors Caucus (BCMC) has requested that the rehabilitation repair money for housing, under the National Housing Strategy, be made available to municipalities sooner than the proposed timeframe.

In response to a question from Councillor Crombie, Mary Killeavy, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services advised that staff would be analyzing potential impacts to the Region of Peel of a potential Pharmacare Plan and parental leave changes proposed in the 2018 federal budget.

Councillor Ras inquired as to whether the federal government's Rental Construction Financing initiative will provide opportunities for non-profit housing providers, as well as private ones. Jeffrey Barillas undertook to follow up with Councillor Ras.

Councillor Ras requested that staff report to a future meeting of the Government Relations Committee with information regarding the potential for savings on premiums with respect to the National Pharmacare Program.

In response to a question from Councillor Ras, Stephen VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, stated that the Region of Peel is working in partnership with the Regional Public Works Commissioners of Ontario (RPWCO) and has provided evidence to both the federal and provincial governments on the significant savings achievable with better Infrastructure Funding program design.

7. COMMUNICATIONS

7.1. 2018 Spring MP/MPP Advocacy Update

Received

7.2. Region of Peel 2018 Federal Pre-Budget Submission

Received

7.3. Region of Peel 2018 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission

Received

7.4. Summary of the 2018 Federal Budget

Received

8. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

9. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Government Relations Committee is scheduled for Thursday, June 21, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., Regional Administrative Headquarters, Council Chamber, 5th floor, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton, ON.

Please forward regrets to Sabrina Valleau, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800, extension 4320 or at sabrina.valleau@peelregion.ca.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.