



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

IRAC - 2/2014

The Intergovernmental Relations Advisory Committee (IRAC) met on September 4, 2014, at 11:03 a.m. in the Council Chamber, 5th Floor, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Members Present: B. Crombie; C. Fonseca; S. Hames; E. Kolb; E. Moore; R. Paterak; R. Starr; A. Thompson; J. Tovey

Members Absent: P. Saito, due to other municipal business; J. Sanderson, due to illness

Also Present: J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; J. Menard, Commissioner of Human Services; G. Sabat, Commissioner of Service Innovation, Information and Technology; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor and Director, Legal Services; S. VanOfwegen, Chief Financial Officer; D. Arbuckle, Manager, Strategic Public Policy and External Relations; L. Rubin-Vaughan, Advisor, External Relations; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; C. Thomson, Committee Clerk; J. Schwartz, Legislative Assistant

Chaired by Councillor A. Thompson.

1. **DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil**

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION IRAC-4-2014:

That the agenda for the September 4, 2014 Intergovernmental Relations Advisory Committee meeting, be approved.

3. **DELEGATIONS - Nil**

4. REPORTS

4.1. 2015 Federal Election Strategy

RECOMMENDATION IRAC-5-2014:

That the report of the Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Advisory Committee titled “2015 Federal Election Strategy”, be approved.

In response to a question from Councillor Thompson, David Arbuckle, Manager, Public Policy and External Relations, stated that the Council endorsed advocacy position related to Goods Movement includes supporting transit related issues however, there is not an endorsed position specifically related to transit as it is an area municipal issue.

Councillor Paterak suggested that the election strategy include recommendations related to the federal government’s role in working with the Province of Ontario to allocate a portion of the Harmonized Sales Tax to municipalities.

Councillor Fonseca suggested that staff review the strategy developed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities related to wastewater. Councillor Fonseca also highlighted the financial benefit to the federal government as a result of the amount of goods moving through Pearson International Airport and suggested that the Region of Peel investigate whether a percentage of those funds could be dedicated to infrastructure and transportation needs.

Regional Chair Kolb noted that 15 new federal ridings have been added to the Province of Ontario, including 3 additional ridings in Peel Region.

Councillor Crombie noted the need for national strategies related to cities, transportation and mental illness.

Regional Chair Kolb advised that the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) had attended a meeting with Steven Del Duca, Minister of Transportation, hosted by the Mayor of Hamilton, to discuss the Golden Horseshoe Transportation Strategy and suggested that the CAO report to the September 25, 2014 Regional Council meeting with an update on those discussions.

David Arbuckle stated that in 2013, IRAC prioritized its Council endorsed advocacy position list to include those positions that support the advancement of Term of Council Priorities and he suggested that it would be more effective to work with FCM on larger, national issues. He noted that Regional Council could consider sending a resolution to FCM to communicate the Region of Peel’s position on national issues.

Councillor Fonseca noted that such a motion would need to be brought to the FCM meeting scheduled for November.

Councillor Paterak requested that staff report to Regional Council in 2015 with the impact the change to the Census has had on staff’s ability to analyze the data and utilize it as an effective planning tool.

4.2. **2014 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference Update (Oral)**

Discussion led by Allan Thompson, Chair, Intergovernmental Relations Advisory Committee

Received

Councillor Thompson, Chair of the Intergovernmental Relations Advisory Committee (IRAC), thanked Mayor Morrison and Councillors Hames, Sanderson and Tovey for their participation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Annual Conference. He stated that the Region of Peel's delegation met with the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; Minister of Health and Long Term Care and the Minister of Transportation. The Minister of Transportation indicated that patience is needed by all stakeholders relating to how and where the government will spend the \$15 billion identified in the 2014 Budget on infrastructure across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton areas.

The Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing reaffirmed his commitment to affordable housing in Peel, and looks to the Region's continued support in calling on more federal support in addressing housing across the Province.

At the meeting with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Region of Peel's delegation expressed the need for reform in the area of paramedic dispatch and the work done by the Region of Peel and its Greater Toronto Area partners. The Minister committed to working with the Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs and AMO to resolve long-standing issues with the Central Ambulance Communications Centre.

The Region of Peel delegation also met with the Progressive Conservative and New Democratic Party Caucus' who requested more information on specific areas including supporting our Goods Movement Task Force.

Councillor Thompson noted that during the Conference it was learned that the Attorney General will not be moving forward with any changes to joint and several liability and that while the Minister of Labour is interested in addressing interest arbitration in the emergency services sector, and municipalities' "ability to pay", he still requires clarity on what could and should be done.

Councillor Tovey extended his congratulations to Councillor Thompson on his election to the AMO Board of Directors and thanked staff for the support provided to the Region of Peel delegation.

5. **GOVERNMENT RELATIONS STATUS REPORT AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES (Oral)**

Discussion led by L. Rubin-Vaughan, Advisor, External Relations, Executive Office

- a) **Federal News**
- b) **Provincial News**
- c) **Local News**

Received

A copy of the presentation is available from the Office of the Regional Clerk.

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey regarding the potential re-introduction of the Ontario Municipal Board Review, David Arbuckle confirmed that staff are following the issue and will continue to monitor developments.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- 6.1. **Terrence Edgar, Executive Director, Mississauga Community Legal Service (MCLS)**, Letter dated May 27, 2014 Regarding the Region of Peel Support of Fair Share Funding for Community Legal Services in Peel

Received

Lowell Rubin-Vaughan, Advisor, External Relations, advised that the Greater Toronto Area Legal Clinics Transformation Project has released its Vision Report. The recommendations include the consolidation of the number of legal clinics across the GTA with the goal of increasing access to clients and ensuring consistency in services.

7. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

9. NEXT MEETING

Councillor Thompson extended his appreciation to the Members of the IRAC and staff for their support of the Committee over the past four years.

The next meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Advisory Committee is to be determined.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.