



**THE COUNCIL OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
December 12, 2019**

Regional Chair Iannicca called the Regional Council Budget meeting to order at 9:41 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

1. ROLL CALL

Members Present:

P. Brown	M. Mahoney
G. Carlson	S. McFadden
B. Crombie	M. Medeiros*
D. Damerla	M. Palleschi
S. Dasko	C. Parrish
G.S. Dhillon*	K. Ras
J. Downey	P. Saito
C. Fonseca	R. Santos
P. Fortini	I. Sinclair
A. Groves	R. Starr
N. Iannicca	A. Thompson
J. Innis	P. Vicente
J. Kovac	

Members Absent: Nil

Also Present: N. Polsinelli, Interim Chief Administrative Officer; C. Matheson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; S. VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer; S. Baird, Commissioner of Digital and Information Services; P. Caza, Acting Regional Solicitor; A. Smith, Acting Chief Planner; A. Farr, Acting Commissioner of Public Works; J. Sheehy, Commissioner of Human Services; C. Granger, Acting Commissioner of Health Services; Dr. J. Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Legal Services; H. West, Legislative Specialist; S. Valteau, Legislative Technical Coordinator; R. Khan, Legislative Technical Coordinator

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Councillor Saito declared a conflict of interest with respect to the non-union salary portion of the Region of Peel Budget, as a family member is employed with the Region of Peel.

* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

★ Denotes alternate member

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. December 5, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting

Moved by Councillor Thompson,
Seconded by Councillor Sinclair;

That the minutes of the December 5, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved.

Carried RCB-2019-65

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Parrish,
Seconded by Councillor Ras;

That the agenda for the December 12, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting be approved.

Received RCB-2019-66

5. DELEGATIONS - Nil

6. REPORTS

6.1. 2020 Budget Update

Presentation by Stephen VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer

Received RCB-2019-67

Councillor Dhillon arrived at 9:45 a.m.

Councillor Medeiros arrived at 9:53 a.m.

Stephen VanOfwegen, Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, presented options as requested by Regional Council to reduce the proposed property tax increase from 1.7% to 1.5%, which would result in a minimum reduction of \$5.6M to the overall budget. The options to achieve the 1.5% reduction include:

- 1) A technical adjustment of \$800,000 to be included in the 2020 operating budget.
- 2) An expenditure reduction of \$100,000 related to the Regional Chair's budget for newsletters.
- 3) Ending the tax subsidy for the utility rate programs in 2020 as opposed to 2021, thereby transferring \$2,400,000 to the water and wastewater operating budgets.
- 4) Extending the phase-in of financing for community hub capital projects from four years to six years that will further permit internal borrowing until tax funds are collected. This results in a reduction to the net levy of \$1M.

- 5) That the full discretionary contribution of \$5.2M for Child Care be phased in starting with \$2.6M for 2020. Staff will report back in September 2020 regarding the status of the wait list and options should a wait list arise.
- 6) A reduction in the expenditures of approximately \$200,000 from the Ontario Provincial Police (Caledon detachment), Credit Valley Conservation and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority as presented at the December 5, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting.

Stephen VanOfwegen provided information regarding Council’s request to review the impact of extending the phase-in of utility rate infrastructure levy over six years to fund the 20 year capital plan for water/wastewater. He identified the impacts which would pose a material risk to the Region’s capital program for water and wastewater and stated that staff does not recommend extending the phase-in of the infrastructure levy.

Steve VanOfwegen and Norman Lum, Director, Business and Financial Planning, provided points of clarification regarding various options to reduce the 2020 budget increase, in response to questions raised by Members of Council.

Item 9.1 was dealt with.

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Motion Regarding a Review for a Reduction in the Peel Regional Police Budget

Moved by Councillor Parrish,
Seconded by Councillor Saito;

That the Commissioner of Finance and Chief Financial Officer be directed to request the Peel Regional Police Services Board and the Chief of Police to review the 2020 Police budget to try to achieve a reduction in the 2020 tax increase.

In Favour	G. Carlson; B. Crombie; D. Damerla; S. Dasko; C. Fonseca; P. Fortini; A. Groves; J. Innis; J. Kovac; M. Mahoney; S. McFadden; C. Parrish; K. Ras; P. Saito; I. Sinclair; R. Starr	Total 16
Opposed	P. Brown; G.S. Dhillon; J. Downey; M. Medeiros; M. Palleschi; R. Santos; P. Vicente	7
Abstain <i>(counted as a no vote)</i>	A. Thompson	1
Absent <i>(from meeting and/or vote)</i>		

Carried RCB-2019-68

Councillor Parrish stated that a motion was brought forward to request the Peel Regional Police Services Board and the Chief of Police to undertake another review of the 2020 overall budget to see if there are any areas of the budget that could be decreased to minimize the budget increase.

In a response to a question raised by Councillor Saito regarding Region of Peel audits related to the Peel Police capital infrastructure, Stephen VanOfwegen stated that staff at the Region of Peel is working with staff at Peel Police regarding enterprise asset management, however, the Region does not have the authority to audit the Police capital and operating budgets.

Councillor Brown stated that provincial funding has been reduced to the Peel Regional Police which resulted in a reduction of 11 police officers for the 2020 budget. He noted that the new Chief of Police is looking at ways to mitigate costs for police services but will require time for review and analysis.

Councillor Innis raised concern with the provincial funding reduction of \$2.6M for Peel Police and inquired if advocacy plans are underway.

Councillor Groves requested that the provincial funding reduction for Peel Police also be advocated in conjunction with the funding efforts for human trafficking.

6.2. Update on the Affordable Transit Program

Deferred to the December 19, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting RCB-2019-69

6.3. 2020 Operating and Capital Budget

Deferred to the December 19, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting RCB-2019-70

7. COMMUNICATIONS - Nil

8. OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

9.1 Motion Regarding a Review for a Reduction in the Peel Regional Police Budget

This item was dealt with under Resolution 2019-68

10. BY-LAWS

By-law 67-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 43-2002 titled the "Fees By-law" and to repeal By-law 18-2019.

By-law 68-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 16-2007 titled the "Sewer Surcharge Rate and Sewer Waste Disposal Charge By-law" and to repeal By-law 13-2019.

By-law 69-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 17-2007 titled the "Waste Management System Fees and Charges By-law" and to repeal By-law 14-2019.

By-law 70-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 15-2007 titled the "Wastewater System Fees and Charges (Sewer Charge Rates) By-law" and to repeal By-law 12-2019.

By-law 71-2019: A by-law to amend By-law 14-2007 titled the "Water Consumption Fees and Charges By-law" and to repeal By-law 11-2019.

Deferred to the December 19, 2019 Regional Council Budget meeting RCB-2019-71

11. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

12. BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

Moved by Councillor Groves,
Seconded by Councillor Innis;

That By-law 74-2019 to confirm the proceedings of Regional Council at its Budget meeting held on December 12, 2019, to deliberate the 2020 Budget and to authorize the execution of documents in accordance with the Region of Peel by-laws relating thereto, be given the required number of readings, taken as read, signed by the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk, and the corporate seal be affixed thereto.

Carried RCB-2019-72

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Regional Clerk

Regional Chair