



THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES

GMC-2014-1

The Growth Management Committee (GMC) met on March 27, 2014, at 1:11 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Members Present: P. Foley; C. Fonseca; E. Kolb*; M. Morrison; P. Mullin[♦]; P. Palleschi; J. Sanderson; R. Starr; A. Thompson; J. Tovey;

Members Absent: R. Whitehead, due to other municipal business

Other Regional

Councillors Present: B. Crombie; H. McCallion

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; N. Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; A. Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's; H. West, Committee Clerk; S. Valleau, Legislative Assistant

Chaired by Councillor Tovey.

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

2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

RECOMMENDATION GMC-1-2014:

That the agenda for the March 27, 2014 Growth Management meeting include an additional report titled "Draft Allocation of Regional Forecasts (Oral)", to be dealt with under Reports - Item 4f;

And further, that the agenda for the the March 27, 2014 Growth Management be approved, as amended.

3. **DELEGATIONS - Nil**

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4. REPORTS

- a) **GMC Meeting #3: Context of Growth Management Committee (Oral)**
Presentation by Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division

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Regional Chair E. Kolb arrived at 1:30 p.m.

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

Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division, recapped previous reports and staff directions from the past Growth Management Committee (GMC) meetings. He provided an update on the proposed community engagement and ongoing discussions with the Province regarding the GTA East/West Highway Corridor; policies to implement Low Impact Development (LID); Sustainable Development Guidelines and Water Resources Policy in the Region of Peel; and, the Region of Peel's submission to the provincial government regarding the Land Use Planning and Appeals System review. He noted that the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) has been released and he provided an overview of the implications of the PPS.

Councillor Morrison requested that the Ministry of Transportation (MTO) be requested to place the hydro corridor on the north side of the GTA East/West corridor and that the hydro corridor be paved to host active transportation such as hiking and biking.

Councillor Palleschi stated that MTO staff has indicated that it is moving ahead with the GTA East/West corridor plans without the hydro corridor plans as Hydro One is behind schedule.

Councillor Morrison raised concern with the cost associated with constructing new infrastructure in rural areas and suggested that if the provincial government does not participate in funding, then the rural areas should remain rural.

Councillor McCallion stated that municipalities do not have the authority or the financial capacity to implement the Provincial growth plan and suggested that the concerns raised be forwarded to the Province when responding to the PPS.

Councillor Foley suggested that the Region of Peel determine how much growth is sustainable instead of accepting an arbitrary number from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and she added that this information should be sent to the Province.

Councillor Morrison requested that staff report back to the GMC on how much all municipal services and infrastructure will cost beyond 2031.

Councillor Mullin suggested that a comprehensive report be prepared identifying the current needs, needs for the future based on the Provincial growth rate, and the financial tools that are required to meet the gap in order to fulfill the Provincial growth numbers.

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Councillor McCallion suggested that the area municipalities establish growth management committees to provide the total impact of the growth plan for both the local and regional levels.

Arvin Prasad undertook to follow up with the aforementioned items raised by the speakers.

b) **Growth Capital Financing Related Studies**

Received

c) **Update on Residential and Non-residential Development Charges Activity**

Received

d) **Water/Wastewater Master Plan (Oral)**

Presentation by Chris Hamel, President, BluePlan Engineering Consultants Limited and Mark Schiller, Executive Director, Water and Wastewater Division

Received

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Mark Schiller, Executive Director, Water and Wastewater Division, stated that the 2031 update on the Water Wastewater Master Plan will be filed with the provincial government and will become public in April, 2014. He noted that staff looked beyond 2031 to 2051 to determine what the total build out of infrastructure for the green belt and white belt would be.

Chris Hamel, President, BluePlan Engineering Consultants Limited, provided an overview of the 2031 Servicing Master Plan and the servicing impacts of growth to 2031. He identified the Water and Wastewater levels of service, service strategies, cost estimates, and servicing impacts for developing greenfield areas versus intensification of core areas, post 2031. Chris Hamel stated that staff's review and analysis supports intensification of core areas. He stated that when Peel's population exceeds 1.7 million people (potentially prior to 2031), additional water and wastewater infrastructure expansions would be required which could approximate \$1.85 billion and this is not included in the 2031 capital budget program.

In response to a question raised by Councillor Sanderson, Mark Schiller responded that an additional watermain will be required to service the downtown Brampton area to accommodate intensification, which is included in the current Development Charges. He noted that discussion is occurring between the provincial government, City of Mississauga and City of Brampton staff to determine who will be responsible for additional costs to relocate watermain infrastructure away from the Light Rail Transit route.

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In response to discussion and concerns raised by Members of the Committee, David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer stated that staff will report back to the Committee on: future population growth and costs; economic benefits, and who will pay for growth.

Councillor Mullin departed at 3:20 p.m.

- e) **Transportation - Planning and Delivering for Growth (Oral)**
Presentation by Damian Albanese, Director, Transportation Division

Deferred to April 17, 2014 GMC meeting

Additional Item – Item 4f:

- f) **Draft Allocation of Regional Forecasts (Oral)**
Presentation by Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division

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

Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning Division, provided the allocation of area municipal population employment forecasts for 2031 and 2041 and the draft regional population and employment forecasts. He noted that a report will be brought to the April 24, 2014 Regional Council meeting with the draft Regional Official Plan Amendment (ROPA) 27, which will recommend public consultation as the next step.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) **Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator, City of Brampton**, Letter dated November 7, 2013, Providing a Copy of the City of Brampton Resolution and Report titled “Preliminary 2013 Population and Employment Forecasts”

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- b) **Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator, City of Brampton**, Letter dated November 12, 2013, Providing a Copy of the City of Brampton Resolution and Report titled “City of Brampton Five Year Official Plan Review – Proposed Project Scope of Work”

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- c) **Mumtaz Aikhan, Legislative Co-ordinator, City of Mississauga**, Email dated November 13, 2013, Providing a Copy of the City of Mississauga Resolution and Report titled “Mississauga Growth Forecasts 2011-2041”

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- d) **Carmela Radice, Legislative Co-ordinator, City of Mississauga**, Email dated November 26, 2013, Providing a Copy of the City of Mississauga Resolution and Report titled “Mississauga Growth Forecasts 2011-2041 – Supplementary Report”

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- e) **Barbara Karrandjas, Council/Committee Co-ordinator, Town of Caledon**, Letter dated January 20, 2014, Providing a Copy of the Town of Caledon Resolution and Report titled “Provincial Consultation on the Land Use Planning and Appeal System”

Received

- f) **Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator, City of Brampton**, Letter dated February 4, 2014, Providing a Copy of the City of Brampton Recommendation and Report titled, “City of Brampton Response to the Province of Ontario’s Review of the Development Charges System”

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- g) **Shauna Danton, Legislative Coordinator, City of Brampton**, Letter dated February 4, 2014, Providing a Copy of the City of Brampton Recommendation and Report titled, “City of Brampton Response to the Provincial Land Use Planning and Appeal System Review”

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6. IN CAMERA MATTERS - Nil

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7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) Motion Regarding Infrastructure Needed to Support Growth

RECOMMENDATION GMC-2-2014:

Whereas, the Region of Peel Council approved Regional Official Plan Amendment 24 (ROPA 24) to bring the Region's Official Plan into conformity with the Places to Grow, Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006 and was subsequently approved by the Ontario Municipal Board;

And whereas, the planning horizon in the Regional Official Plan is to the year 2031 and aims to provide healthy complete communities for people living and working in Peel;

And whereas, the Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga and City of Brampton have amended their official plans to be in conformity with the Regional Official Plan and Places to Grow;

And whereas, the Region of Peel is working towards amending the Regional Official Plan to conform to Amendment 2 to Places to Grow to plan for population, household and employment growth from 2031 to 2041 and subsequently the Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga and City of Brampton will be amending their official plans;

And whereas, Peel's population is forecasted to increase from 1.3 million in 2011 to 1.49 million by 2021 and 1.64 million by 2031 and employment is forecasted to grow from 650,000 in 2011 to 820,000 by 2021 and 870,000 by 2031 as noted in ROPA 24;

And whereas, the Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga and City of Brampton are planning for the expected growth through their local approvals process;

And whereas, \$1.5 billion worth of goods moves through Peel Region everyday and the cost of congestion to Peel residents is close to \$1 billion per year (\$6 billion per year for the Greater Toronto–Hamilton Area (GTHA) as per the Metrolinx report)

And whereas, the cost of congestion for the GTHA is expected to rise to \$15 billion in the year 2031;

And whereas, Peel residents continuously note in the Focus GTA Survey that the most important local problem is transportation issues such as traffic congestion and inadequate public transit;

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And whereas, the Region of Peel is working with the Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga, City of Brampton, and Ontario Ministry of Transportation to implement the Peel Long Range Transportation Plan to ensure a safe, convenient, efficient, sustainable and integrated transportation system;

And whereas, the Ontario Ministry of Transportation's Southern Highways Program which outlines highway improvement plans from 2013 to 2017, and beyond complements the Region of Peel's investment in Regional road improvements;

And whereas, the Region of Peel supports Metrolinx and area municipal transit initiatives recommended in 'The Big Move' (All-day GO Service, Hurontario Street LRT and Queen Street BRT);

And whereas, at its meeting of January 23, 2014, Regional Council approved resolution 2014-45, requesting that the Ministry of Transportation advance the planning, design and construction of highway improvements in and surrounding Peel Region listed in the "Planning for the Future Beyond 2017" section of the Southern Highways Program 2013-2017 to within the next five years and that Metrolinx be requested to advance transit initiatives;

Therefore be it resolved, that, given the expected growth in Peel, current applications for development, and current levels of congestion on highways in Peel, that the Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga and City of Brampton be requested to ensure that the approval of subdivision and development applications take into account the Region of Peel's request to the Province to begin highway improvements that are currently planned to be undertaken beyond 2017 and transit initiatives to within the next five years;

And further, that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transportation, the Town of Caledon, the City of Brampton and the City of Mississauga as a statement of Regional Council's requests.

Approved

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Growth Management Committee is scheduled for April 17, 2014, at 8:00 a.m., Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Please forward regrets to Helena West, Committee Clerk, (905) 791-7800, extension 4697 or helena.west@peelregion.ca.

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9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 a.m.

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