



**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

GMC - 1/2015

The Growth Management Committee met on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A, Brampton.

Members Present: F. Dale; J. Downey; N. Iannicca; E. Moore; B. Shaughnessy; A. Thompson; J. Tovey

Members Absent: B. Crombie due to other municipal business; L. Jeffrey due to other municipal business

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; L. Graham-Watson, Commissioner of Corporate Services; S. VanOfwegan, Commissioner of Finance; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Public Works; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health; S. Pace, Acting Commissioner of Human Services; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor; K. Lockyer, Regional Clerk; C. Law, Committee Clerk; J. Schwartz, Legislative Assistant.

Curtiss Law, Committee Clerk presided.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

RECOMMENDATION GMC-1-2015:

That Councillor Tovey be appointed Chair of the Growth Management Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018, or until a successor is appointed.

RECOMMENDATION GMC-2-2015:

And further, that Councillor Thompson be appointed Vice-Chair of the Growth Management Committee for the term ending November 30, 2018, or until a successor is appointed.

Councillor Tovey assumed the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST – Nil

* See text for arrivals

◆ See text for departures

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

RECOMMENDATION GMC-3-2015:

That the agenda for the February 5, 2015, Growth Management Committee meeting be approved.

4. DELEGATIONS – Nil

5. REPORTS

- 5.1 Growth Management Overview (Oral)
Presentation by Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning

Received

Arvin Prasad, Director, Integrated Planning, provided Committee members with an overview of the work completed during the previous term; current and forecasted statistical information regarding growth in the Region of Peel; specific issues with respect to employment lands planning and identified several potential areas of improvement for the future.

In response to a question from Councillor Thompson, Arvin Prasad stated the Transportation Planning report would be coming to the Committee for review and approval at the next scheduled meeting.

Councillor Thompson stated that Committee members and Regional staff will need to focus on infrastructure needs in the Region of Peel, and not only transportation but also needs for new manufacturing such as high speed fibre optic cables for the increased automation occurring in many of these businesses.

Councillor Iannicca stated that it is the revenue side of government that requires fixing as municipalities are owners of over 60 percent of infrastructure in Canada and yet receive less than 10 per cent of all tax dollars.

In response to questions from Councillor Tovey, David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer stated that while unemployment changes affecting social service rates used to be quite predictable, recent changes have meant using social indicators to get a better assessment of the unemployed population. Arvin Prasad further noted that the local municipal Economic Development Officers have been invited to the upcoming growth management workshop occurring in Brampton on March 5, 2015 and may participate on a panel on local economic issues.

- 5.2 Development Charges Update (Oral)
Presentation by Dave Bingham, Director, Corporate Finance

Received

Dave Bingham, Director, Corporate Finance, provided Committee members with an overview of the Region of Peel's development charges status with regards to competitiveness for different property classifications; some issue areas that the Committee will need to focus on in the coming months; and an update on the process for approving the new Development Charges By-law in 2015.

In response to a question from Councillor Tovey, Dave Bingham stated that much of the numbers relating to employment growth are mandated by the province, with only minor flexibility provided to municipalities.

David Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer, highlighted the data provided in the presentation that show the province's targets for growth are driving expenditure investment in infrastructure but do not produce enough on the revenue side for the Region.

Councillor Thompson urged staff to consider planning for industrial village models to help industrial development in areas like Caledon for a more diverse tax base.

- 5.3 Summary of the September 5, 2014 Growth Management Workshop

Received

- 5.4 Peel 2041, Regional Official Plan Review – Status Update and Proposed Additions

RECOMMENDATION GMC-4-2015

That the additions to the Official Plan Review process as set out in the report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services, titled "Peel 2041, Regional Official Plan Review – Status Update and Proposed Additions" be endorsed as the basis for the Peel 2041, Regional Official Plan Review (Peel 2041).

6. **COMMUNICATIONS** – Nil

7. **IN CAMERA MATTERS** – Nil

8. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Nil

9. **NEXT MEETING**

To be determined

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.