

Mayor A. Thompson
Councillor I. Sinclair (remote)
Councillor L. Kiernan (remote)
Councillor J. Downey (remote)
Councillor C. Early (remote)
Councillor J. Innis (remote)
Councillor N. deBoer (remote)
Councillor A. Groves (remote)
Councillor T. Rosa (remote)

Chief Administrative Officer: C. Herd (remote)
Manager, Legal & Court Services / Town Solicitor: A. Alyea (remote)
Director, Corporate Services / Town Clerk: L. Hall
Deputy Clerk, Council & Committee Services: J. Lavecchia (remote)
Partner, Aird & Berlis LLP.: J. Mascarin (remote)

NOTICE

Town Clerk, L. Hall, advised that due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Bill 187, Emergency Management Act, 2020, that the meeting would be held as an electronic meeting and open to the public through an audio broadcast. She advised Members of Council of procedural functions of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Thompson called the meeting to order in the Council Chamber at 6:06 p.m.

He reminded members of the public, that they could view the Town Council meeting through a live stream available on the Town's website.

Mayor A. Thompson delivered the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

DELEGATIONS

Public Comments regarding Agenda Item No. 5.1 Composition of Regional Council

Sarah Madsen, a resident of Caledon, expressed frustration with how Councillor A. Groves voted on the matter brought forward at the November 26, 2020 Regional Council Meeting regarding Council Composition at the Region of Peel. She expressed that in her opinion reduced representation will impact small businesses and the community.

A member of Council provided comment to Ms. Madsen's concerns raised during her delegation.

Sherry Brioschi, a resident of Caledon, expressed concern with respect to the circulation of the City of Brampton's correspondence and motion regarding regional representation. She expressed disappointment with the misunderstanding in communication and procedures during the Regional Council meeting held on November 26, 2020 and sought clarification if members of Caledon Council were circulated the information relating to the City of Brampton's resolution regarding Council Composition prior to the meeting. She concluded her delegation by expressing concern on the additional pressure Caledon will face with a lack of adequate regional representation if Caledon's composition is reduced to three, especially considering the growth pressures coming forward.

Members of Council commented on Ms. Brioschi's concerns raised during her delegation.

Angela Panacci, a resident of Caledon, advised that her expectation is for Caledon Council to look after Caledon and its residents. She highlighted that in lieu of the global pandemic and the holiday season, it is disappointing that the Region will host a public meeting on such a contentious topic regarding regional governance. Ms. Panacci expressed her disappointment with how Councillor A. Groves voted in support of the City of Brampton’s motion. She concluded that removing two seats from Caledon will impact 40% of the representation.

Members of Council commented on Ms. Panacci’s concerns raised during her delegation.

Sara Clarkson, a resident of Caledon, expressed that in her opinion representation by population is not the best approach to base decisions on adequate regional representation. She highlighted similar concerns as Ms. Brioschi relating to the additional pressures and expectation for Regional Councillors to participate in Boards, Committees, Conservation Authorities, etc. Ms. Clarkson concluded her delegation by expressing her disappointment with how Councillor A. Groves vote in support of the City of Brampton’s motion.

Members of Council commented on Ms. Clarkson’s concerns raised during her delegation.

Louis Guadagnini, a resident of Caledon, expressed confusion with the divide in perspective from the Regional Councillors. He highlighted concerns that Councillor A. Groves often votes in favour with the City of Mississauga and that in his opinion he does not feel she represents the residents of Bolton. He concluded his delegation advising that Councillor A. Groves should be one of the two Councillors to resign their position on Regional Council during the time of the election.

Moved by: Councillor T. Rosa - Seconded by: Councillor I. Sinclair 2020-215

That section 7.4 of the Procedural By-law be waived to permit a delegation from Cheryl Connors, regarding agenda item no. 5.1 Composition of Regional Council.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	X		
Councillor I. Sinclair	X		
Councillor L. Kiernan	X		
Councillor J. Downey	X		
Councillor C. Early	X		
Councillor J. Innis	X		
Councillor N. deBoer	X		
Councillor A. Groves	X		
Councillor T. Rosa	X		
Total	9	0	0

Carried with two-thirds.

Cheryl Connors, a resident of Caledon, provided comments outlining that her intention of the Special Council meeting was to identify ways in which Caledon could maintain representation at the Region of Peel. Ms. Connors reminded members of Council of the Council Code of Conduct. She preferred that the conversation move forward in a productive manner. She highlighted that advocacy to Minister Clark is important and that the discussion should not be surrounded by a personal attack on one member of Council.

Members of Council commented on Ms. Connor’s concerns raised during her delegation.

REGULAR BUSINESS

Composition of Regional Council

Members of Council asked several questions and received a response from Mr. Mascarin and Ms. Herd. Further to the discussion regarding the memorandum concerning the Composition of Regional Council, the following motions were brought forward.

Moved by: Councillor J. Innis - Seconded by: Councillor I. Sinclair 2020-216

That in consideration of the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Town of Caledon request the Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing provide an extension to the Region of Peel for its Council composition under Section 218 of the Municipal Act deadline from two years of the date that Regional Council was organized in 2018 to March 31, 2021;

That the Minister be further requested to not make regulation regarding Peel composition until after that time;

That the Minister be requested to respond by December 16, 2020 being the day prior of the Public Meeting scheduled by Peel Region; and

That a copy of this motion be provided to Peel Region Council and the City of Brampton and City of Mississauga, and all MPP's representing Peel Region.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	X		
Councillor I. Sinclair	X		
Councillor L. Kiernan	X		
Councillor J. Downey	X		
Councillor C. Early	X		
Councillor J. Innis	X		
Councillor N. deBoer	X		
Councillor A. Groves	X		
Councillor T. Rosa	X		
Total	9	0	0
			Carried.

Council recessed from 8:28 p.m. to 8:41 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor N. deBoer - Seconded by: Councillor L. Kiernan 2020-217

That Caledon Council maintain its support to increase the City of Brampton's representation at Regional Council while maintaining Caledon's existing Regional Council Representation of 5; and

That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Honourable Steve Clark, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon and the Peel Region.

Amendment #1

Moved by: Councillor J. Innis - Seconded by: Councillor J. Downey

That the following paragraph be added:

That the motion be referred to a Special Town Council meeting to be scheduled on December 15, 2020.

Upon the call of the main motion moved by Councillor N. deBoer and seconded by Councillor L. Kiernan, as amended by amendment #1, a recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	ABSENT
Mayor A. Thompson	X		
Councillor I. Sinclair	X		
Councillor L. Kiernan	X		
Councillor J. Downey	X		
Councillor C. Early	X		
Councillor J. Innis	X		
Councillor N. deBoer	X		
Councillor A. Groves	X		
Councillor T. Rosa	X		
Total	9	0	0
			Carried.

BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor T. Rosa - Seconded by: Councillor J. Downey 2020-218

That the following by-law be read a first time and passed:

BL-2020-106 A by-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council for the Corporation of the Town of Caledon at its Council Meeting held on the 24th day of November 2020

ADJOURNMENT

On a verbal motion moved by Councillor A. Groves, Council adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Allan Thompson, Mayor

Laura Hall, Town Clerk