



Mayor A. Thompson
Councillor I. Sinclair (joined at 5:16 p.m.)
Councillor L. Kiernan
Councillor J. Downey
Councillor C. Early
Councillor J. Innis
Councillor N. deBoer
Councillor A. Groves
Councillor T. Rosa

Chief Administrative Officer: C. Herd
Director, Corporate Services / Town Clerk: L. Hall
Deputy Clerk, Council and Committee Services: J. Lavecchia
Coordinator, Council Committee: H. Lockyer

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor A. Thompson called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m. and advised that the meeting was being held as a hybrid meeting and open to the public through in-person attendance, an audio broadcast and streamed live on the Town's website.

Mayor A. Thompson delivered the Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

URGENT BUSINESS

Moved by: Councillor J. Innis – Seconded by: Councillor L. Kiernan

2022-031

That the Procedural By-law be waived to permit an urgent business item regarding a Notice of Motion – Aggregate Resources Act License Moratorium.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	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	8	0	0	1

Carried with Two-Thirds.

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Dr. Lawrence Loh, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Peel Public Health, provided an update regarding the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Loh highlighted that the objectives of the response throughout the pandemic has been to save lives, reduce the occurrence of severe health outcomes, protect the health care system and limit impacts to communities. He noted that the OMICRON wave is subsiding and hospitalization is now stable. Dr. Loh discussed how each phase of the pandemic required a different response. Dr. Loh confirmed that high vaccination numbers in Peel residents and health care workers has had a positive impact. He advised that due to the current context it is time to re-evaluate the extraordinary measures that were taken to limit the spread of the virus, including aligning Town masking policies with the Province of Ontario and ending the Town's state of emergency. Dr. Loh highlighted that residents should continue to be cautious and take appropriate measures such as getting vaccinated. Dr. Loh stressed that those who are unvaccinated remain at risk of a severe outcome should they become infected. Dr. Loh discussed the Region of Peel's remobilization and recovery efforts. He highlighted that as the acute phases of the pandemic are beginning to end, healthcare units are still monitoring the virus and community impact. Dr. Loh concluded by thanking staff for their ongoing efforts and support during this unprecedented time.

Due to technical issues Councillor T. Rosa was disconnected from the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Councillor I. Sinclair joined the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

Councillor J. Downey left the meeting at 5:32 p.m. and did not return.

Members of Council provided comments, asked questions and received responses from Dr. Loh.

Moved by: Councillor N. deBoer – Seconded by: Councillor C. Early

2022-032

That the declared emergency regarding the COVID-19 Pandemic made on March 18, 2020 under the Town's Emergency Management Program and Emergency Plan By-law 2014-076, pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act; be lifted;

That with the lifting of the emergency order, Council enact a By-law to amend Procedural By-law 2015-108, as amended to continue to hold electronic meetings and also offer in-person participation; and

That until the amendment to the Procedural By-law is brought forward, Council continue to follow the rules and procedures of the By-law and as outlined in Section 5.9 - Electronic Participation.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	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	7	0	0	2

Carried.

Carey Herd, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update regarding measures being taken to support the reopening of Town facilities and services, and as Provincial requirements are lifted. She reviewed the workforce model and service delivery for the coming weeks. Ms. Herd acknowledged and thanked Council and staff for their efforts and patience throughout the pandemic.

Councillor T. Rosa rejoined the meeting at 5:40 p.m.

STAFF REPORTS

Staff Reports 2022-0138: Repeal of COVID-19 Mandatory Mask By-law 2020-47

Moved by: Councillor J. Innis – Seconded by: Councillor T. Rosa

2022-033

That a by-law be enacted to repeal COVID-19 Mandatory Face Mask By-law 2020-47 and all amendments.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	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	8	0	0	1

Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Aggregate Resources Act License Moratorium

Moved by: Councillor J. Innis – Seconded by: Councillor L. Kiernan

2022-034

That the Town of Caledon support the following motion that is being considered by Regional Council at a Regional Council meeting on March 24:

Whereas Ontario currently has over 5000 Aggregate Resources Act [ARA] licenced pits and quarries located throughout the province that are able to meet the expected near and mid-term needs of Ontario's construction industry;

And whereas, there are 23 ARA Licensed pits and quarries with a total area of 1844 hectares in the Town of Caledon;

And whereas, ARA License applications continue to be submitted without a definitive determination if there is a need for additional supply;

And whereas, gravel pits and quarries cause the permanent destruction of natural environments, habitats and the countryside;

And whereas, there are no sunset rules for ARA License strip mines leading to mines lasting over seventy years in Caledon with no viable end land uses resulting from a mine;

And whereas, pits and quarries are classed as Major Facilities in the Provincial Policy Statements, 1.2.6 Land Use Compatibility, and have significant adverse effects on adjacent lands in terms of noise, air pollution, and truck haul routes;

And whereas, despite strip mining being heavy industry, the mines are assessed at a reduced agricultural rate;

And whereas, the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in order to combat climate change has brought awareness to the very high carbon footprint associated with the production of concrete and asphalt which are major end-users of aggregates;

And whereas, there is an obligation to consult with First Nations peoples regarding the impacts of quarries on treaty lands and a responsibility to address those impacts;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Ontario government be requested to impose an immediate temporary moratorium on all new gravel mining applications pending the formation of an independent panel to conduct a broad consultation process including with First Nations, affected municipalities, independent experts and scientists to chart a new path forward for gravel mining in Ontario which:

- Establishes criteria and processes for determining the need for new gravel licences;
- Establishes updated policies and conditions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater science;
- Develop new policies for aggregate re-use in urban areas in order to reduce the need for new aggregate licences and reduce transportation emissions;
- Recommend a fair levy based on tonnage shipped, to host municipalities for gravel mining that includes compensation for the full environmental and infrastructure maintenance costs to the local community caused by the extraction and distribution of aggregate;
- Recommend a property assessment category reflecting the heavy industrial use of licensed lands.
- Provide greater weight to the input by local municipalities into new licenses to lessen the environmental social impacts from mining operation and trucking through their communities;
- Provide clarity on the role of host municipalities under the Planning Act in decision making on ARA License site plan amendments;
- Provide clear tests for ending "forever" strip mine licences and rehabilitation to new viable land uses,
- Provide revisions to application procedures which fully honour First Nations' treaty rights;

And further, that the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, write a letter to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, forwarding a copy of this motion to outline Peel's position on this matter;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be sent the leaders of all Provincial Parties; the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry; the Honourable Ted Arnott, MPP; Association of Municipalities of Ontario; Small Urban Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area Councils; Rural Ontario Municipal Associations; and the Regions of Durham, Halton, Waterloo, York and Niagara.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	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	8	0	0	1
				Carried.

Council recessed at 6:06 p.m. and returned at 6:17 p.m.

Moved by: Councillor N. deBoer – Seconded by: Councillor I. Sinclair

2022-035

That Regional Council be requested to further consider the following regarding the Notice of Motion - Aggregate Resources Act License Moratorium:

- Establishing the criteria and processes for determining the need for new gravel licences shall include the need to approve new aggregate operations within the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan Area;
- Establishing updated policies and conditions for gravel mining below the water table to reflect current groundwater science and prohibit aggregate mining within the Natural Heritage System of the Oak Ridges Moraine Plan Area;
- Aggregate producers mining below the water table shall indemnify the local municipalities and members of Council; and
- Include the circulation of the motion to TAPMO (Top Ten Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario);

That this motion be provided to the Region of Peel.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	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	7	0	0	2
				Carried.

Councillor J. Innis returned at 6:21 p.m.

BY-LAWS

Moved by: Councillor T. Rosa – Seconded by: Councillor C. Early 2022-036

That By-law 2022-010 being a by-law to repeal COVID-19 Mandatory Face Mask By-law 2020-47 and all amending By-laws, be read a first time and passed.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	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	8	0	0	1
				Carried.

Moved by: Councillor T. Rosa – Seconded by: Councillor L. Kiernan 2022-037

That By-law 2022-011 being 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 21st day of March, 2022, be read a first time and passed.

A recorded vote was taken as follows:

Recorded Vote	YES	NO	CONFLICT	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	8	0	0	1
				Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

On a verbal motion moved by Councillor A. Groves, Council adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Allan Thompson, Mayor

Laura Hall, Town Clerk