Memorandum

Date: Tuesday, April 30, 2019

To: Mayor Thompson and Members of Council

From: Devan Lobo, Senior Analyst (A), Corporate Initiatives, Strategic Initiatives

Subject: Regional Government Review - Public Engagement Strategy

At the April 23, 2019 General Committee meeting Council reviewed a memorandum from staff regarding the history and high-level governance options for Caledon that could result from the Province’s ongoing review of regional governments in Ontario. Council directed staff to provide a public engagement strategy to engage Caledon residents regarding the review of regional governance and report back at the April 30, 2019 Council meeting.

Background

With the help of two special advisors, the Province is reviewing the governance, decision-making, and service delivery functions of the regional governments and their lower-tier municipalities. The Region of Peel and its lower-tier municipalities of Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga are under review. The review aims to help ensure that these municipalities are working effectively and efficiently and can continue to provide the vital services that communities depend on. In early Summer of 2019, the special advisors are expected to provide recommendations to the Minister on opportunities to improve regional governance and service delivery.

The Province has invited individuals and organizations to participate in provincial consultations through in person presentations, written submissions and an online survey closing on May 21, 2019. At this time, more locally Mississauga conducted a survey from March 25 – 27, 2019 to gauge resident awareness of the provincial review and the level of support for independence. In addition, on April 8 the City of Mississauga engaged residents through a Town Hall to obtain feedback on the City becoming independent of the Region. The City of Brampton consultation opportunities included a Telephone Town Hall on April 24 and an in-person Town Hall is scheduled for May 4, with online feedback opportunities through the city website.

Public Engagement Strategy

Public engagement will provide Caledon residents with the opportunity to provide feedback to Council with respect to the Province’s review. Staff propose engaging residents through the following opportunities:

- Online survey
- In-person sessions
The online survey will gauge awareness of the province’s review, level of importance of various aspects of local government, and opinions regarding governance options. The survey is expected to be open from May 2 to May 16, 2019.

In-person comments can be provided during upcoming Coffee with Council sessions hosted by Council at the following dates and locations:

**Saturday, May 4, 2019**
Ward 3 & 4 | Caledon East Community Complex | Banquet Hall B | 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Ward 5 | Caledon Centre for Recreation & Wellness | Training Room | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Saturday, May 11, 2019**
Ward 2 | Mayfield Recreation Complex | Meeting Room | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Ward 1 | Belfountain Community Hall | 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The Town’s Advocacy webpage will have a section dedicated to the Regional Government Review with current information, updates and public engagement opportunities. A summary of feedback received will be provided to Council.

In addition, members of the public will be encouraged to engage with Council directly to provide their feedback on the Regional Government Review. Members of the public may also direct any inquiries to staff as applicable.

**Attachment**

Schedule A – Town of Caledon Online Survey – Regional Governance Review
Town of Caledon Online Survey - Regional Government Review

The Province is conducting a review of several regional governments and their lower-tier municipalities with respect to the efficiency and effectiveness of governance, decision-making and service delivery.

You are invited to provide feedback to Caledon Council by answering the questions below.

For more information please visit caledon.ca/advocacy.

We respect your privacy. Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Read more about our privacy policy.

If you have questions about this survey, please contact the Town of Caledon at 905.584.2272 x. 7750 or info@caledon.ca

1. In what Ward do you reside? (If unsure, refer to our Ward Map)
   - Ward 1
   - Ward 2
   - Ward 3
   - Ward 4
   - Ward 5

2. How aware are you of the province’s Regional Government Review?
   - Very aware
   - Somewhat aware
   - Not at all aware

3. The provincial review could result in changes to regional and local governance. This could affect Caledon in a number of ways.

   Rank the following factors in order of importance to you (#1 being the most important):
   - Access to services
   - Cost of services/Taxes
   - Council representation
   - Efficient decision-making
   - Government size
   - Government structure
   - Quality of service
   - Speed of service

4. In your view, how might governance, decision-making and/or service delivery by local government (Town of Caledon and/or the Region of Peel) be improved?
   
   (Comment box)
5. Do you wish to provide your opinion on an appropriate local/municipal governance option?

- No
- Yes (please explain below)

(Comment box)