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Dear External Agency Members,

Subject: Resolution to reduce proposed Regional property tax increases from 1.7% to a maximum 1.5%

Please be advised that following resolution was approved at the November 14, 2019 Regional Council meeting:

Whereas the Region of Peel has always strived to provide best value for its taxpayers;



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And whereas, the cuts announced by the provincial government have created both pressures on the Region of Peel budget and uncertainty; however, given that there is only one tax payer, it is incumbent upon us to make sure that property tax increases are sustainable;

And whereas, declining levels of commercial and industrial property taxes in the Region are already putting undue burden on residential property tax payers who are already struggling with the high costs of home ownership;

And whereas, in past years the City of Mississauga has done an analysis of what different levels of taxation would mean in terms of service levels;

And whereas, staff is proposing a Regional property tax increase of 1.7%;

Therefore be it resolved, that during the 2020 budget deliberations, staff present options to reduce the proposed Regional property tax increase from 1.7% to a maximum of 1.5%;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Peel Regional Police, Ontario Provincial Police (Caledon Detachment), Credit Valley Conservation, Halton Conservation and the Toronto Region Conservation Authority for their attention.

To enable a decrease in the property tax of 0.2%, a total reduction of \$5.6 million to the current proposed net expenditures is required. The pro-rated (based on the 2019 share of the total net expenditures) reduction for each organization is as follows:

- Region of Peel \$3,214,137
- Peel Regional Police \$2,182,786
- Ontario Provincial Police \$62,785
- Credit Valley Conservation \$77,804
- Toronto and Region Conservation Authority \$59,645
- Conservation Halton \$1,554

Should you have any questions please contact Norman Lum at extension 3567 or at norman.lum@peelregion.ca

Sincerely,

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