

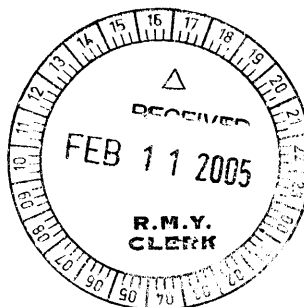
Office of the Chair

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CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. P03

February 3, 2005

Mr. Paul Haggis
President and CEO
OMERS
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Dear Mr. Haggis:

We understand that the OMERS Board is anticipating an increase in contribution rates in 2006 of between one and two per cent of earnings. Region of Peel Council has directed me to communicate with you to request that any increases to OMERS contribution rates be phased in over a period of three to four years in order to minimize the impact on both taxpayers and municipal employees.

While Council respects OMERS' desire to meet their fiduciary duties to future beneficiaries, it is felt that you need to strike a balance between these obligations and the financial impact your decisions have on both contributing employees and employers. We believe that by phasing in further increases in contribution rates you can meet your fiduciary responsibility while providing both municipal employees and taxpayers with an opportunity to integrate these financial impacts in as effective a manner as possible.

We understand that the actuary for the OMERS Board will conduct a funding valuation in February followed by further analysis in March/April in order to allow the OMERS Board to make a decision in the spring with respect to the actual 2006 contribution rates. We request that you consider the impact on all stakeholders before making your final decision and suggest that a phase-in of future rate increases provides the most appropriate method of achieving all stakeholder needs.

Sincerely

Emil Kolb
Regional Chair

Attachment

Copied to:

The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
The Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance
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APPROVED AT REGIONAL COUNCIL
January 27, 2005

MA-A6. OMERS Contribution Rates in 2006

RECOMMENDATION GC-9-2005:

That the Regional Chair communicate with the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System (OMERS) requesting that the anticipated 2006 increases be phased in over a three to four year period to ameliorate the fiscal impact of this decision on both municipal employees and taxpayers;

And further, that the Chair forward copies of his communication with OMERS to all the heads of Councils of the GTA municipalities, other large single tier and regional municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Approved

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