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Resolution No. 2004-1224

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Subject: GO Transit Funding Resolution

Your attention is drawn to the following resolution which was adopted by Regional Council on December 9, 2004:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has indicated that it will conduct a review of the Development Charges Act commencing in 2005 and that such a review will also include GO Transit development charges;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is expected to announce the introduction of legislation to establish the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has expressed its intent to consult further regarding the mandate and structure of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the Regional Municipality of Peel adopted resolution 2004-541 at its meeting held on May 13, 2004, advising the Province of Ontario of the position of the Region of Peel to limit the municipal contribution to the GO Transit Growth Capital Plan to the amount raised through GO Transit development charges;

AND WHEREAS the same resolution also requested the Province of Ontario to amend the Development Charges Act to allow municipalities to raise funds for GO Transit in a manner where the non-growth related component will be funded by the Province of Ontario and that there be no contribution to the GO Transit Growth Capital Plan from property taxes;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of Peel is prepared to support GO Transit funding to the extent that the Development Charges Act may apply on new construction, subject to the necessary legislative amendments to the Development Charges Act;

AND WHEREAS staff from the GTA Regions, Cities of Hamilton and Toronto, the Ministry of Transportation and GO Transit are collaboratively preparing a GO Transit development charges background study for the GTA and Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS a number of issues have been raised during the development charges background study process regarding GO Transit funding and the feasibility of implementing new GO Transit development charges by-laws in each municipality prior to December 31, 2004 when the current by-laws expire;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Transportation indicated that the Province of Ontario will not forward gas tax funding for the TransHelp service should the Region of Peel not continue to fully support the GO Transit Growth Capital Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Municipality of Peel is prepared to support the extension by the Province of Ontario of the current funding GO Transit development charges by-laws for an additional year;

And further, that the Regional Municipality of Peel is prepared to support the current funding regime for the same period as the extended GO Transit development charges by-laws, to allow for the necessary negotiations between the Province and GTA Regions and Cities of Hamilton and Toronto;

And further, that the Treasurer and Commissioner of Finance be authorized to amend Capital Project 05-5900 to \$7.9 million, of which \$4.7 million is to be funded from the GO Transit capital financing stabilization reserve (R1211) and \$3.2 million from development charge levies;

And further, that Regional Council reiterate its position requesting that the Province of Ontario amend the Development Charges Act to facilitate the requirement of Regional Council to limit its contribution, to the GO Transit Capital Budget, to only the level of development charges collected;

And further, that the Regional Chair and the Treasurer and Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the necessary agreements with the Province of Ontario to release gas tax funding for the TransHelp service, within the scope of this resolution;

And further, that the necessary by-law be enacted;

And further, that a copy of this resolution be circulated to the Minister of Transportation, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all Peel MPPs, and the Regions of Durham, Halton and York and the Cities of Hamilton and Toronto.

Sincerely,



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