

Motion**Agenda Number:** 11.5**Date:** November 30, 2023**Moved by** Councillor Damerla**Seconded by** _____

Whereas many provincially-mandated programs administered by Peel Region continue to be impacted year over year by inflationary pressures and provincial funding that is outpaced by population growth and growing service demands;

And whereas, providing these essential services to meet the needs of residents is increasingly challenging and places additional pressure on municipal revenues and finances; and

And whereas, when provincial funding does not keep pace with growth and inflation, the resulting deficits are funded from Peel Region's tax base, placing an additional burden on property taxpayers, which is unsustainable;

And whereas, in 2024 this burden is to the tune of \$5.7 million and in previous years the funding shortfall from the Province has been \$ 5.5 million in 2021, \$2.9 million in 2022 and \$1.9 million in 2023, for a cumulative total of \$16 million which means that \$16 million is being unfairly put on the property taxpayer instead of being funded by the Province;

And whereas, the \$16 million translates into \$26 in additional property taxes for the average residential homeowner;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That the Regional Chair, on behalf of Regional Council, write to the Premier of Ontario and the Ontario Minister of Finance to request increased funding for provincially-mandated programs to adequately keep pace with inflationary pressures and address existing funding deficits as a result of chronic provincial underfunding and increased service demands of Peel's growing population; and
2. That the \$16 million be clearly highlighted as a Provincial Services Tax so that the taxpayer is aware of the unfair burden on the Region of Peel.