

March 29, 2017

Resolution Number 2017-185

Denis Kelly  
Regional Clerk  
Regional Municipality of York  
Regional Corporate Services Department  
Administrative Centre  
17250 Yonge St.  
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Subject: **Alternative Approaches to the Current Community Water Fluoridation in the Region of Peel**

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I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on Thursday, March 9, 2017:

**Resolution 2017-185:**

Whereas the Community Water Fluoridation Committee (CWFC) was established on February 11, 2016 to closely examine the current practice of water fluoridation in the Region of Peel and make recommendations to Regional Council on community water fluoridation in Peel;

And whereas, over the past year the CWFC has reviewed information and research related to the effectiveness, safety and cost of community water fluoridation using hydrofluorosilicic acid and heard from a number of experts and stakeholders;

And whereas, Regional Council has supported the Committee's recommendation to advocate to the provincial government that they clarify and assume their legislative role in community water fluoridation;

Therefore be it resolved, that while waiting for the Province to respond to the above request:

- a) The Region of Peel undertake to reduce the concentration of fluoride in Peel's lake-based municipal water supply, adjusting it to the lowest level in accordance with provincial standards for the prevention of tooth decay;

- b) And further, that the Region of Peel modify the fluoride additive used in the Region's water supply to reduce the levels of residual components; substituting a fluoride additive from calcium fluoride or such other source as will have the desired effect of reducing the levels of residual components;
- c) And further, that Peel Public Health reaffirms its commitment to ongoing monitoring of the oral health status of Peel residents – especially children of school age – as well as relevant evidence on the effectiveness and safety of community water fluoridation;
- d) And further, that the CWFC suspend meetings until such time as the Province clarifies its role in community fluoridation; or until such time as Regional Council reconvenes the Committee;
- e) And further, that copies of this resolution be circulated to the Region of York (which receives a portion of their water supply from the Region of Peel), all Ontario municipalities and all Peel-area MPPs.

Thank you for your attention,



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Legislative Specialist

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