

March 22, 2017

Christine Massey
Via email cmssyc@gmail.com

Dear Ms. Massey,

This responds to your complaint of February 24, 2017 which was directed to me and which, as has been previously indicated when acknowledging receipt of your complaint, falls for me to deal with under the Region's formal complaint policy. I have considered the content of your email of that date and the text of your email of February 10, 2017 which you included with your complaint. Your complaint is that the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Health Services "failed to acknowledge my serious concerns conveyed to them on Feb. 10 2017, shown further below".

Upon review, your email of February 10, 2017 consists largely of assertions in support of your position on the use of fluoride in drinking water. Your advocacy for changes to Peel's current practice on the use of fluoride in Peel's drinking water has been considered by Regional Council throughout its recent protracted review of that practice, and where requested by Council, Peel's Medical Officer of Health has provided Council with information as requested in response to your advocacy. I find a non-response to these aspects of your email to have been entirely appropriate

Your February 10 email does contain one request for information which in my view does call for a response. That was stated by you in these terms:

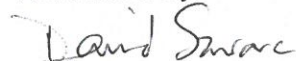
"Please also let me know how many JK, SK and Grade 2 children were examined, how many in each age group had the teeth to be evaluated for fluorosis, the number in each age group with fluorosis, the degrees of fluorosis recorded, and whether any of the 1113 kids with fluorosis were from higher grades."

Also, in your complaint itself you have posed as an additional question warranting a response, the following:

"whether the Region has any post-2001/2 data on dental fuorosis (sic)"

I am accordingly responding to your complaint by asking staff through the Acting Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Lawrence Loh to answer these questions. It may (or may not) be that the information you have requested or some part of it is unavailable. If so, I anticipate that that will be addressed in the response. I am advised that you may expect a direct response within 9 working days. In all other respects I find your complaint to be without merit.

Yours sincerely,



David Szwarc
Chief Administrative Officer

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