

Christine Massey
221 – 93 George St. S.
Brampton ON
L6Y 1P4

January 9, 2019

Region of Peel,
10 Peel Centre Drive, Suite A and B,
Brampton, ON L6T 4B9

Dear Members and Chair of Peel Council, and CAO, Region of Peel,

Subject: Recommendations approved by Council regarding: a moratorium on water fluoridation, a request that the province undertake comprehensive toxicity testing of hydrofluorosilicic acid, etc.

During the Regional Council meeting of December 13th, regarding the matter of water fluoridation, the Chair stated (amid laughter from Council):

*"...I know we've dealt with this for quite some time, I **think we've dealt with it very, very thoroughly**. I would question as Chair as to whether we need a committee at this time, having so freshly dealt with the matter, and it would be my guidance as Chair that **if this becomes an issue again I would let you know, I would come back to this table and determine where we go from there, and I would move the disbanding of this committee at this time and give it a well deserved...** very good, that is my suggestion, thank you, if that is a motion that is acceptable, it has been moved by Councillors Grove and Councillor Parrish. Does anyone wish to speak to that motion? Seeing none..."*

Council then voted, with 23 in favour of disbanding the Community Water Fluoridation Committee (CWFC). Councillor Palleschi abstained.

However, looking back through recent documentation of the CWFC and Council, we find unfinished business and unsettled matters articulated by the CWFC, in recommendations approved by Council.

On Sept. 13, 2018, Council adopted the July 5, 2018 report of the CWFC and approved the following recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION CWFC - 5 - 2018 :

Whereas the Province of Ontario is responsible for The Safe Drinking Water Act...

And whereas, there has recently been a change in the Provincial Government and the Progressive Conservative Party sits as the Government of Ontario;

And whereas, there is a new Premier and Minister of Health and Long Term Care;

And whereas, Municipal Councillors do not have the detailed familiarity to interpret data regarding the efficacy of Hydrofluorosilicic Acid [HFSA] in water fluoridation treatments and are struggling with a range of conflicting reports and public concern on the matter of fluoridation;

Therefore be it resolved, that Region of Peel Council request the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, whose mandate it is to protect the health of Ontarians, (i) to undertake appropriate and comprehensive toxicity testing necessary to reassure the public that the

use of HFSA in water fluoridation treatments is safe; and (ii) take legislative responsibility for the regulation and administration of HFSA in water fluoridation treatments across the province relieving local governments from what is a provincial responsibility; And further, that copies of this resolution be circulated to MPPs, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

[The Region's letter to the Premier and Health Minister dated Sept. 28, 2018:

<http://www.fluoridefreepeel.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Sept-28-2018-Community-Water-Flouridatioin-Letter-to-the-Province.pdf>]

RECOMMENDATION CWFC - 6 - 2018: That staff report back to Regional Council in six months, pending receipt of a response from the Premier of Ontario, and the Minister of Health and Long Term Care in regard to Recommendation CWFC - 5 - 2018.

On Dec. 13, 2018, Council adopted the September 27, 2018 report of the CWFC (CWFC - 3 /2018), which outlined **lingering disagreement over the scientific evidence for 100% dissociation of hydrofluorosilicic acid in tap water and included a request from Councillor Downey for a particular study** (an apparent request for the 1975 Westendorf study which the Region was made aware of at least as early as Sept. 11, 2014, see page 165:

<https://www.peelregion.ca/council/agendas/2014/2014-09-11-rc-added-agenda.pdf>, and again in September 2016, see page 38: <https://www.peelregion.ca/council/agendas/2016/2016-09-08-rc-agenda.pdf>). Council approved the recommendations listed below.

RECOMMENDATION CWFC - 9 - 2018 : That the Regional Solicitor be directed to evaluate the affidavit from John Remington-Graham and the supporting documentation as listed on the [September 27, 2018 CWFC agenda \[Re Judicial Findings in 3 Landmark Cases in Pennsylvania, Illinois & Texas: Artificial Water Fluoridation Causes Cancer & Other Ailments in Man\]](#) from a Canadian legal perspective ; And further, that staff report to the new term of Regional Council regarding the context of the US court rulings.

RECOMMENDATION CWFC - 10 - 2018 : That the report from the Commissioner of Health Services and Medical Officer of Health titled "Community Water Fluoridation – Using Evidence to Inform Public Health Practice" and the related presentation be referred to a CWFC meeting in the next term of Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION CWFC - 11 - 2018 : That the report from the Commissioner of Health Services and the Medical Officer of Health, titled "Community Water Fluoridation Staff Response to Committee Selected Studies", be referred to a CWFC meeting in the next term of Regional Council.

RECOMMENDATION CWFC - 12 - 2018 : Whereas, Health Canada in its letter addressed to the Regional Chair dated April 4, 2012 recommends that toxicology reviews of the fluoridation product (Hydrofluorosilicic Acid (HFSA)) be done to ensure its safety at its maximum use level; And whereas, Health Canada is on record that no toxicology studies have been done on HFSA , as outlined in their letter dated May 26, 2014, from the Access to Information and Privacy Division, 7th Floor, Suite 700, Holland Cross, Tower B, 1600 Scott Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0K9 ; Therefore be it resolved, that the Community Water Fluoridation Committee (CWFC) refers this motion to the new CWFC for the 2018 - 2022 term of Regional Council, to request that the CWFC consider that a moratorium be placed on water fluoridation in Peel Region until the toxicology reviews recommended by Health Canada have been completed to assure that drinking water fluoridated through the use of HFSA is safe for public consumption.

Please also note the following, from page 141 of [Council's Dec. 13, 2018 agenda](#):

“Community Water Fluoridation Committee (CWFC):

*Purpose: The purpose of the Community Water Fluoridation Committee is to make recommendations to Regional Council on community water fluoridation. **The recommendations would include the Region's positions on community water fluoridation...**”*

Yours for Safe Water,
Christine Massey, M.Sc.
Brampton, ON
[Fluoride Free Peel](#)