



Minutes

MedTech Task Force

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Thursday, May 30, 2024

- Members Present:
- Deputy Mayor H. Singh (Chair)
 - Dr. Mohamed Lachemi, President, Toronto Metropolitan University (Vice-Chair)
 - Regional Councillor R. Santos - Wards 1 and 5
 - Dave Casimiro, Managing Director, NorthWest Healthcare Properties REIT
 - Vito Ciciretto, President and CEO, Dynacare
 - Sheri Dodd, President, Medtronic Canada
 - Jason Field, President and CEO, Life Sciences Ontario
 - Jaipaul Massey-Singh, CEO, Brampton Board of Trade
 - Dr. Frank Martino, President & CEO, William Osler Health Systems
 - Dr. Janet Morrison, President & Vice Chancellor, Sheridan College
 - Jay Stevens, CEO, The Stevens Company
 - Amy Swanson, Vice-President, MedTech Canada
 - Andreas Wegner, General Manager, Taro Pharmaceuticals
 - Vincci Wilson, VP NorthWest Healthcare Properties REIT
 - Mahes Wickramasinghe, EVP & Chief Administrative Officer, Rogers
 - David Wyatt, Senior Vice President, Morguard Investments Ltd
 - Deepak Sharma, William Osler Health Systems (Alternate)
- Members Absent:
- Regional Councillor M. Palleschi - Wards 2 and 6
 - Regional Councillor G. Toor - Wards 9 and 10
 - Tony Chahine, CEO, Myant Inc.
 - Anton Katipunan, Development with RioCan, RioCan
 - Brian Leahy, Director, External Community Relations, Algoma University
 - David Moores, Vice President, Development Engineering, Orlando Corporation

Dr. Dante Morra, Chief of Medical Staff, Trillium Health Partners
Peter Nikolakakos, Executive Vice President, Development &
Planning, First Gulf
Carl Rodrigues, CEO, SOTI
Ken Spears, General Manager / Vice-President, Boston
Scientific Canada
Darren Steedman, Vice-President, DG Group
Blair Wolk, President, Orlando Corporation

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:08 p.m. and adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

MTTF001-2024

That the agenda for the MedTech Task Force Committee Meeting of May 30, 2024, be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

3. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

Nil

4. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes were considered by Committee of Council on November 29, 2023, and were approved by Council on December 6, 2023. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. **Presentations / Delegations**

5.1 Presentation by Stakeholders:

1. Algoma University
 - Dr. Istvan Imre
2. Roga Life
 - Dr. Alison Smith, Co-Founder and Chief Scientist
3. Medical Alley, MN
 - Frank Jaskulke

Dr. Istvan Imre, Algoma University, provided a brief overview of the company that included the following:

- Two initiatives being implemented:
 - Ontario Mental Health & Addictions Research Training Institute (OMHARTI) at the Sault Ste. Marie and Brampton locations
 - National Centre of Excellence in Immersive Technology partnering with Unity.
- Outlined the purpose and goals of OMHARTI.
 - Brampton location - 145 Queen Street East - newly leased independent building.
 - The facility will host undergraduate and graduate programming in the areas of Psychology and Social Work.
- The National Centre of Excellence (CoE) in Immersive Technology focuses on bridging the divide between the augmented reality.
 - Outlined the vision and mission of the initiative.
 - CoE Pillars - Education Advancement and Skill Development; Innovation and Industry collaboration; Community Integration and Outreach.

Dr. Alison Smith, Co-Founder and Chief Scientist, Roga Life, provided a brief overview of the company that included the following:

- Roga Life is an early stage MedTech startup that is part of the Brampton Venture Zone.
- Mental healthcare platform to treat employee stress, anxiety and burnout.
- Sells corporate health benefits.
- Since the pandemic stress and anxiety have significantly increased, especially for those within the workforce.
 - 72 percent of employees are experiencing intense stress resulting in performance decline, absenteeism, turnover and medical expenses.
 - To deal with such anxieties people only have access to talk therapists and medication.
 - Looking for MedTech solutions to assist individuals wherever they are.

- Mental Healthcare Platform - wearable device (effectively reduces stress and burnout) and AI guided meditations (personalized guided meditations and treatment progress analytics).
- Currently on the market as a "wellness device" for intense stress and burnout.
- Future goal is to achieve "Medical Device Status" to treat anxiety.

Frank Jaskulke, Medical Alley, MN, provided a brief overview of the company that included the following:

- Not-for-profit trade association.
- Outlined the company's mission and vision.
- Partnership services: connections, advocacy, insights, engagement.
- Foundational and sustaining partners.
- Medical Alley Board of Directors
- Strategic Value Creation - four core initiatives: Medical Alley Starts, Medical Alley Global, Healthcare Transformation Initiative (HTI) and Local and Federal Policy.
- Strategic Initiatives: enabling healthcare innovation, elevate business progress, transform health equity.

The following motion was considered.

MTTF002-2024

That the following presentations to the MedTech Task Force Committee Meeting of May 30, 2024, re:

1. **Algoma University**
2. **Roga Life**
3. **Medical Alley, MN**

be received.

Carried

6. Other / New Business / Information Items

The following motion was considered.

6.1 Updates:

1. The Brampton Medical School
 - Dr. Mohamed Lachemi
2. Update from the Brampton Venture Zone
 - John MacRitchie and Fardan Khan

Dr. Mohamed Lachemi, President, Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU), provided an update on the Brampton Medical School that included:

- On track to welcome the first group of medical learners in 2025:
 - 105 residents (July 2025 Intake)
 - 94 MD students (September 2025 Intake)
- Clinical affiliations will ensure the delivery of high-quality placements and celebrate primary care.
- Integrated Health Centre (IHC) will increase primary care access.
- Accreditation process is proceeding on schedule.

John MacRitchie and Fardan Khan, Brampton Venture Zone, provided a brief update on the Brampton Venture Zone that included the work undertaken to date and the work that is upcoming for 2025.

The following motion was considered.

MTTF003-2024

That the following updates to the MedTech Task Force Committee Meeting of May 30, 2024, re:

1. **Brampton Medical School**
2. **Brampton Venture Zone**

be received.

Carried

6.2 Follow-up on Key Projects:

1. Wet Labs - Outline of Feasibility Study / Consultation
 - Martin Bohl, Sector Manager, Health & Life Sciences, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton
2. The MedTech Conference, Toronto - October 15 - 17, 2024
 - Amy Swanson
 - Martin Bohl, Sector Manager, Health & Life Sciences, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton
3. Other Items - Sector MedTech Outline (new) with Our Stakeholders (Including BIO 2024)
 - Martin Bohl, Sector Manager, Health & Life Sciences, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton

Martin Bohl, Sector Manager, Health & Life Sciences, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton provided an update on the Wet Lab - Feasibility Study/Consultation.

Amy Swanson, Vice-President, MedTech Canada and Martin Bohl, Sector Manager, Health & Life Sciences, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton provided an update on the subject matter that included the following:

- Four pillars of the conference: Networking, education program, partnering and investor forum and the MedTech campus.
- Flexpass Campaign
- Registration rates.
- All-access pass includes: four days of education, networking, access to the Medtech campus, and partnering with thousands of Medtech innovators.
- Partnered with Destination Toronto at the conference and will be at booth 700.
- Deputy Mayor Singh and Councillor Toor will be available on October 17th for half a day.
- Looking at setting up a panel discussion at the booth.

Martin Bohl, Sector Manager, Health & Life Sciences, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, City of Brampton provided an update on the subject matter that included the following:

- Looking to update the marketing panel.
- Change the narrative and look at our research, startup companies.
- Asking for input or key items to showcase moving forward into 2025.

The following motion was considered.

MTTF004-2024

That the following Verbal Updates on Key Projects to the MedTech Task Force Committee Meeting of May 30, 2024, re:

1. **Wet Labs - Outline of Feasibility Study/Consultation**
2. **MedTech Conference, Toronto - October 15 - 17, 2024**
3. **Sector MedTech Outline (new) with Our Stakeholders (Including BIO 2024).**

be received.

Carried

6.3 Information Item re: Concept for a 2025 Conference in Brampton –Brain Injury Association Peel Halton, Nick Kuryluk and Sarah Diaz

Nick Kuryluk and Sarah Diaz, Brain Injury Association Peel Halton provided information regarding the Concept for a 2025 Conference in Brampton and advised they were seeking the Committee's support and financial backing to secure the Rose Theatre for a one-and-a half to two-day conference in 2025.

The following motion was considered.

MTTF005-2024

That the presentation from Sarah Diaz, Brain Injury Association, Peel Halton, re: Concept for a 2025 Conference in Brampton, to the MedTech Task Force Committee Meeting of May 30, 2024, be received.

Carried

7. **Member Questions / Roundtable**

Nil

8. **Correspondence**

Nil

9. **Question Period**

Nil

10. **Public Question Period**

Nil

11. **Adjournment**

Closing Remarks were provided by Deputy Mayor Singh and Dr. Mohamed Lachemi, President of Toronto Metropolitan University (TMU).

The following motion was considered.

MTTF006-2024

That the MedTech Task Force do now adjourn to meet again for a Regular Meeting of Committee on Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. or at the call of the Chair.

Carried

Deputy Mayor H. Singh (Chair)

Mohamed Lachemi (Vice-Chair)