

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 12-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on August 9, 2004, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Bailey; Baty; Casselman; Katzman; Rigby.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Ventresca, Acting Commissioner of Community Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Mr. Bakewell, Director, Operational Support Services; Mr. Banting, Director, Legal Services; Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services; Mr. Hutchings, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Ms. Jugley, Manager, Community Mental Health Program; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Mr. Sidawi, Director, Operational Support Services.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION

95. Contract RN 04-12
Sale of Surplus Property
Former Sunset Haven Long Term Care Facility

Ms. Italia Gilberti, Broderick Partners, Solicitor, attended on behalf of the high bidders for Contract RN 04-12, Former Sunset Haven Long Term Care Facility in Welland. She urged the Committee to award the tender to the highest bidder, and if not, that her clients be given right of first refusal and further negotiations be undertaken for the purchase of this property with her client.

CLOSED SESSION

96. Moved by Councillor Katzman
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to a property matter.

Carried.

97. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

Following consideration of Report COM 58-2004, August 9, 2004 (PWA 131-2004, August 10, 2004), it was:

98. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 58-2004, August 9, 2004 (PWA 131-2004, August 10, 2004), respecting Contract RN04-12, Sale of Surplus Property Former Sunset Haven Long Term Care Facility in the City of Welland, be received.

That all tenders received for the purchase of the Region's surplus property (being known as the former Sunset Haven property) advertised for sale in contract RN 04-12 be rejected;

That staff continues to manage and market the property for sale in accordance with Regional Policy.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

99. Community Mental Health Program:
Funding Enhancement for an Assertive
Community Treatment Team

Mr. Hutchings, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, advised that Report PHD 54-2004 was presented to Committee in response to Committee's staff direction of February 23, 2004 regarding

funding for Mental Health Program and other discussions on the Homelessness issue.

Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 54-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting Community Mental Health Program: Funding Enhancement for an Assertive Community Treatment Team, be received for information.

Carried.

(Report PHD 54-2004 is attached to Public Health Services Committee minutes PHSC 13-2004.)

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE (continued)

100. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report COM 52-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting Early Learning and Child Care – Provincial Funding Announcement, be received for information;

That the recommended approach for Minor Capital funding disbursement to Child Care Service Providers be approved.

Carried.

101. Additional Provincial Funding for Seniors Community Programs

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report COM 53-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting Additional Provincial Funding for Seniors Community Programs, be received for information.

That a letter be forwarded from the Regional Chair to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care acknowledging receipt of the funding and apprising the Minister of Niagara's unique situation with respect to an increasing aging population and the need for increased base funding to ensure Niagara can continue to provide its high quality of services to its seniors.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CSC 58.)

102. Integration of Senior Day Program and
The Adams Centre Respite Program

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 54-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting Integration of Senior Day Program and The Adams Centre Respite Program, be received for information.

Carried.

103. Council Nomination to Social Housing Services Corporation

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report COM 55-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting Council Nomination to Social Housing Services Corporation, be received.

That Council support the submission of Ms. Karen Drake, Manager, Housing Programs, Niagara Regional Housing and Councillor Tim Rigby as nominees to the Social Housing Services Corporation.

Carried.

104. Ontario Works and Ontario Disability
Support Program Rate Increase

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 56-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program Rate Increase, be received for information.

Carried.

105. 2004 Service Plan Guidelines
and Outcome Based Measurement

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 57-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting 2004 Service Plan Guidelines and Outcome Based Measurement, be received for information.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Review the information requested by Councillor Casselman from the Province regarding allocations of funding for different communities and their population and determine if this information could be included in the letter to the Province to support the Region's request for increased funding. (Councillor Casselman will provide this information to staff, once it is received from the Province.) (Refer to minute 101.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to meet again on Monday, September 13, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters Building.

Jill Hildreth
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk