

## **THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT 5-2004**

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in the Public Health Building, 5710 Kitchener St., Niagara Falls, Ontario, on Monday, March 8, 2004, commencing at 12:30 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Timms, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Baty; Casselman; Davidson; Harry; Redekop.

Staff: Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

#### **Staff**

Part-time: Mr. Cunnane, Director, Public Safety; Ms. Decou, Epidemiologist; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Mr. McQueen, Interim Project Manager, Public Safety Division; Ms. Morris, Manager, Youth Connection; Ms. Ott, Manager, Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention Program; Ms. Partington, Director, Population Health; Ms. Rix, Manager, Tobacco Program; Ms. Rose, Health Promoter; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Spencer, Manager, Sexual Health; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services.

#### 42. **TOUR OF FACILITIES**

Dr. Williams gave a tour of the facilities of the Public Health Department's Building on Kitchener Street in Niagara Falls, briefly describing the services provided at that location.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

#### 43. Children's Safety Village

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PHD 13-2004, March 8, 2004, respecting Children's Safety Village, be received for information and that Committee support staff's position on this matter.

Carried.

44. Smoking By-laws in Ontario and Surrounding Areas

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report PHD 15-2004, March 8, 2004, respecting Smoking By-laws in Ontario and Surrounding Areas, be received for information.

Carried.

45. Emergency Management Program By-law & Title Change

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PHD 20-2004, March 8, 2004, respecting Emergency Management Program By-law & Title Change, be received and the recommendations contained in this report be approved and the attached by-law be adopted.

Carried.

46. Community Engagement and Consultation

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Redekop

That Report PHD 21-2004, March 8, 2004, respecting Community Engagement and Consultation, be received for information.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

47. Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Communication PHSC 3-2004 from Chris Rogers, Chairman, Board of Directors, AIDS Niagara (March 1, 2004) regarding the StreetWorks Needle Exchange Program be received and that staff draft a letter of response indicating that Regional Council is comfortable with the level of funding for the program; and

That Pharmaceutical companies be approached to lend their support to the StreetWorks Needle Exchange Program.

- Carried.
48. Regional Niagara's Board of Health Resolution Regarding Funding for Public Health Departments

Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Communication PHSC 4-2004, being the Regional Niagara's Board of Health Resolution regarding Funding for Public Health Departments be referred to staff for strengthening on the issues outlined in the resolution.

Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

49. Moved by Councillor Redekop  
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

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

Carried.

50. Niagara EMS – Facilities & Lease of Office Space

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PHD 22-2004, March 8, 2004 (PWA 52-2004, March 9, 2004) respecting Niagara EMS – Facilities & Lease of Office Space, be deferred for more information.

Carried.

51. Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT** (continued)

52. Niagara EMS – Facilities & Lease of Office Space

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Regional Council request a meeting with the Hotel Dieu Hospital Board, to include the Regional Chair, Chair and Vice-Chair of the Public Health Services Committee, Mayor Rigby and Minister Jim Bradley, to discuss the hospital's plans with respect to the use of the Ontario St. Ambulance Station; and

That a copy of this request be forwarded to the Minister of Health.

Carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 2:35 p.m. to meet again on Monday, March 22, 2004, at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

D. Bruce Timms  
Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Acting Regional Clerk