

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 10-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on May 31, 2004, commencing at 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Casselman, Acting Chair; Almas; Brock; Harry; Redekop; Trombetta.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, C.A.O.; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Mr. Cunnane, Director, Emergency Services Division; Ms. DeCou, Epidemiologist; Mr. Hagar, Employee Relations Manager; Ms. Jugley, Manager, Community Mental Health Program; Mr. Lorenzo, Supervisor, Tobacco Program; Mr. McQueen, Transition Manager, Emergency Services Division; Ms. Rix, Manager, Tobacco Program; Mr. Roberts, Manager, Emergency Services Division; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Stephanie Totten, Epidemiologist; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention.

PRESENTATION

106. Mission of the Suicide Prevention Coalition

Dee Tyler, Executive Director, Distress Centre and Chair, Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition, attended to apprise Committee of its Mission and Mandate. Ms. Tyler distributed a copy of the coalition's Terms of Reference which states its mission is "to build strong community partnerships that will work together to develop a comprehensive suicide prevention strategy to address the needs of all residents of Niagara and reflect the values of a caring compassionate community". Its mandate is "to develop and implement a suicide prevention strategy to ensure effective and accessible prevention, interventions and postvention programs and supports are available for all individuals and their families affected by suicidal behaviours". Ms. Tyler identified some of their tasks as:

- To develop a Niagara community profile relating to suicidal behaviours.
- To identify better practices in providing suicide prevention, treatment and support services across the life span.
- To develop a local multiple context suicide prevention strategy based on better practices.
- To inform the general community and all levels of government of the issues and needs of the Niagara community.
- To conduct regular evaluations of coalition activities and deliverables.

Ms. Tyler advised that the Suicide Prevention Coalition will be hosting a forum on June 2, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. at the District School Board of Niagara, 191 Carlton Street, St. Catharines and invited members of Committee to attend.

Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the presentation by Dee Tyler, Executive Director, Distress Centre and Chair, Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition, be received.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

107. Community Mental Health Program:
Annual Operating Plan and Budget (2004-2005)

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report PHD 39-2004, May 31, 2004, respecting Community Mental Health Program: Annual Operating Plan and Budget (2004-2005), be received.

That the Regional Chair be authorized to execute the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) documents in approval of the Community Mental Health Program 2004/2005 Annual Operating Plan and Budget.

Carried.

108. Release of the Third Regional
Niagara Community Health Profile

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report PHD 42-2004, May 31, 2004, respecting Release of the Third Regional Niagara Community Health Profile, be received for information.

Carried.

109. Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (RRFSS), 2002

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 43-2004, May 31, 2004, respecting Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance Survey (RRFSS), 2002, be received for information.

Carried.

110. Oral Report – Smoking By-law – One-Year Anniversary

Ms. Rix, Manager, Tobacco Program, provided an overview of the Smoking By-law to date, highlighting the activities that have taken place related to their comprehensive communication campaign. Ms. Rix apprised Committee of the “Educate-Warn-Enforce” protocol and issues relating to Bingo Hall compliance to the Smoking By-law.

Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That the presentation by Linda Rix, Manager, Tobacco Program, respecting the Smoking By-law – One Year Anniversary and the Educate-Warn-Enforce Protocol, be received.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

111. Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Communication PHSC 14-2004, from Dean Iorfida, Clerk, City of Niagara Falls (May 7, 2004) respecting Regional Smoking By-law #22-2002, be received.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

112. Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Harry

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

Carried.

113. Lease Renewal with Niagara Health System
Ambulance Stations
Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Welland

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report PHD 38-2004, May 31, 2004 (PWA 95-2004, May 25, 2004) respecting Lease Renewal with Niagara Health Systems Ambulance Stations, Fort Erie, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake and Welland, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

114. Arbitration Award – Advanced Care Paramedics

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PHD 41-2004, May 31, 2004, respecting Arbitration Award – Advanced Care Paramedics, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

115. Moved by Councillor Trombetta
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 1:30 p.m. to meet again on Monday, June 7, 2004, at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

J. Casselman
Acting Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk