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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 13-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on August 9, 2004, commencing at 12:30 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Timms, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Baty; Brock; Casselman.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Mr. Cunnane, Director, Public Safety; Ms. DeCou, Epidemiologist; Ms. Fontana, Director, Corporate Health Services & Employee Relations; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Ms. Jugley, Manager, Community Mental Health Program; Dr. Klooz, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. LaCroix, Manager, Infectious Disease; Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Ms. St. Johns, Director, Clinical Services.

HUMAN RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

137. **Emergency Medical Services (EMS)**
Jurisdictional Representation

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report HR 39-2004, August 10, 2004, respecting Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Jurisdictional Representation, be received.

That Report HR 29-2004 regarding the oral ruling issued on July 27, 2004 by Mr. Tim Sargeant, Vice-Chair, Ontario Labour Relations Board, awarding CUPE Local 7100 the jurisdictional representation rights for the System Status Controller position in the emergency Medical Services (EMS) Division be received for information.

Carried.

(Report HR 39-2004 is attached to Human Resources Committee minutes HR 7-2004.)

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
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.

That the Community Mental Health Program receive the recently announced funding enhancement of \$618,238 and in accordance with the accountability requirements outlined by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, establish Niagara's first Assertive Community Treatment Team.

Carried.

139. Customer Service Survey Analysis, 2002-2004

Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Report PHD 55-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting Customer Service Survey Analysis, 2002-2004, be received for information.

Carried.

140. Mandatory Program Compliance 2003 – Rabies Control

Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PHD 56-2004, August 9, 2004, respecting Mandatory Program Compliance 2003 – Rabies Control, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

141. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Communication PHSC 21-2004 from Algoma Health Unit Board seeking support for its Resolution (June 23, 2004) regarding "Call to Action: Creating a Healthy School Nutrition Environment" be received and referred to staff for inclusion in its Obesity Strategy report.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

142. West Nile Virus Update

Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health, provided an update on the West Nile Virus. She advised that there has been 1 human case of the virus in Windsor, 111 birds tested positive in Ontario with 2 positive birds in Niagara. There are 6 positive mosquito pools across the Province and none in Niagara. Dr. Williams advised that the West Nile Virus appears to be located mainly in the Western United States. She commented that Niagara is still in the mosquito season and the Public Health Department remains vigilant in its WNV control activities.

143. Budget Process

Councillor Timms, Committee Chair, noted that the 2005 Budget Timetable and Guidelines have been approved and the budget process is underway. He commented that the Public Health Services Committee needs to be actively involved in the budget process, sooner than later. Councillor Timms has asked that staff bring information to Committee early in September so that the Committee can determine its priorities.

CLOSED SESSION

144. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

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

Carried.

145. Audit of "Stub Period" for Ambulance Operations

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Communication PHSC 22-2004 regarding Report CSD 93-2004, July 14, 2004, Audit of "Stub Period" for Ambulance Operations, be received.

Carried.

146. Vaccine Management

Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services, provided an oral report on Vaccine Management.

(Refer to staff direction.)

147. Hotel Dieu Ambulance Site

Regional Chair Partington provided an update on the Hotel Dieu Ambulance Site matter.

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Issue clarification to Niagara physicians of the information provided from the Province regarding its Vaccine Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 1:45 p.m. to meet again on Monday, September 13, 2004, at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

B. Timms
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk