

## **THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT 4-2005**

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on February 7, 2005, commencing at 12:40 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Baty, Vice-Chair presiding; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Angelone; Casselman; Goulbourne; Trombetta.

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

#### **Staff**

Part-time: Ms. Hague, Manager, Infectious Disease; Ms. Kalailieff, Manager of the Vaccine Preventable Diseases Program; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services, P.H.; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Mr. Laflamme, Manager, Health Protection and Promotion; Ms. Rix, Manager, Chronic Disease and Prevention; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Ms. Waite, Public Health Nurse; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

#### **24. Signatures for Ministry Documents**

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report PHD 08-2005, February 7, 2005, respecting Signatures for Ministry Documents, be received.

That the 2004 Terms and Conditions document for Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program be approved and signed by the Board of Health Chairman.

That the Grant Agreements for Phase 4 of the two Early Childhood Development Projects – Injury and Family Abuse Prevention (IFAP) and Promote Health Pregnancy and Child Development (PHPCD) be approved and signed by the Board of Health Chairman.

Carried.

25. Influenza Planning and Response, Niagara Region

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PHD 10-2005, February 7, 2005, respecting Influenza Planning and Response, Niagara Region, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page PHSC 14.)

26. Smoke-Free Ontario Campaign Grant Applications

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report PHD 11-2005, February 7, 2005, respecting Smoke-Free Ontario Campaign Grant Applications, be received.

That the Regional Niagara Public Health Department (RNPHD) be permitted to move forward with initiatives contained in the Smoke-Free Ontario Campaign Grant Applications as soon as the Ministry of Health and Long term Care (MOHLTC) approves the funding.

Carried.

**JOINT REPORT**

27. Request for Capital Budget and Financing Approval  
for Capital Project ZGC0302 – New Initiatives,  
Public Health Inspection Program

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PHD 09-2005, February 7, 2005 (CSD 19-2005), respecting Request for Capital Budget and Financing Approval for Capital Project ZGC0302 – New Initiatives, Public Health Inspection Program, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved and referred to Council for final approval.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page PHSC 14.)

**CORRESPONDENCE**

28. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Communication PHSC 4-2005 from Connie Bryson, Chair, Thunder Bay District Board of Health regarding West Nile Virus – Funding for Ongoing Risk Assessment, be received and referred to staff for report.

Carried.

(Dr. Sider advised that a full report will be coming to Committee in March.)

29. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Communication PHSC 5-2005 from Jim Bradley, M.P.P., St. Catharines regarding Provincial announcement “McGuinty Government Expanding Mental Health Services to Help More Children and Youth in Niagara”, be received.

Carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

30. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending December 31, 2004 in the amount of \$736,142.15, be approved.

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending December 31, 2004 in the amount of \$752,805.36, be approved.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

31. Budget Process  
Councillor Casselman referred to Councillor Martin’s comments that Committees become involved early in the year with respect to preparing the 2006 budget and inquired whether there is a process in place for this.

Mr. Trojan, C.A.O., advised that the first Council Business Planning session will give a better understanding for all of Council on where the Region is mandated to budget funds. The C.A.O. commented that it will be suggested that, as part of the three week cycle, some weeks be used to consider budget matters which will be well before the budget process begins.

**CLOSED SESSION**

32. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Almas

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

Carried.

33. Accommodations Update – Public Health Department

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That staff proceed with the consideration of lease arrangements for accommodations for the Public Health Department.

Carried.

34. Niagara District Health Council – Physician Recruitment Position

A discussion ensued with respect to the Physician Recruitment Position and the C.A.O. was directed to report back on this matter.

(Refer to staff direction on page PHSC 14.)

35. Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Provide information on the staff influenza vaccination coverage rate among the Region's long Term care facilities (percentage). (Refer to minute 25.)
- (ii) Provide a demonstration of the technology purchased to improve efficiencies in delivering services within the Public Health Inspection Program. (Refer to minute 27.)
- (iii) Report on results of N.D.H.C. Physician Recruitment activities. (Refer to minute 34.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 1:30 p.m. to meet again on Monday, February 21, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Brian Baty  
Vice-Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk/  
Associate Director of Corporate Strategy