

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 10-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario on June 20, 2005, commencing at 12:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Timms, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Angelone; Baty; Brock; Casselman; Goulbourne; Harry; Redekop..

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Reilly, Acting Deputy Clerk.

Staff

Part-time: Ms. Biscaro, Director, Population Health; Mr. Bousfield, Manager, Property & Facility Management; Ms. Decou, Epidemiologist; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Ms. Jugley, Manager, Community Mental Health Program; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Ms. Morris, Manager, Youth Connection Elementary; Ms. Ott, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. Rudolph, Manager, Youth Connection Secondary; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

98. Oral Report on aIPHa Board Meeting

Councillor Timms, Committee Chair, provided an oral report on the aIPHa Board Meeting. He advised that the key topic of interest was the response to the Capacity Review Committee. Councillor Timms commented that mechanisms for consulting with the field are being established including a number of surveys and as outlined in Communication PHSC 38-2005. The Committee Chair urged Committee members to complete these surveys and suggested they contact staff to provide assistance if required. This matter will be further addressed with the correspondence item. Councillor Timms advised that he would like to attend the Board of Health Section Capacity Review Input Meeting which is to be held Tuesday, June 28th, 2005 at the Courtyard Marriott Downtown Toronto and asked

Committee to support his attendance at this meeting. Committee consensus was for Councillor Timms to attend this meeting. Committee was also apprised of a joint conference with aPHa and the Ontario Public Health Association to be held on November 27th, 2005. The aPHa is requesting resolutions with respect to the Capacity Review and Core Service Review and members are asked to bring forward any suggestions/resolutions to Councillor Timms and staff.

99. Youth Connection Program: Update on
Public Health Service Delivery to Children and Youth

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 35-2005, June 20, 2005, respecting Youth Connection Program: Update on Public Health Service Delivery to Children and Youth, be received and Committee stressed the importance of services to youth in the school setting.

That staff provide a further report to Committee on a strategy to obtain additional funding to enhance Public Health Service Delivery to Children and Youth, through exploration of the role of the new Federal-Provincial School Health Task Force.

Carried.

100. Child Car Seat Safety: Initiatives in Niagara
and the Passage of Provincial Bill 73

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 37-2005, June 20, 2005, respecting Child Car Seat Safety: Initiatives in Niagara and the Passage of Provincial Bill 73, be received.

Carried.

101. Distributing Child Safety Products in Niagara:
An Evaluation to Improve Home Safety for Children

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 38-2005, June 20, 2005, respecting Distributing Child Safety Products in Niagara: An Evaluation to Improve Home Safety for Children, be received for information.

Carried.

102. Funding Agreement for Tobacco Grants

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PHD 39-2005, June 20, 2005, respecting Funding Agreement for Tobacco Grants, be received.

That the Regional Chairman and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the legal agreement between the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Regional Municipality of Niagara (RMON). This agreement provides funding for tobacco use prevention and enforcement as announced by the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care on May 31, 2005.

Carried.

103. Community Mental Health Program:
Annual Operating Plan and Budget (2005-2006)

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PHD 40-2005, June 20, 2005, respecting Community Mental Health Program: Annual Operating Plan and Budget (2005-2006), 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 2005/2006 Annual Operating Plan and Budget.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

104. Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Brock

That Communication PHSC 36-2005 from Hazel Lynn, Medical Officer of Health, Grey Bruce Health Unit (May 24, 2005) regarding its Council's resolution recommending the provincial government include a provision to ban all point-of-purchase promotion, display and advertising of tobacco products upon implementation of Bill 164 – Smoke-Free Ontario Act in May 2006, be received; and subsequent to the new provincial smoke-Free Ontario Act,

That Communication PHSC 43-2005 from Dr. R. Williams, Medical Officer of Health (June 8, 2005) requesting Committee recommend to Council that the attached draft resolution to ban point of purchase tobacco advertising, be withdrawn.

Carried.

105. Moved by Councillor
Seconded by Councillor

That Communication PHSC 37-2005 regarding Local Health Integration Network 4 – Member Nomination and “Patient Care/Services Integration Initiative”, be received.

Carried.

106. Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Communication PHSC 38-2005 from Dr. Sheela V. Basrur, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief Medical Officer of Health (May 20, 2005) regarding Public Health Unit and Staff and Board Surveys, be received.

Carried.

Communication PHSC 38-2005, together with the Public Health Unit Staff and Board Member Survey from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and ALPHA Discussion Questions: Public Health Restructuring will be attached to the minutes and Board of Health members are asked to complete the pertinent surveys.

107. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That the following communications be received:

- PHSC 39-2005 Rachel Quesnel, Executive Assistant to the Medical Office of Health, Sudbury & District Health Unit regarding motions passed by the Sudbury & District Board of Health at their May 19, 2005 Board meeting.
- PHSC 40-2005 Sudbury & District Board of Health Determinants of Health Position Statement 2005.
- PHSC 41-2005 P. Sutcliffe, Medical Officer of Health and Chief Executive Director, Sudbury & District Health Unit (June 1, 2005) regarding Curbing Transboundary Air Pollution.
- PHSC 42-2005 Bill Fisch, Regional Chair and CEO, The Regional Municipality of York (May 20, 2005) regarding Funding inequities for GTA/905 Health Care Services.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

108. Communication Plan – Public Health

Councillor Goulbourne inquired as to when the report will be available regarding the Public Health Department's Communications Strategy, detailing the current, past and future Public Health Department's activities as previously requested. Dr. Williams advised that a report will be available for the next cycle.

109. Ambulance Communications Centre

Councillor Timms advised that the Ambulance Dispatch Group has been making presentations to local municipal councils on the Ambulance Communications Centre and Dispatch.

CLOSED SESSION.

110. Moved by Councillor Redekop
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 matters.

Carried.

111. Proposed Sharing of Facility by
EMS Ambulance Staff of New Fire Stations
Townline Road, South of York Road
Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 36-2005, June 20, 2005 (PWA 105-2005, June 21, 2005/CSD 85-2005, June 22, 2005), respecting Proposed Sharing of Facility by EMS Ambulance Staff of New Fire Station, Townline Road, South of York Road, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

112. Update on Hanover Drive Relocation

Committee received an update on the Hanover Drive Relocation.

113. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 1:55 p.m. to meet again on Monday, July 11, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. in C.R. 4, Regional Headquarters.

Bruce Timms
Chair

Gail Reilly
Acting Deputy Clerk

Anne Hepplewhite
Acting Regional Clerk