

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2006

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, June 6, 2006 at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Co-Chair; Baty, Casselman, Timms, Katzman, Marshall, Regional Chair Partington.

Staff: Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner Public Health; Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner of Community Services; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Protection and Promotion; Ms. Biscaro, Director Population Health; Mr. Jones, Director, Administration Services; Ms. St. John, Director Clinical Service; Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. Pennisi, Director Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Ricci, Acting Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Ms. LaCroix, Manager, Infectious Disease; Ms. Columbus, Manager, Youth Connection Secondary; Ms. Kallaileif, Manager, Vaccine Preventable; Ms. Rix, Manager, Tobacco Control Program; Mr. Lorenzo, Manager, Tobacco Control Program; Ms. DiPietro, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Mr. Young, Manager, Health Protection and Promotion.

Regrets: Councillors; Angelone, Bailey, Harry, Trombetta.

Guests: Allan Pearson, Consultant

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to six members, pursuant to Part 15, Section 15.8.2 of the Procedural By-law 120-2005.

PRESENTATION

125. Smoke Free Ontario Act

Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services along with Ms. Rix, Manager, Tobacco Program, provided a power point presentation which overviewed the new legislation, Smoke Free Ontario Act.

Highlighted, in part, were the following:

- Prohibition (Section 9)
- Patios and Smoking Shelters
- Lighted tobacco restrictions
- Bar and Restaurant Patios – Ministry Position

Mr. Kyne stated that this is new legislation therefore; it is anticipated that its interpretation and application may change over time as new situations are encountered.

OPERATIONS (STATUS REPORTS)

126. 2006 Ontario Tobacco Strategy Budget **PHD 44-2006**

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 44-2006, June 6, 2006, respecting the 2006 Ontario Tobacco Strategy Budget, be received for information and that the 2006 Ontario Tobacco Strategy (Smoke-Free Ontario) Budget be approved and that the budget request document and the Terms and Conditions document be signed by the Regional Chair.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES (STRATEGIC PLANNING/POLICY)

127. Reporting on Compliance with Mandatory Program Objectives, Requirements and Standards **PHD 43-2006**

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 43-2006, June 6, 2006, respecting Reporting on Compliance with Mandatory Program Objectives, Requirements and Standards, be received for information; and

That the proposed plan for reporting to Committee and Council on the status of compliance with Mandatory Program objectives, requirements and standards be endorsed; and

That Committee and Council be apprised on a regular basis on the development of the Public Health performance management system, to adjust the present reporting mechanisms to new standards, measurement and reporting requirements and tools.

Carried.

OPERATIONS (STATUS REPORTS)

128. Youth in Niagara Region
COM 35-2006/ PHD 40-2006

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report COM 35-2006/ PHD 40-2006, June 6, 2006, respecting Youth in Niagara Region be received for information; and

That staff be directed to prepare a periodical progress report regarding Niagara youth and youth engagement activities.

Carried.

129. Mandatory Program Compliance 2005 -
Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention
PHD 42-2006

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 42-2006, June 6, 2006, respecting the Mandatory Program Compliance 2005 – Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention, be received for information; and that Committee/Council forward this report to the provincial inter-ministerial Performance Standards Strategic Committee that has been tasked with the development of the performance management system recommended in the Capacity Review Committee's Final Report.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

130. Influenza Planning and Response, Niagara Region
PHD 32-2006

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PHD 32-2006, June 6, 2006, respecting Influenza Planning and Response, Niagara Region, be received for information.

Carried.

131. Food Safety Disclosure
PHD 39-2006

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PHD 39-2006, June 6, 2006, respecting Food Safety Disclosure, be deferred until after public consultation meetings have been held.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

132. Community Services Strategic Plan
COM 36-2006

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report COM 36-2006, June 6, 2006, respecting Community Services Strategic Plan, be received for information.

Carried.

INFORMATION

133. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That the following communications be received by this Committee at this time:

- PHSS 24-2006 Letter from the Ministry of Health Promotion to Regional Regional Regional Chair Partington re: Allocation of \$1,064,975 to the Niagara Regional Area Board of Health for the period of January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2006 supporting the Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy.
- PHSS 25-2006 Staff Direction following COM 20-2006 – ODSP Employment Initiative
- PHSS 26-2006 Letter from Sudbury & District Health Unit (May 16, 2006) to The Honourable Dalton McGuinty re: National Child Benefit Supplement
- PHSS 27-2006 Letter from Sudbury & District Health Unit (May 16, 2006) to The Honourable Dalton McGuinty re: Inclusion of Preschool Nutrition Screening within Programs of the Government of Ontario

Carried.

134. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Communication PHSS 28-2006, June 6, 2006, respecting aPHa resolutions for consideration at June 2006 Conference be received and

That Councillor Timms be delegated the authority for seven votes, on behalf of this Committee and Niagara's Board of Health, with respect to the Highway Traffic Act, All Terrain Vehicle Safety, Health-Based Regulation of the Management and Use of Artificial Tanning Equipment, and Board of Health for the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit resolutions at the June 16, 2006 aPHa Annual Business Meeting and Resolutions Session.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

135. Pollution Control Strategy

Councillor Casselman alerted Committee members to an article respecting the Smoke Free Strategy and the dollars allotted thus far; although she agreed this Strategy was important, she felt that Pollution Control should be a priority as well.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

136. LEAP Graduation Ceremony

Councillor Hildreth advised Council the LEAP Graduation ceremonies, where 32 graduates would be recognized, would be held on Monday, June 26, 2006 at Kingston College in Niagara Falls commencing at 1:00 p.m.

137. Member of Provincial Parliament and
Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services

Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner Community Services wished to advise Committee members of the upcoming scheduled visit (June 27, 2006) of Deb Matthews, Member of Provincial Parliament and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Community and Social Services. He stated that she will be visiting six locations, one being the Niagara Falls Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities office; the main purpose of the visit will be to meet and engage with front line staff to discuss improvements/simplification to Ontario Works policies for clients.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

That staff be directed to:

- provide a copy of the Terms and Conditions document respecting the 2006 Ontario Tobacco Strategy Budget for interested Councillors at the June 15th meeting of Council (See Minute Item 126)
- report back on the potential to serious injury/fatality date from Provincial roads (series 400) to be included in future Injury Prevention reports (See Minute Item 129)
- organize and hold consultation sessions with owner/ operators to ensure that they be included and their opinions are reflected in the final design of the Food Safety Disclosure System (See Minute Item 131)
- update Council as to the 31 facilities participating in the Beat the Bug Challenge and the status of air quality/smog alert response plans on the part of the regional corporation and area municipalities (See Minute Item 135)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on June 27, 2006 at 2:00 p.m

Jill Hildreth
Co-Chair

Lisa Ricci
Acting, Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk