

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 12-2006**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, August 29, 2006 at 2:10 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Bailey, Baty, Casselman, Harry, Katzman, Marshall, Mastroianni, Timms and Regional Chair Partington.

Staff: Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health and Commissioner Public Health; Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner of Community Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Ricci, Acting Legislative Assistant.

**Staff**

Part-time: Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Protection and Promotion; Ms. St. John, Director Clinical Service; Ms. Biscaro, Director Population Health; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention; Mr. Jones, Director, Administration Services; Mr. Pelette, Manager – Housing, Hostels and Homelessness; Ms. Coppola, Manager, Healthy Eating; Ms. Vanecko, Manager, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children/ Parent Child; Ms. Burgi, Manager, Healthy Babies, Healthy Children/ Parent Child; Ms. Pennisi, Director Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Mr. Young, Manager Health Protection and Promotion; Ms. O’Flynn, Human Resources Associate; Ms. Swanson, Manager, Reproductive Health, Population Health Division; Ms. Kalailieff, Manager, Vaccine Preventable; Ms. Barnatt, Health Promoter-Chronic Disease Prevention Division; Mr. Laflamme, Manager Health Protection and Promotion; Dr. Andrea Feller.

**CLOSED SESSION**

178. Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

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

Carried.

179. Verbal Update  
MOH 2-2006/ HR 20-2006 (June 27, 2006)

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Confidential Verbal Report, August 29, 2006 respecting an update on MOH 2-2006 (HR 20-2006), be received and that the resolution be approved.

Carried.

180. Accommodations  
**COM 47-2006 (PWA 150-2006) CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Confidential Report, COM 47-2006 (PWA 150-2006), August 29, 2006, respecting Accommodations, be received and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

181. License Agreement  
City of Niagara Falls  
**COM 49-2006 (PWA 151-2006) CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That the Confidential Report COM 49-2006 (PWA 151-2006), respecting a License Agreement City of Niagara Falls, be received and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

182. License Agreement  
City of Welland  
**PHD 72-2006 (PWA 152-2006) CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That the Confidential Report PHD 72-2006 (PWA 152-2006), respecting a License Agreement City of Welland, be received and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

183. Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

### **OPERATIONS (STATUS REPORTS)**

184. Recruitment – Associate Medical Officer of Health  
**MOH 2-2006 (HR 20-2006)**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That in accordance with the previously approved recommendations contained in Report MOH 2-2006/HR 20-2006 (June 27, 2006), this Committee recommends:

That Dr. Andrea Feller, be hired as Associate Medical Officer of Health (Clinical) effective August 21, 2006.

Carried.

185. Update to COM 15-2006  
Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program  
**COM 48-2006**

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 48-2006, August 29, 2006, respecting Update to COM 15-2006 Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program, be received; and

That the Niagara Homelessness Services Community Plan (Appendix 1) be received for information; and

That the plan be supported as Community Services' request for increased investment in homelessness prevention programs in the Niagara Region.

Carried.

186. 2005 Mandatory Program Compliance –  
Reproductive Health  
**PHD 57-2006**

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PHD 57-2006, August 29, 2006 respecting 2005 Mandatory Program Compliance – Reproductive Health, be received for information.

Carried.

187. Mandatory Program Compliance 2005 –  
Child Health  
**PHD 61-2006**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 61-2006, August 29, 2006 respecting Mandatory Program Compliance 2005 – Child Health, be received for information.

Carried.

188. Niagara's Eat Smart!  
Restaurant Awards Program  
**PHD 64-2006**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 64-2006, August 29, 2006 respecting Niagara's Eat Smart! Restaurant Awards Program, be received for information; and

That the Regional Chairman send a letter to the Minister of Health Promotion and the Chief Medical Officer of Health requesting the Province to consider flowing dedicated funding to enhance Eat Smart! Program implementation at the local as well as at the provincial level.

Carried.

189. Funding Agreement for Provincial  
Heart Health Program  
**PHD 68-2006**

Moved by Councillor Katzman  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report PHD 68-2006, August 29, 2006 respecting Funding Agreement for Provincial Heart Health Program, be received; and

That the Regional Chairman and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the legal agreement between the Ministry of Health promotion (MHP) and the Regional Municipality of Niagara (RMON). This agreement provides 12 months of funding, totalling \$99,848 for the provincial heart health program known locally as Healthy Living Niagara (HLN), for the period January 1, 2006 through December 31, 2006.

Carried.

190. New Direction for High School  
Immunization Campaigns  
**PHD 73-2006**

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PHD 73-2006, August 29, 2006 respecting New Direction for High School Immunization Campaigns, be received; and

That Council continue to support and endorse the National Immunization Strategy, as it relates to the youth of Niagara.

Carried.

191. 2006 West Nile Virus Update  
**PHD 67-2006**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 67-2006, August 29, 2006 respecting 2006 West Nile Virus Update, be received for information.

Carried.

192. Liaisons/External Committees Inventory  
for Niagara Region Public Health Department (NRPHD)  
**PHD 69-2006**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 69-2006, August 29, 2006 respecting Liaisons/External Committees Inventory for Niagara Region Public Health Department (NRPHD), be received for information.

Carried.

193. Ministry Approval of Public Health Departments  
2006 Budget Funding  
**PHD 75-2006**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 75-2006, August 29, 2006 respecting Ministry Approval of Public Health Departments 2006 Budget Funding, be received for information.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

194. Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That the following communications be dealt with as follows;

PHSS 38-2006 Letter from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to Regional Chair Peter Partington, August 8, 2006 respecting: Funding

-- Receive

PHSS 39-2006 Letter from the City of Thunder Bay re: Amending the Highway Traffic Act

-- Receive and support

PHSS 40-2006 Correspondence from alpha, August 25, 2006, respecting 2006 Health Unit Budget Approvals.

-- Receive

Carried.

(Refer To Staff Directions)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

195. **"Jill Hildreth 1k & 5k Fun Run/Walk"**

Commissioner Hutchings briefly reminded everyone as to the details of Jill Hildreth 1k & 5k Fun Run/ Walk.

- The "Jill Hildreth 1k & 5k Fun Run/Walk" will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Region's Glenridge Quarry Naturalization site. The event is a fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the sidewalk construction project at Northland Pointe in the city of Port Colborne; a project that Councillor Hildreth selected.
- All Regional staff, Councillors and their families are invited to participate in this fundraising event; an entry fee of \$25.00 will include a race t-shirt and BBQ lunch.

### **STAFF DIRECTIONS**

That staff be directed to:

- forward a copy of PHSS 39-2006 to M. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; requesting that it be reviewed for accuracy (Refer to Minute Item #192).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on September 19, 2006 at 2:00 p.m

Jill Hildreth  
Chair

Lisa Ricci  
Acting Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk