

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

**REPORT 8-2007**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, 2201 St. David's Road, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 2:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Cordiner; Forster; Greenwood; Katzman; Marshall.

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

Staff

Part-time: Community Services Dept.; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities.  
Public Health Dept.: Ms. Biscaro, Director, Population Health Division; Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Protection and Promotion; Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health (Clinical); Ms. Gallant, Niagara Heart Health Coordinator; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Public Health; Mr. LaFlamme, Manager, Health Protection and Promotion; Ms. Loewen, Manager, Sexual Health Program; Ms. McCallum, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. Morris, Manager, Youth Connection Program; Ms. Peacefull, Community Development Manager; Ms. Rix, Manager, Chronic Disease and Prevention; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Spencer, Manager, Sexual Health Program; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

119. FCM Conference – Calgary

Councillor Baty, Co-Chair, apprised Committee of his attendance at the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Conference held in Calgary, Alberta, noting that FCM is made up of approximately 1,600 municipalities across Canada. He advised that high quality presentations by both Provincial parties were made at the conference and that there was significant discussions and information regarding affordable housing and poverty.

**ITEMS FOR DEBATE**

120. Deer Park Villa, Grimsby:  
A Status Report on Redevelopment Options  
**COM 28-2007**

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report COM 28-2007, June 5, 2007, respecting Deer Park Villa, Grimsby: A Status Report on Redevelopment Options, be received for information.

That staff be authorized to explore the recommended redevelopment option and to prepare a detailed report for subsequent consideration by Committee and Council.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

121. Memorandum – Call to Action –  
Funding for the Ontario Heart Health Program

Moved by Councillor Katzman  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the memorandum from Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health, regarding Call to Action – Funding for the Ontario Heart Health Program, be received; and

That Regional Chair Peter Partington send a letter to Minister Jim Watson, requesting the Ministry of Health Promotion continue to fund the Ontario Heart Health Program (OHHP) across the province and affirm the continuation of this funding in a timely manner, preferably prior to the summer break.

Carried.

122. E-coli 157 Outbreak

Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health, apprised Committee of four cases of an E-coli 157 Outbreak in Niagara. Public Health staff closed Yaman, a restaurant located on Merritt Street in St. Catharines, after receiving reports of illness on the weekend and on Monday. All four victims ate at the restaurant during a short timeframe. While the source of the outbreak is not known yet, investigators will test food samples, review food handling practices and talk to staff. Dr. Sider advised that the Region is in the process of sending out public media advisories and requesting that anyone who has eaten at the restaurant between May 17 and June 5 call the Public Health Department. Further information will be available following the investigation.

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the presentation by Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health, regarding the E-coli 157 Outbreak in Niagara, be received.

Carried.

123. Final Report Regarding Move to Improve, the Social Assistance Participant Smoking Cessation Support Project  
**COM 29-2007**

Moved by Councillor Cordiner  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report COM 29-2007, June 5, 2007, respecting Final Report regarding Move to Improve, the Social Assistance Participant Smoking Cessation Support Project, be received for information.

Carried.

124. Food Safety Disclosure  
**PHD 16-2007**

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 16-2007, June 5, 2007, respecting Food Safety Disclosure, be received for information, as requested.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

125. Moved by Councillor Cordiner  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Communication PHSS 22-2007 being a memorandum from Dr. Andrea Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health (May 31, 2007) regarding Call to Action – Renewal of Health Canada’s Tobacco Control Funding, be received; and

That Regional Chair Peter Partington send a letter to The Honourable Tony Clement, Minister of Health, requesting that this important funding be renewed.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION** (continued)

126. Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted Diseases  
Including HIV/AIDS Programs – 2006 Program Summary  
**PHD 32-2007**

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 32-2007, June 5, 2007, respecting Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted Diseases Including HIV/AIDS Programs – 2006 Program Summary, be received.

Carried.

127. Social Marketing Summary, July to December 2007  
**PHD 33-2007**

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 33-2007, June 5, 2007, respecting Social Marketing Summary, July to December 2007, and attachment, be received for information.

Carried.

128. Health Bus Status Report for 2006  
**PHD 34-2007**

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 34-2007, June 5, 2007, respecting Health Bus Status Report for 2006, be received for information.

Carried.

129. HOPE (Helping Others Parent Effectively) Support Group  
For Parents of School-aged Children  
**PHD 37-2007**

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 37-2007, June 5, 2007, respecting HOPE (Helping Others Parent Effectively) Support Group for Parents of School-aged Children, be received for information.

Carried.

130. West Nile Virus Report  
**PHD 38-2007**

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 38-2007, June 5, 2007, respecting West Nile Virus Report, be received for information.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE** (continued)

131. Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Communication PHSS 21-2007, aPHa Resolutions for Consideration at June 2007 Conference, be received.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS** (continued)

132. AIDS Committee

Councillor Katzman advised that, due to conflicts she is experiencing with her appointment on the Board of "RAFT", she is unable to continue to serve on the AIDS Committee. An email will be sent out to members of Council seeking a replacement for her on this important Committee.

133. Rabies – Bats

Councillor Katzman apprised Committee of a call she received from a constituent seeking information regarding a bat bite. She commended the Public Health Department's staff for their quick response in providing assistance on this matter. Councillor Katzman also advised that the information on the web site was very helpful as a user friendly tool to gather the information needed quickly.

**CLOSED SESSION**

134. Moved by Councillor Cordiner  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

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

Carried.

Councillor Forster declared that, while she did not have a conflict with respect to Report HR 23-2007, she would vacate the Committee Room.

135. Oral Report  
John Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources  
Re: Report HR 23-2007 – A Matter of Labour Relations:  
CUPE Local 1757 Contract Negotiations

Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources provided an update on the CUPE Local 1757 contract negotiations.

Mr. Nicol also provided a brief update on Local 1263 and ONA 9 (Homes) contract negotiations.

136. Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:45 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, June 26, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty  
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk