

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

**REPORT 10-2007**

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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, July 17, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Timms, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Casselman; Collins; Cordiner; Forster; Greenwood; Henderson; Katzman; Marshall; Rigby.

Staff: Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Mr. Ventresca, Director Seniors Services; Chris McQueen, Director Administration; Mr. Neal Roberts, Acting Executive Assistant to Regional Chair; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Middleton, Administrative Assistant – Council Support.

Staff

Part-time: Community Services Dept.: Ms. Lambert, Administrator, Upper Canada Lodge.

Public Health Dept.: Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Ms. Biscaro, Director, Population Health Division; Mr. Christensen, Director, Environmental Health; Ms. Rix, Manager Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. Burgi, Manager Healthy Babies Parent Child; Ms. Kennedy, PHN Healthy Babies Parent Child; Ms. Beyer, Health Promoter, Injury Substance Abuse Prevention; Mr. Pilon, Coordinator Communications; Ms. Decou, Epidemiology; Ms. Moore, Epidemiology;

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

152. Medical Directors' Annual Reports 2006  
Long-Term Care Homes  
**COM 34-2007**

Moved by Councillor Cordiner  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report COM 34-2007, July 17 2007, respecting Medical Directors' Annual Report 2006, Long-Term Care Homes, be received for information as **amended**;

That the Regional Chair correspond with the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care to request that Provincial funding be increased to keep pace with the residents' increasing need for nursing care in long-term care homes ***and to address concerns respecting the lack of long term care beds in the Niagara Region.***

Carried.

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

153. Customer Service Survey Analysis, 2007  
**PHD 40-2007**

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PHD 40-2007, July 17, 2007, respecting Customer Service Survey Analysis, 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

### **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Regional Chair Partington declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to PHD 43-2007 Niagara Regional Police Service Board Licensing By-law 267-2004 and Taxis, as he is representing an individual's estate which held these licences, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

154. Niagara Regional Police Services Board  
Licensing By-law 267-2004 and Taxis  
**PHD 43-2007**

The Committee discussed in length the contents of the report and implications of staff's recommendations, it was agreed that the discussion would continue following the Closed Session portion of the meeting, in order for the Committee to deal with some legal issues that needed some clarification.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

155. Postpartum Mood Disorders: Needs, Gaps and Recommendations  
**PHD 44-2007**

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 44-2007, July 17, 2007, respecting Postpartum Mood Disorders: Needs, Gaps and Recommendations, be received for information as ***amended***;

***That a letter to the Ministry of Health advocating for increased mental health program resources in Niagara Region to support the needs of women with Postpartum Mood Disorders be drafted for consideration by Council.***

Carried.

156. Public Health 2006 Year-End Audit Results  
**PHD 45-2007**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report PHD 45-2007, July 17, 2007, respecting the Public Health 2006 Year-End Audit Results, be received for information.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR DEBATE**

157. Amendments to Procedural By-law No. 120-2005  
**CSD 107-2007**

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report CSD 121-2007 respecting Amendments to Procedural By-law NO. 120-2005 be deferred to the August Committee meetings.

Carried.

**MINUTES**

158. AAC 4-2007

Moved by Councillor Collins  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report AAC 4-2007, being the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Ontarians with Disabilities Act meeting of May 22, 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

159. Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the following communication be received:

PHSS 26-2007      Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health (July 4, 2007),  
regarding an Update – Trans Fat Recommendations (PHD  
77-2006).

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

160. Think and Drive Campaign

Ms. Beyer provided the Committee with an update on the Think and Drive Campaign in which \$10,000 of funding for the Regional Think and Drive Campaign was recently received from the provincial Ministry of Transportation. Ms. Beyer noted thanks to CAA Niagara, Niagara Regional Police Service, Chair Partington's Office, Niagara Region Public Health and the Niagara-on-the-Lake Task Force for Traffic Safety.

Moved by Councillor Forster  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Ms. Beyer, Health Promoter, Injury Substance Abuse Prevention, update on the Think and Drive campaign be received.

Carried.

161. Regional Beach Testing

Dr. Sider commented that there are irreducible delays in the testing process. Time is needed to collect the sample and allow for testing times, but that the Public Health Department must assure that adverse results are posted immediately on the affected beaches.

The Committee suggested that E.coli counts and test dates should be posted on the Beach Safety website, for the public's information. Mr. Christensen advised the Committee that E.coli levels can fluctuate throughout the day and if these results were posted on the website they would provide the public with a false sense of the true levels at the time of their visits. Staff were asked to consider whether numeric E.coli counts could be added to the information on the beach website. In addition, staff will forward these suggestions to the beach monitoring protocol process that will be underway in the fall, related to the new Ontario Public Health Standards.

**CLOSED SESSION**

162. Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Collins

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.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Councillor Forster declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to matters respecting Labour Relations, as she is employed by the Ontario Nurses Association, and she therefore vacated Committee Room 4 and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Councillor Timms declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to PHD 48-2007/CSD 121-2007 A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality – City of Welland as his family owns a business that may be subject to development charges, and he therefore vacated Committee Room 4 and took no part in the discussion of or voting on these matters.

163. A Matter of Labour Relations:  
Status of ONA Local 9 (Homes for the Aged)  
Interest Arbitration Award HR 25-2007 and  
Status of Collective Bargaining Negotiations  
**Confidential Oral Reports**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That the Confidential Oral Reports respecting Confidential Report HR 25-2007, July 17, 2007, a Matter of Labour Relations: Status of ONA Local 9 (Homes for the Aged) Interest Arbitration Award and the Status of Collective Bargaining Negotiations, be received for information.

Carried.

164. A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality – City of Welland  
**PHD 48-2007/CSD 121-2007**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Cassleman

That Report PHD 48-2007 (CSD 121-2007) July 17, 2007, respecting A Matter of the Security of the Property of the Municipality in the City of Welland, be deferred to the next Committee meeting or the Council meeting on July 26<sup>th</sup>, pending the receipt of further information.

Carried.

165. Smoke-Free Ontario Act – Update  
Linda Rix, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention  
Mr. Mike Kyne, Director Legal Services  
**Confidential Oral Report**

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the Confidential Oral Report respecting the Smoke-Free Ontario Act - Update, be received for information.

Carried.

166. Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION (Continued)**

167. Niagara Regional Police Services Board  
Licencing By-law 267-2004 and Taxis  
**PHD 43-2007**

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 43-2007, July 17, 2007 respecting Niagara Regional Police Services Board Licencing By-law 267-2004 and Taxis, be received **“as amended”**

That staff be instructed to commence discussion with the Niagara Regional Police Services Board (NRPSB) with a view to requesting amendments to Licencing By-law 267-2004 that would **deny renewal of licences to owners, operators, and drivers who have outstanding unpaid fines under the Smoke Free Ontario Act or the Niagara Region Smoking By-Law 22-2002**

Carried.

168. Smoke Free Ontario Act: One Year Later  
**PHD 41-2007**

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 41-2007, July 17, 2007, respecting Smoke Free Ontario Act: One Year Later, be received for information.

Carried.

169. Leave of Absence

Councillor Timms apprised the Committee of his request for a leave of absence from Regional Council from September 9, 2007 to October 11, 2007 inclusive, during his campaigning for the upcoming provincial election.

In preparation for his leave, Councillor Timms called for nominations for the position of Acting Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Public Health Department), of the Public Health and Social Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Councillor Casselman be nominated for the position of Acting Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Public Health Department), of the Public Health and Social Services Committee, during Councillor Timms' leave of absence.

Carried.

Councillor Timms called a second and third time for nominations.

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That nominations for the position of Acting Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Public Health Department), of the Public Health and Social Services Committee, be closed.

Carried.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Timms, with the agreement of Councillor Casselman, declared her Acting Co-Chair, (Aligned to the Public Health Department), of the Public Health and Social Services Committee.

### **STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was directed to:

- (i) Forward correspondence to the Hamilton/Niagara/Haldimand/Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB/LHIN) (Refers to Minute Item 152)
- (ii) Forward information to the school boards respecting the possibility of taxi drivers smoking while children are in their vehicles as well as children being in vehicles that have been smoked in. (Refers to Minute Item 154)
- (iii) Contact Councillor Marshall to address questions he has on this matter. (Ms. Rix) (Refers to Minute Item 154)

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 5:30 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, August 7, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty  
Co-Chair

Wendy Middleton  
Administrative Assistant  
Council Support

Bruce Timms  
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk