

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 6-2007

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee held in Council Chambers, Regional Municipal Building, 2201 St. David's Road, Thorold, Ontario, on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 2:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Community Services Dept.: Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children Services; Ms. Martin, Acting Manager, Children's Services; Ms. Murphy, Quality Assurance Coordinator/Auditor.
Public Health Dept.: Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Protection & Promotion; Ms. DiPietro, Manager, Chronic Disease; Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health (Clinical); Mr. Hunter, Manager, Health Protection & Promotion; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner, Public Health; Mr. Laflamme, Manager, Health Protection and Promotion; Ms. Markarian, Public Health Nurse; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention.

Others: Susan Vendetti, Chair, Out of the Cold Interchurch Committee.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

95. Public Health Department Inspections of
Second level Lodging Homes (Rest Homes)
PHD 10-2007

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 10-2007, April 16, 2007, respecting Public Health Department Inspections of Second Level Lodging Homes (Rest Homes), be received for information; and

That the current practice of Niagara Region Public Health Department (NRPHD) non-mandated nursing inspections of Second Level Lodging Homes (Rest Homes) be discontinued.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction.)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

96. 67th Annual Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors
(Ontario Branch) Educational Conference
PHD 03-2007

Committee was apprised of the 67th Annual Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Ontario Branch) Educational Conference that was held in Niagara Falls from September 10 to 13, 2006. The conference, having the highest attendance recorded for an Ontario Branch Conference for many years, was also a financial success. This allowed the Public Health Department to make a \$1,000 donation to the Out of the Cold Program on behalf of the Institute.

Ms. Susan Vendetti, Chair, Out of the Cold Interchurch Committee, St Catharines, was presented with the cheque. Ms. Vendetti thanked the Public Health Department and the Institute for this donation, noting that it would be used towards the opening of the Out of the Cold Program in November.

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 03-2007, April 16, 2007, respecting 67th Annual Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors (Ontario Branch) Educational Conference, be received for information.

Carried.

97. Promoting May as Rabies Awareness Month
PHD 26-2007

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 26-2007, April 16, 2007, respecting Promoting May as Rabies Awareness Month, be received for information.

Carried.

98. Lyme Disease
PHD 27-2007

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 27-2007, April 16, 2007, respecting Lyme Disease, be received for information.

Carried.

99. Niagara Integrated Social and Community Planning Project
Invitation to Community Forum April 25, 2007

COM 19-2007

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 19-2007, April 16, 2007, respecting Niagara Integrated Social and Community Planning Project Invitation to Community Forum April 25, 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

100. Pro-Kids Program – Providing Recreational/Cultural
Opportunities for Children/Youth 2006 Year End Report

COM 20-2007

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report COM 20-2007, April 16, 2007, respecting Pro-Kids Program – Providing Recreational/Cultural Opportunities for Children/Youth 2006 Year End Report, be received for information.

Carried.

101. Directly Operated Child Care Centres and
Home Child Care 2006 Year End Report

COM 21-2007

Moved by Councillor Collins
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report COM 21-2007, April 16, 2007, respecting Directly Operated Child Care Centres and Home Child Care 2006 Year End Report be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

102. Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the following communications be received:

PHSS 17-2007 Jim Bradley, Minister Responsible for Seniors (March 2007)
regarding the 2007 Senior of the Year Awards.

- PHSS 18-2007 Emil Kolb, Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer, The Regional Municipality of Peel (February 26, 2007) regarding Public Health Capacity Review – Final Report.
- PHSS 19-2007 Dan Hefkey, Chief, Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services (March 19, 2007) regarding Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.
- PHSS 20-2007 Nancy E. Cameron, Medical Officer of Health/CEO, Thunder Bay District Health Unit (March 26, 2007) respecting Support for the Trans Fat Task Force Report Recommendations TBDHU Resolution 07-24.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

103. Contaminated Groundwater Problem
Township of Wainfleet

Councillor Henderson asked that the resolution from the Township of Wainfleet that went as Council correspondence at the Regional Council meeting of April 12, 2007, be referred to the Public Health and Social Services and Planning and Public Works Committees for information with respect to an alternative solution to the “big pipe” solution which the Township of Wainfleet does not support due to the financial burden on the property owners.

Dr. Sider commented that the Public Health Department has dealt with this matter through community wide education as it relates to health issues and issuing advisories related to safe drinking water. He commented that further exploration of an alternative solution to the contaminated groundwater problem would have to be referred to Public Works.

Councillor Timms requested, that in order to update Committee, information previously distributed on the health issues relating to the Wainfleet contaminated groundwater problem, be provided to Committee for information at its next meeting.

104. Media Articles on Obesity

Councillor Baty, Committee Co-Chair commended Osprey on its recent articles relating to the issue of “Obesity”.

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Forward a letter to the appropriate Ministry requesting that Second Level Lodging Homes (Rest Homes) be mandated to become a member of the Ontario Retired Communities Association (ORCA). (Refer to minute item 95.)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:50 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Bruce Timms
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk