

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 6-2008

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, May 13, 2008 at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Casselman, Co-Chair; Cordiner; Forster; Marshall; Rigby; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

Staff

Other: Community Services Dept; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Ms. Horner, Manager, Children's Services; Ms. Martin, Manager, Children's Services.

Public Health Dept.: Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Ms. Peacefull, Community Development Manager; Mr. Cunnane, Director, EMS; Mr. Hunter, Manager, Environmental Health; Ms. Kalailieff, Manager, Vaccine Preventable Disease Program; Ms. Vanecko, Manager, Healthy Babies Healthy Children/Parent-Child Program; Ms. Moore, Epidemiologist.

Administration: Mr. Pilon, Executive Officer to Regional Chair.

Human Resources: Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources.

Niagara Child and Youth Services: Mr. Helmeczi, Director of Clinical Services,

Quorum

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Co-Chairs determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to six members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 96-2007.

PRESENTATIONS

67. The Health of Niagara's Children and Youth:
Birth to 18 Years

Ms. Vanecko, Manager, Healthy Babies Parent Child, provided Committee with a presentation respecting the health of Niagara's children and youth from birth to 18 years of age.

The Committee was advised of the social determinants of health and Niagara's status, which took into account Niagara's demographics; neighbourhood and family influences; child care and parenting resources; general health of the children within this age group.

In conclusion, Ms. Vanecko noted that many factors are interrelated and collectively impact on the health of children and youth and commented on the following key areas of concern: mental health, poverty and healthy weights and healthy living.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

68. The Health of Niagara's Children and Youth:
Birth to 18 Years
PHD 16-2008

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PHD 16-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting The Health of Niagara's Children and Youth: Birth to 18 Years, be received for information; and

That this report initiate further examination into child and youth mental health services (PHD 17-2008);

That this report initiate further examination into youth issues to gain a more in-depth understanding of the health status and behaviours impacting on youth; and

That this report advocate for the collection of better provincial baseline data regarding children's health and well-being, including obesity rates and mental health data; and

That the Regional Council support a communication strategy to broadly disseminate this information to the public and community partners that service children and youth including the youth engagement and leadership task group, and to post on the regional website.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

69. Current Status of Children's Mental Health in the Niagara Regional Niagara
PHD 17-2008

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PHD 17-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting Current Status of Children's Mental Health in the Niagara Region, be received for information **as amended**; and

That an advocacy letter be written to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services that the Region express its support for funding to address early intervention programming and request additional funding for Children's mental Health in Niagara; and

That additional information respecting the history and recommendations related to "in patient facilities" be included in the letter to the Ministry; and

That copies of the report and the letter to Ministry be forwarded to the Niagara's MPs, MPPs, School Boards and Trustees with special reference to the code of conduct.

Carried.

70. Healthy Babies, Healthy Children One-Time Grant Funding 2008
PHD 18-2008

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 18-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting Healthy Babies, Healthy Children One-Time Grant Funding 2008, be received.

That the 2008 Terms and Conditions document for one-time grant funding for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) program for the period ending December 31, 2008, be approved and signed by the Chair of the board of Health, upon receipt of the 2008 terms and Conditions from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS).

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

71. 2007 Year-End Report
Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities
COM 25-2008

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report COM 25-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting 2007 Year-end Report, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities **as amended**, be received for information; and

That staff prepare a letter for the Chair to sign to request that the Minister of Community and Social Services reimburse the Region for its total costs (approximately \$307,000) for the recent refugee influx versus the \$37,000 received from the business case submission.

Carried.

72. Directly Operated Child Care Centres and Home Child Care
2007 Year End Report
COM 26-2008

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report COM 26-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting Directly Operated Child Care Centres and Home Child Care, 2007 Year End Report, be received for information.

Carried.

73. Children's Services 2007 Year End Report
COM 27-2008

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 27-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting Children's Services 2007 Year End Report, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests)

74. Family and Children's Services (FACS) Early Learning
And Parenting Closures
COM 28 -2008

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report COM 28-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting Family and Children's Services (FACS) Early Learning and Parenting Closures, be received for information.

Carried.

75. Wainfleet Boil Water Advisory, 2008 Communications
PHD 15-2008

Councillor Casselman read a letter from Councillor Henderson respecting Report PHD 15-2008 (PHSS 23-2008), who wished to advise the Committee that she was in support of the recommendation; the ongoing efforts of Public Health to actively communicate with the residents and thanked Dr. Williams for making Minister Smitherman aware of this issue during Niagara Week.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 15-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting Wainfleet Boil Water Advisory, 2008 Communications, be received for information.

Carried.

76. Data Analysis Coordinator One-Time Grant Funding 2008
PHD 19 -2008

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PHD 19 -2008, May 13, 2008, respecting the Data Analysis Coordinator_One-Time Grant Funding 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

77. HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine Program Update for
2007/2008 School Year
PHD 20-2008

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 20-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine Program Update for 2007/2008 School Year **as amended**, be received for information; and

That a resolution be prepared requesting that the Ministry fund the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine for the appropriate ages.

Carried.

78. Contraband Tobacco Products

Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, CDIP provided the Committee with an oral report on correspondence items PHSS 21-2008 and PHSS 22-2008 respecting Contraband Tobacco Products.

Dr. Feller noted that the Government of Canada announced its approach to combat the illicit trade in tobacco products that the Department of Public Safety will lead a government task force with departments and agencies involved in tackling this issue with a mandate to identify concrete measures that will disrupt and reduce the trade in contraband tobacco.

Dr. Feller also directed the Committees attention PHSS 22-2008, which is the 2008 RCMP Contraband Tobacco Enforcement Strategy.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the oral report by Dr. Feller and Correspondence Items PHSS 21-2008 and PHSS 22-2008, respecting Contraband Tobacco Products, be received for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

79. 2-2008

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report 2-2008, being the minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project meeting of Thursday, April 17, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

(Please note that Report 2-2008 minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

CORRESPONDENCE

80. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the following communications be received:

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| PHSS 18-2008 | Michael Chan, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Ontario (February 29, 2008) regarding expediting processes for refugee claims. |
| PHSS 19-2008 | Honourable Diane Finley, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, Ottawa (March 10, 2008) regarding expediting processes for refugee claims. |
| PHSS 20-2008 | Dennis Roughley, Chair, Board of Health, Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit (April 16, 2008) regarding Improvements Needed in Provincial Air Quality Regulations. |

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

81. 2008 Quality Child Care Niagara (QCCN) Conference

The Committee was apprised of the 2008 Quality Child Care Niagara (QCCN) Conference taking place at White Oaks Conference Resort and Spa in Niagara-on-the-Lake Friday, June 20 and Saturday, June 21, 2008.

82. EMS Week 2008: "Your Life is Our Mission"

Committee was advised of the events that will be taking place during EMS Week, May 28-24, 2008, which can be accessed by visiting the Regional website at the following address, <http://www.regional.niagara.on.ca/news/2008/may13.aspx>.

CLOSED SESSION

83. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Timms

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

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Forster declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Confidential Reports HR 12-2008 and HR 13-2008 respecting matters of Labour Relations as she is employed by the Ontario Nurses Association, and she therefore vacated the Committee Room during the discussion on these matters.

84. A Matter of Labour Relations:
CUPE Local 1019 (EMS) Contract Negotiations Update
HR 12-2008 Confidential

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Confidential Report HR 12-2008, May 13, 2008, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations: CUPE Local 1019 (EMS) Contract Negotiations Update, be received for information.

Carried.

85. A Matter of Labour Relations:
CUPE Local 1263 (Homes for the Aged) Interest Arbitration Award
HR 13 -2008 Confidential

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Confidential Report HR 13 - 2008, May 13, 2008, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations: CUPE Local 1263 (Homes for the Aged) Interest Arbitration Award, be received for information.

Carried.

86. Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

Staff was requested to:

- Invite Mr. Helmeczi back in six months time, to make a presentation to Regional Council. (Refer to Minute #68) (Councillor Casselman)
- Report back with a report that addresses an ongoing commitment from the Ministry on wage increases. (Refer to Minute Item #73) (Councillor Casselman)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 4:10 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Janet Pilon
Deputy Clerk

Judy Casselman
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk