

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 10-2009

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 21, 2009 at 2:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Casselman, Co-Chair; Cordiner; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services; Mr. Bain, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Other: Community Services: Ms. Amanda Burley, Ontario Works Case Manager, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Ms. O'Hagan-Todd, Director, Children's Services; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Mr. Todd, Manager, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.
Public Health: Ms. Biscaro, Director, Family Health; Ms. Brigantino, Manager, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention; Ms. Gordon, Manager, Dental Program; Dr. Jessica Hopkins, Community Medicine Resident; Mr. Hunter, Manager, Environmental Health; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services, PH; Mr. LaFlamme, Manager, Environmental Health; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention.

Others: Ms. Beckwith, General Manager, N.R.H.; Ms. MacLellan, Manager, Community Programs, N.R.H.

Quorum

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair 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.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

131. Service System Manager Liaison with
Council's Boards and Agencies
COM 38-2009

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 38-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Service System Manager Liaison with Council's Boards and Agencies, be received and approved, as ***amended***.

That this Committee recommends to Regional Council that the matter of a staff liaison between Regional Council and its Boards and Agencies be referred to a Council Business Planning Session this Fall, followed by a further report to Council.

That this report be circulated to the Agencies, Boards & Commissions.

Carried.

(Councillor Timms wished to be recorded as opposed to the foregoing motion.)

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

132. Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Provincial Rent Bank Program
COM 39-2009

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 39-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Provincial Rent Bank Program, be received for information and the following recommendations approved:

- (i) Receive and transfer funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) to administer the Provincial Rent Bank Program and ensure compliance with all associated requirements; and
- (ii) Execute the contract between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Niagara Region as the Service Manager.

Carried.

133. Implementation of Full Day Early Learning Report
COM 40-2009

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report COM 40-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Implementation of Full Day Early Learning Report, be received and approved, as **amended**.

That Regional Council authorize the Regional Chairman to write a letter to the Premier in support of the Early Learning Advisor's *With our Best Future in Mind* report and "vision" with copies to the local Members of Provincial Parliament, Ministers of Education, Children and Youth Services, local School Board Chairs, and **Mayors and C.A.O.s of local municipalities**; and

That the Regional Chair write a letter to the Chairs of the School Boards to invite the School Board Chairs and Trustees to the Council Business Planning Session to be held with respect to this matter.

Carried.

134. Receipt of Additional Funding for Seniors Services
From the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB)
Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN)
COM 41-2009

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 41-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Receipt of Additional Funding for Seniors Services from the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN), be received for information.

That authorization be given to execute any required accountability agreement with the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNHB) Local Health Integrated Network (LHIN) in order to receive the identified LHIN funding for programs and additional staff.

That additional funding from the LHIN be applied to:

- a) Add 8.3 full-time equivalents (FTEs) with the exclusive use of LHIN funding to support the enhancement of the care at the T. Roy Adams Regional Centre for Dementia Care.
- b) Add 9.0 FTEs with the exclusive use of LHIN funding to support the expansions/enhancements/innovations in Seniors Community Programs in the program areas identified in this report.

Carried.

135. Highlights of Social Assistance Rule
Changes in Support of Prosperity
COM 43-2009

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 43-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Highlights of Social Assistance Rule Changes in Support of Prosperity, be received for information; and

That this report be forwarded for information to the Minister of Community and Social Services and the Minister of Children and Youth Services.

Carried.

136. Mandatory Food Handler Certification
PHD 30-2009

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 30-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Mandatory Food Handler Certification, be received.

That the Niagara Region Public Health Department initiate the process of developing a regional by-law for mandatory food handler certification.

Carried.

Quorum

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

137. Bill 143 – *Hawkins Gignac Act (Carbon Monoxide Detectors)*
PHD 32-2009

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PHD 32-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Bill 143 – *Hawkins Gignac Act (Carbon Monoxide Detectors)*, be received and approved **as amended**.

That the Regional Chairman write a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care endorsing the intent of the Private Member's Bill 143 known as the *Hawkins Gignac Act (Carbon Monoxide Detectors)*, 2008 on the understanding that clarification to specific requirements will be addressed as the proposed legislation goes forward; and

That this report be forwarded to the local municipalities and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

138. Proposed Draft Regulation of the
Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007
COM 42-2009

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report COM 42-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Proposed Draft Regulation of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, be received for information.

Carried.

139. Update on "Increasing Prosperity for Families
Living in Poverty"
COM 44-2009

Staff Presentation

Ms. Sarah Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities (SAEO), together with Mr. Marc Todd, Manager, SAEO, provided a presentation on the Niagara Prosperity Initiatives. The document "Prosperity Projects Neighbourhood Profiles" was distributed to Committee for information. Community Services staff worked with GIS Services to develop neighbourhood profiles identifying the assets and risk factors within each community. (A copy of staff's presentation is attached to the minutes.)

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report COM 44-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Update on "Increasing Prosperity for Families Living in Poverty", be received for information.

Carried.

140. Service Delivery Model Improvements for Dental Services Provided to Children and Adults in Receipt of Ontario Works
COM 45-2009/PHD 33-2009

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 45-2009/PHD 33-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting Service Delivery Model Improvements for Dental Services Provided to Children and Adults in Receipt of Ontario Works, be received for information.

Carried.

141. NiagaraInfodine Survey
PHD 31-2009

Quorum

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

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 31-2009, July 21, 2009, respecting NiagaraInfodine Survey, be received for information.

Carried.

Quorum

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

CORRESPONDENCE

142. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the following communications be received:

PHSS 21-2009 Deb Matthews, Ministry of Children and Youth Services (May 26, 2009) respecting Early Learning and Child Care Services.

PHSS 22-2009 Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (June 9, 2009) respecting new Social and Affordable Housing Programs.

PHSS 23-2009 Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (June 9, 2009) respecting Confirmation of Funding Allocation for Provincial Rent Bank Program.

PHSS 24-2009 Dalton McGuinty, The Premier of Ontario (June 19, 2009) respecting Smoke-Free Ontario Strategy.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

143. Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to A Matter of Labour Relations – Dental Program Restructuring.

Carried.

144. A Matter of Labour Relations - Dental Program Restructuring
Confidential PHD 29-2009

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Confidential Report PHD 29-2009, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations – Dental Program Restructuring, be received for information.

Carried.

145. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION (Continued)

146. Service Delivery Model Improvements for Dental Services
Provided to Children and Adults in Receipt of Ontario Works
COM 45-2009/PHD 33-2009

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Regional Council support the new Service Delivery Model for Dental Services and that beginning January 2010, Community Services change the current service delivery model in order to improve the provision of dental services to Health Bus clients, OW children and adults experiencing dental pain; and

That a comprehensive staff report on the Health Bus be presented to the Committee in September.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

That staff:

- (i) Provide historical information on the establishment of Niagara Regional Housing. (Timms) Refer to minute 131.
- (ii) In advance of the Council Business Planning Session, that the Regional Chair and CAO have further discussions with the respective Agencies, Boards & Commissions. The Liaison role needs to be better defined. (Cordiner/Timms) Refer to minute 131.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 4:35 p.m. to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, September 1, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Judy Casselman
Co-Chair

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk