

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 10-2010

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 27, 2010 at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Casselman, Co-Chair; Cordiner; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Henderson; Katzman; Lepp; Marshall.

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

Staff

Other: Community Services: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services; Ms. Gartner, Manager, Children's Services; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.

Public Health: Ms. Bradley, Public Health Nurse; Dr. Hopkins, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Dr. Jaeger, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Levay, Manager, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention; Ms. McCallum, Manager, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention; Mr. Smith, Associate Director, EMS; Ms. Vanecko, Manager, Continuous Quality Improvement and Community Development; Ms. Wodchis, Director Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention.

Corporate Services: Mr. Diakow, Director, IT Solutions; Mr. Moffatt, Manager, Property Management; Ms. Sandwell-Lavergne, Interim Lead, Finance.

Integrated Community Planning: Ms. Swigger, Student.

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.

(A quorum was reached at 2:10 p.m.)

PRESENTATIONS

159. Niagara Citizens Advisory Committee
Programs for High Risk Youths

Mr. Ron Dubciak, Executive Director and Ms. Judy Wesley, Programs Manager, Niagara Citizens Advisory Committee attended to apprise Committee of their “Programs for High Risk Youths”. Their Youth Options for Success (Project YOS), incorporates two main strategies to address youth crime and gain recruitment: Prevention Components – G.R.E.A.T. Schools Program and Family Program and Exit Component: Building Options Program. The presenters also apprised Committee of the “Futures in Technology Program (Project F.I.T.), a sponsored work experience program funded by Service Canada targeting high risk youth residing within the Niagara Region.

(A copy of the Niagara Citizens Advisory Committee presentation is attached to the minutes.)

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That the presentation by the Niagara Citizens Advisory Committee regarding Programs for High Risk Youths, be received.

Carried.

160. Niagara Anaphylaxis Support & Knowledge (NASK)
Seeking Endorsement of Federal Motion with respect to Anaphylaxis

Ms. Cindy Paskey, President, Niagara Anaphylaxis Support & Knowledge (NASK) attended to seek support for Member of Parliament Dean Allison’s Notice of Motion “That in the opinion of the House, anaphylaxis is a serious concern for an increasing number of Canadians and the government should take the appropriate measures necessary to ensure these Canadians are able to maintain a high quality of life”. Ms. Paskey advised that the MP’s motion is welcomed by hundreds of family members of the local group Niagara Anaphylaxis Support and Knowledge (NASK) as they seek to motivate support across Canada for the Niagara MP’s efforts to raise greater awareness on Parliament Hill and prompt responsible action with Government officials.

Ms. Paskey also presented a Certificate of Recognition to the Niagara Region for their previous support towards the passing of the “Sabrina’s Law” Legislation.

Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That the presentation by Cindy Paskey, Niagara Anaphylaxis Support and Knowledge and her request to Committee to support Dean Allison, M.P.'s motion be received and referred to staff to prepare the appropriate letter of support.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

161. **Appointing Niagara Region's Ontario Works Administrator**
COM 36-2010

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 36-2010, July 27, 2010, respecting Appointing Niagara Region's Ontario Works Administrator, be received.

That Ms. Sarah Pennisi be reappointed as the Ontario Works Administrator for Niagara Region; and

That this recommendation be sent to the Ministry of Community and Social Services (MCSS).

Carried.

162. **Initiation of Project ZGG1001**
Emergency Capital Levy Program
Emergency Repairs to HVAC at
The Woodlands of Sunset
COM 38-2010/CSD 85-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report COM 38-2010, July 27, 2010 (CSD 85-2010, July 28, 2010), respecting Initiation of Project ZGG1001 Emergency Capital Levy Program emergency Repairs to HVAC at The Woodlands of Sunset, be received.

That Capital Levy financing in the amount of \$100,000, gross and net, be approved for Project ZGC1001 Emergency Capital Levy Program included in the 2010 Capital Budget, and that this amount be initiated to complete the emergency repairs to the air-conditioning system at The Woodlands of Sunset long-term care home in Welland/Pelham.

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That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate by-law(s) are prepared for presentation to Regional Council on August 5, 2010;

That all project costs be charged against Emergency Repairs to the air-conditioning at The Woodlands of Sunset.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

(Report COM 38-2010/CSD 85-2010 can be found behind the Joint Reports tab in the Blue Book.)

163. Ambulance Call Referral – “Omega” Project

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 43-2010, July 27, 2010, respecting Ambulance Call referral – “Omega” Project, be received.

That Niagara EMS enter into an agreement with the Hamilton Niagara Halton Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) to complete the first phase of the ambulance call referral – “Omega” Project.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

164. Niagara Child Care Stabilization Plan 2010 – 2011
COM 37-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report COM 37-2010, July 27, 2010, respecting Niagara Child Care Stabilization Plan 2010-2011, be received for information.

Carried.

165. Preventable Injuries – Priority Setting
PHD 36-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 36-2010, July 27, 2010, respecting Preventable Injuries – Priority Setting, be received for information.

Carried.

166. Ministry of Health Promotion's Healthy Communities Fund Partnership Stream – Implications for Healthy Living Niagara and Niagara Region Public Health
PHD 40-2010

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 40-200, July 27, 2010, respecting Ministry of Health Promotion's Healthy Communities Fund Partnership Stream – Implications for Healthy Living Niagara and Niagara Region Public Health, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

167. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Communication PHSS 46-2010 from Timiskaming Health Unit Board of Health resolution regarding Increased Funding to the Healthy Babies/Healthy Children Program, be received.

Carried.

168. Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Communication PHSS 47-2010 from Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (June 29, 2010) regarding funding dental programs for low-income children and youth and improved access to dental services, be received.

Carried.

169. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the following communications be received and referred to the CAO's office for consideration with the Physician Recruitment Report being prepared for Committee as requested at the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting of May 4, 2010:

PHSS 48-2010 Niagara Family Physician Recruitment & Retention Activities April 1 – June 30, 2010

PHSS 49-2010 Henry D'Angela, Mayor, City of Thorold (June 21, 2010) requesting, on behalf of the Niagara Physician Recruitment Committee, that Regional Council support a motion to continue funding the Niagara Physician Recruitment and Retention program.

Carried.

170. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Communication PHSS 50-2010 from Ashley Grigg, City Clerk, City of Port Colborne (July 5, 2010) regarding its Council's resolution in support of the Town of Fort Erie's resolution regarding the endorsement of local recommendations contained in the Ontario Health Coalition Report dated May 17, 2010, be received and referred to a meeting to be held in early September with the Niagara Health System.

Carried.

(Councillor Marshall requested that the minutes note that he had put forward a motion to support the position of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne and the endorsement of Local Recommendations Contained in Ontario Health Coalition Report dated May 17, 2010. The motion was not considered as it was not seconded.)

MINUTES

171. #89-2010 (NRH)

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report #89-2010 being the minutes of the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors meeting of Friday, May 28, 2010, be received.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

172. Belleview Beach Road, Wainfleet Septic Issue

Councillor Henderson inquired as to whether there was some way, through the Public Health Department, to address the Belleview Beach Road septic issue.

Dr. Williams advised that staff has been working, in their appropriate role, with Public Works staff and the client to resolve this issue. She commented that matters determined to be a Public Health risk would fall under the Authority of the Public Health Act.

173. Ontario Public Health Draft
Organizational Standards

Dr. Williams advised that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has drafted Ontario Public Health Organizational standards as part of the performance management framework which incorporates continuous quality improvement, transparency and enhanced program and organizational accountability. The Ministry is conducting an online survey to seek feedback on the draft standards.

Ms. Vanecko, Manager, Continuous Quality Improvement and Community Development, provided a brief overview highlighting alignment, concerns and gaps to assist the Committee in better understanding the document in order to provide feedback to the survey. The survey is accessible at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/E-Survey> Draft Org Standards.

It was recommended that a letter be sent to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on behalf of all Board of Health members highlighting key "Concerns".

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the Ontario Public Health Organizational Standards Feedback survey be referred to staff to prepare a letter on behalf of the Board of Health on the concerns relating to the draft standards.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

174. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality, Lease Extension Agreement with Mountainview Homes Limited, City of Thorold.

Carried.

175. A Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality
Lease Extension Agreement with Mountainview Homes Limited
City of Thorold

PHD 41-2010 (CSD 79-2010)

Moved by Councillor Katzman
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Confidential Report PHD 41-2010, July 27, 2010 (CSD 79-2010, July 29, 2010) be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

176. Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

That staff:

- (i) Investigate why the air conditioning system at The Woodlands of Sunset could not sustain the required temperature and humidity levels and report back to Committee on this matter and the opportunities, if any, for cost recovery. (Marshall) Refer to Minute 162 and Report COM 38-2010/CSD 85-2010.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 3:43 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Judy Casselman
Co-Chair

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk