

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 11-2010

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, September 14, 2010 at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Casselman, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Cordiner; Forster; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Katzman; Lepp; Marshall; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; 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. O'Hagan-Todd, Director, Children's Services; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services; Mr. Pellette, Mgr. Housing, Hostels & Homelessness; Mr. Todd, Manager, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities.

Public Health: Ms. Biscaro, Director, Family Health; Mr. Cunnane, Director, EMS; Ms. De Grasse, Manager, EMS; Dr. Hopkins, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Hunter, Director, Environmental Services; Mr. Jekel, Manager, Environmental Health; Ms. Jugley, Manager, Community Health; Mr. McKay, Associate Director, EMS; Mr. McQueen, Operating Officer (PH); Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services/Chief Nursing Officer; Mr. Smith, Associate Director, EMS; Mr. Van Valkenberg, Deputy Chief/Director, EMS.

Administration: Mr. Roberts, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair.

Corporate Services: Mr. Moffatt, Manager, Property Management.

Others: Ms. Sevenpifer, President & CEO, and Ms. Atkinson, Vice-President, Patient Services, Niagara Health System.

ANNOUNCEMENT

177. Councillor Casselman advised that following an extensive internal and external recruitment, Adrienne Jugley will assume the position of Director, Clinical Services Division. Adrienne joined Public Health in 2001, and has guided the Community Mental Health program through tremendous growth and change, and has continually demonstrated her stellar leadership ability, capacity to build and sustain productive community partnerships, and strong clinical and research skills. Previous to joining Public Health, Adrienne held executive leadership positions within the addictions treatment field.

Adrienne will work with Marilyn St. John to transition to this role, effective mid-October 2010 through until the end of the year. Concurrent with this transition in Clinical Services, Anne Biscaro, Director, Family Health will assume the role of Chief Nursing Officer for the Public Health Department.

Councillor Casselman, on behalf of Committee, thanked Marilyn St. John for her many years of leadership, dedication, and commitment to the nursing profession and public health.

Committee members joined the Co-Chair in wishing Adrienne, Marilyn, and Anne well as they navigate these changes and opportunities ahead.

PRESENTATIONS

178. Autism Awareness

Ms. Elizabeth Hunter, Program Manager and Ms. Sarah Duhaime, Autism Ontario, attended to inform Committee that October is Autism Awareness Month in Canada and to request Committee and Council's support in recognizing it as such and assisting with autism awareness. Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families and the professions with whom they interact.

The presenters extended an invitation to the Committee to attend their Open House at their new location on Friday, October 1 and 2, 2010. The event will celebrate both their volunteers and their donors.

(A copy of the presentation by Ms. Hunter and Ms. Duhaime, regarding Autism Awareness, is attached to the minutes.)

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the presentation by Ms. Elizabeth Hunter, Program Manager and Ms. Sarah Duhaime, RCP Coordinator, Autism Ontario, regarding Autism Awareness, be received.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

179. Proposed Legislative Changes to chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Authority over Boards of Health
MOH 02-2010

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report MOH 02-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Proposed Legislative changes to Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Authority over Boards of Health, be received; and

That a letter be sent to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care requesting a delay in the proposed legislative changes respecting Chief Medical Officer of Health authorities under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, until discussions and consultation with the local Boards of Health and Medical Officers of Health have occurred.

Carried.

180. ESD Donation of Surplus Asset to Niagara College
PHD 44-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 44-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting ESD Donation of Surplus Asset to Niagara College, be received; and

That the surplus asset from Emergency Services Division, identified as vehicle number 2120, be donated to Niagara College's Paramedic Program, for the sum of \$1.00, for use in their new educational facilities at the Welland Campus; and

That the surplus asset be provide on an "As Is" basis, with title signed over to Niagara College.

Carried.

181. A National Food Policy for Canada
C7553

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Communication C7553, being a letter from Christine Mintoff, City Clerk, City of Welland (July 5, 2010) respecting a resolution from the City of Welland requesting support for the Notice of Motion entitled "A National Food Policy for Canada", be received and referred to staff for report.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report COM 39-2010 respecting Implementation of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act*, as she is a staff member of ONA and she therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

182. Implementation of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act* and
Authorization of Additional Staff
COM 39-2010

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report COM 39-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Implementation of the *Long-Term Care Homes Act* and Authorization of Additional Staff, be received for information; and

That the Commissioner, Community Services be authorized to execute the necessary documents with the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant (HNB) Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) for the receipt of base funding of approximately \$834,204 for creating up to 10.6 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions identified in this report for purposes of complying with the new Long-Term Care Homes Act (LTCH Act).

Carried.

183. Fees and Charges for Services and Activities
Provided by Children's Services
COM 43-2010

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report COM 43-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Fees and Charges for Services and Activities Provided by Children's Services, be received.

That approval be given to establish fees and charges for services and activities provide by Children's Services and the use of directly operated child care centres; and

That the enclosed fees and charges be approved for services and activities provided by Children's Services and the use of directly operated child care centres; and

That the Regional Clerk be directed to prepare the necessary by-law to amend the Fees and Charges By-law.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

184. Ministry Approval of Public Health Department's
2010 Program-based Grant Funding
PHD 46-2010

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 46-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Ministry Approval of Public Health Department's 2010 Program-based Grant Funding, be received.

Carried.

185. Infection Prevention and Control in
Personal Services Settings
PHD 47-2010

Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 47-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Infection Prevention and Control in Personal Services Settings, be received for information.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report PHD 49-2010 respecting 90 Day Update: Offload Nurse Funding Initiatives, as she is a staff member of ONA and she therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

186. 90 Day Update: Offload Nurse Funding Initiative
PHD 49-2010

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PHD 49-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting 90 Day Update: Offload Nurse Funding Initiative, be received and approved, **as amended.**

Whereas Niagara EMS continues to be challenged with increased Off Load Delays as noted in PHD 49-2010 and the previous reports on Off Load Delays within Niagara Region (Schwartz Report), that contained a series of recommendations to assist with resolving the Off Load Delay Issue;

That this Committee recommends that the Regional Chair's Office schedule a meeting with the Niagara Health System Board to secure the Board's formal commitment to resolve this issue; and

That a combined oversight committee be established immediately between Niagara Region and the Niagara Health System (including a representative of PHSSC and NHS Board) to support and oversee an updated review of Off Load Delay Issues (Schwartz Report) within Niagara; and

That this oversight committee submit an interim report at the October 5, 2010 Public Health and Social Services Committee Meeting; and

That a further report be presented to a joint meeting of the new Board of Health and the Niagara Health System Board, early in 2011; and

That this report be submitted to the Niagara LHIN and Minister of Health.

Carried.

187. Forecast of Public Health Year-end Results and Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended June 30, 2010
PHD 50-2010

Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PHD 50-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Forecast of Public Health Year-End Results and Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended June 30, 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

188. Understanding Homelessness in Niagara – An Investigation of the Dynamics of Youth Homelessness
COM 40-2010

Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report COM 40-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Understanding Homelessness in Niagara – An Investigation of the Dynamics of Youth Homelessness, be received for information.

Carried.

189. Niagara's Homelessness Service System Report
COM 41-2010

Moved by Councillor Katzman
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 41-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Niagara's Homelessness Service System Report, be received for information.

Carried.

190. Update on Integrated Service Delivery at Branscombe Early Learning and Family Centre
COM 42-2010

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report COM 42-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Update on Integrated Service Delivery at Branscombe Early Learning and Family Centre, 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 reduced to six members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 96-2007.

191. Administration of the Niagara Prosperity Initiatives (NPI)
COM 45-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report COM 45-2010, September 14, 2010, respecting Administration of the Niagara Prosperity Initiatives (NPI), be received for information.

Carried.

192. Closure of Capital Projects
CSD 93-2010

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report CSD 93-2010, September 15, 2010, respecting Closure of Capital Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

(CSD 93-2010 can be found behind the Joint Reports Tab in the Blue Book.)

CORRESPONDENCE

193. Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That the following communications be received:

- PHSS 51-2010 Hazel Lynn, Medical Officer of Health (July 21, 2010) regarding Keep Mixed Martial Arts Illegal in Ontario.
- PHSS 52-2010 Valerie Sterling alPHa President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies, regarding Proposed Legislative Changes to Chief Medical Officer of Health Authority over Boards of Health.
- PHSS 53-2010 Mac Bain, Chairperson, North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (July 27, 2010), regarding Labelling of Caffeine Content in Prepackaged Foods.
- PHSS 54-2010 Mac Bain, Chairperson, North Bay Parry Sound Board of Health (July 27, 2010) respecting Ontario Grades 1-8 Health and Physical Education Curriculum "Human Development and Sexual Health" Content.
- PHSS 55-2010 Margaret R. Best, Minister of Health Promotion (July 9, 2010) regarding Healthy Communities Fund 2010-2011.
- PHSS 56-2010 Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (July 29, 2010) advising of the Province's (2010) allocation of \$19,576,707 to the Niagara Regional Area Board of Health for the provision of mandatory and related public health programs and services in the Niagara community.
- PHSS 57-2010 Karen Murray, Chair, Niagara Regional Housing (September 14, 2010) regarding Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report April 1, 2010 – June 30, 2010.

Carried.

(A quorum was reached at 4:30 p.m.)

194. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Communication PHSS 58-2010, being a memorandum from John Cunnane, Director, Niagara EMS (Sept. 9, 2010) regarding EMS Special Event Services, be received.

Carried.

MINUTES

195. #90-2010 (NRH)

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report #90-2010 being the minutes of the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors meeting of June 25, 2010, be received.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

196. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
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 Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality, 5853 Peer Street, Niagara Falls and Initiation of Capital Project ZGD0906 NF-SAEO Office.

Carried.

197. Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality
5853 Peer Street, Niagara Falls and Initiation of
Capital Project ZGD0906 NF – SAEO Office
COM 44-2010 (CSD 92-2010) (Confidential)

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Confidential Report COM 44-2010, September 14, 2010 (CSD 92-2010, September 15, 2010) regarding Proposed Acquisition of Land by the Municipality 5853 Peer Street, Niagara Falls and Initiation of Capital Project ZGD0906NF – SAEO Office, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

198. Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

199. Sea Cadets Function – October 14, 2010
Councillor Forster apprised Committee of a request by a Welland Councillor to waive the fee for insurance for a Sea Cadets Function on October 14, 2010. Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services, commented that this is a Public Works matter and suggested the Councillor forward this matter to him and he will forward it to the appropriate Public Works staff.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, October 5, 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