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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 9-2002

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Monday, May 6, 2002 commencing at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Bailey; Brickell; Davidson; Eke; Gabriel; Harry; Marshall; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Hollick, Regional Clerk/Acting C.A.O.; Ms. Reid, Commissioner of Community Services; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff
(Part-time): Public Health Dept.: Mr. Christensen, Director of Health Protection and Promotion; Ms. Chudzik, Director, Population Health; Ms. DeCou, Medical Epidemiologist; Ms. Ott, Manager, Injury and Substance Abuse Prevention; Ms. Papaiz, Coordinator Communications; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention.
Community Services Dept. Ms. Graham-Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Mr. Hutchings, Director, Operational Support Services; Mr. Papp, Transition Manager, Social Housing; Ms. Stewart, Manager, Community Services; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.

Others: Councillor Saracino; Mr. Lovell, General Manager, Niagara Regional Housing.

CLOSED SESSION

103. Moved by Councillor Brickell
Seconded by Councillor Harry

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

Carried.

104. Staffing Issue – Public Health Department

Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health, provided an oral report on the internal process that took place regarding the personnel issue related to the Public Health nurses contract agreement.

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That this Committee do now rise without report.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

105. Elevated Lead Levels in Port Colborne Soils

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Brickell

That Report PHD28-2002, respecting Elevated Lead Levels in Port Colborne Soils, be received.

That the Chair of the Regional Municipality of Niagara write a letter to the Minister of Health & Long Term Care and the Minister of Environment requesting them to find and support a solution to clean up properties in the East-side Community of Port Colborne having soil lead levels greater than 1,000 parts per million (ppm).

Carried.

106. Mandatory Program Indicator Audit – 2000

Moved by Councillor Eke

Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report PHD 32-2002, May 6, 2002, respecting Mandatory Program Indicator Audit – 2000, be received for information.

Carried.

107. Niagara Region Children's Safety Village (CSV) Staffing Request

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report PHD 35-2002, May 6, 2002, respecting Niagara Region Children's Safety Village (CSV) Staffing Request, be received for information; and

That staff from the Regional Niagara Public Health Department (RNPHD) be assigned to the CSV to provide mandated safety education for children from grades K to 6.

Carried.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

108. Alzheimer Research and Education Program
In the Seniors Services Division

Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 30-2002, respecting Alzheimer Research and Education Program in the Seniors Services Division, be received.

That Regional Niagara continue as a partner with the University of Waterloo (UW) in the Murray Alzheimer Research and Education Program (MAREP).

That staff be authorized to utilize up to \$10,000 for a one-year agreement (with the option to extend for two additional years) from the Seniors Services Division Residents Special Interest Trust Fund.

Carried.

109. Medical Equipment Grant – Seniors Services Division

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 31-2002, May 6, 2002 (CSD 61-2002, May 8, 2002) respecting Medical Equipment Grant – Seniors Services Division, be received for information.

Carried.

110. Innovative Placement Opportunities for Ontario Works Participants

Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Brickell

That Report COM 32-2002, May 6, 2002, respecting Innovative Placement Opportunities for Ontario Works Participants, be received for information.

Carried.

111. Capital Funding Allocation for Public Housing Portfolio
Niagara Regional Housing

Moved by Councillor Brickell
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report COM 33-2002, May 6, 2002, respecting Capital Funding Allocation for Public Housing Portfolio Niagara Regional Housing, be received.

That the Regional Chair write to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Federal Minister of Public Works and Government services expressing deep concern over the inadequacy of the funding model to maintain Niagara's public housing stock in "good condition";

That Niagara's funding model be recalculated and adjusted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to \$1,100.00 per unit in the interim until the model is reviewed in 2005;

The Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing Capital Funding Allocation model for Niagara Regional Housing's public housing portfolio is ill proportioned in comparison to other municipalities and underfunded based on acceptable capital asset management funding formulas;

That this report and the City of Brantford's correspondence which is attached be circulated to other municipalities for information and support.

That this report and background information be circulated to local M.P.s and M.P.P.s

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

112. Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Brickell

That Communication CHS 20-2002, Just the Facts – Health Care Information – “Why Profit is not the Cure”, be received for information.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to meet again on Monday, May 27, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. in C.R. 4, Regional Headquarters.

Jill Hildreth
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk/Acting C.A.O.