

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

OPEN SESSION

REPORT 1-2012

Minutes of the Open Session portion of the 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, January 10, 2012 at 2:02 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Greenwood, Co-Chair; Burroughs, Regional Chair; D'Angela; Diodati; Heit; Katzman; Marshall; Maves; Rigby.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Jaeger, Medical Officer of Health (A); Ms. Chislett, Commissioner, Community Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Other: Community Services: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities.

Public Health: Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Biscaro, Director, Family Health Division; Mr. Cunnane, Director, EMS; Mr. Hunter, Manager, EMS; Mr. Lorenzo, Manager, Chronic Disease; Mr. McKay, Associate Director, Administration, EMS; Mr. Smith, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, EMS.

Others: Ms. Beckwith, General Manager, Niagara Regional Housing.

Regrets: Councillor Martin.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

1. Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario
COM 02-2012

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 02-2012, January 10, 2012, respecting Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario, be received and the following recommendations be approved:

Approval of the Program and Delivery Fiscal Plan under the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) in Ontario program as approved by the Niagara Regional Housing Board (NRH) NRH 9 2011 on December 13, 2011 (Appendix A);

Execution of the Administration Agreement for the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario by the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk; and

Approval of one additional Regional part-time (.6 FTE) position to support the financial administration of the IAH program.

Carried.

2. Ambulance Communication Deferred Revenue
PHD 02-2012

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 02-2012, January 10, 2012, Ambulance Communication Deferred Revenue be received; and

That this Committee recommend to Regional Council that deferred revenue from the Ambulance Communication Services five-year pilot project be recognized as revenue in 2011 and moved to an Ambulance Communications reserve for future use.

Carried.

3. Update: Ambulance Call Referral – “Omega” Project
PHD 05-2012

Moved by Chair Burroughs
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 05-2012, January 10, 2012, respecting Update Ambulant Call Referral – “Omega” Project, be received; and

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

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Heit declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report PHSS 10-2012 and PHSS 1-2012 as his spouse is employed by a Community Agency and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

4. Business Case to the Ministry of Community and Social Services

Re: Homelessness Pressures

PHSS 10-2012

Moved by Councillor D'Angela
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Memorandum PHSS 10-2012, January 10, 2012, respecting Business Case to the Ministry of Community and Social Services regarding Homelessness Pressures, be received and referred to the consideration of PHSS 1-2012 a Communication from Dean Iorfida, City Clerk, City of Niagara Falls (November 25, 2011) respecting Project Share.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

5. City of Niagara Falls Resolution respecting Project Share

PHSS 1-2012

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Communication Item PHSS 1-2012, from Dean Iorfida, City Clerk, City of Niagara Falls (November 25, 2011) respecting Project Share, be received.

Carried.

CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6. Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That the following reports, minutes and correspondence items be received for information:

COM 01-2012 Commission for the Review of Social Assistance Review in Ontario

COM 03-2012 Niagara Regional Housing 235 Fitch Street – Development Update

PHD 01-2012 Environmental Health Summer Student Program Update 2011

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| PHD 03-2012 | Infant and Child Development Services (ICDS): Supervisor Position |
| PHD 04-2012 | Public Health Department Youth Engagement Strategic Goal Update |
| PHD 06-2012 | Ambulance Co-Payment |
| Minutes | #105-2011 Minutes of the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors Meeting October 28, 2011 |
| Minutes | #106-2011 Minutes of the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors Meeting November 25, 2011 |
| PHSS 2-2012 | Gary Carr, Regional Chair, Halton Region (November 11, 2011) regarding Niagara Region's EMS Dispatch Centre |
| PHSS 3-2012 | Jennifer Kerlty, Executive Director, FOCUS Accreditation Services (November 17, 2011) regarding Niagara Training and Employment Agency Inc. Accreditation |
| PHSS 4-2012 | Graham L. Pollett, Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit (November 17, 2011) respecting Nutritious Food Basket |
| PHSS 5-2012 | Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (December 9, 2011) regarding the new Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) program |
| PHSS 6-2012 | Carolyn J. Kett,, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie (November 15, 2011) regarding Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces |
| PHSS 8-2012 | Daryl Vaillancourt, Chairperson, Board of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District (December 6, 2011) regarding Tobacco Control |
| PHSS 9-2012 | Memorandum from Katherine Chislett, Commissioner, Community Services (January 10, 2012) regarding Councillor Information Request: Consideration by Regional Councillors of Membership on the Niagara Elder Abuse Prevention Network |

Carried.

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7. Community Stakeholders Forum
PHSS 7-2012

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Communication PHSS 7-2012 from Carol Stewart-Kirby, Executive Director, United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie , (December 12, 2011) regarding a community stakeholders forum, be received; and

That staff prepare a report on what services were offered by 211 and how to communicate information about 211 effectively to the community.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Region's Ball Hockey Tournament

Councillor Greenwood reminded Committee that the Niagara Region, in partnership with Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold, Project SHARE, Port Cares, Grimsby Affordable Housing Partnership and The Hope Centre, is hosting a Ball Hockey Tournament to raise money and awareness for the fight against homelessness. The event will take place at Niagara Region Headquarters, 2201 St. David's Road, Thorold on Feb. 11, 2012 and the entry fee per player is \$20.

9. Performance Targets for the Accountability Agreement Indicators

Councillor Greenwood advised that an informational webinar is scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2012 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. to review the performance targets and negotiations process and to answer any questions regarding the Accountability Agreement Indicators. The Board of Health has been asked to respond to the Ministries via PHUIndictors@ontario.ca with their acceptance of the proposed targets or any proposals for revised targets.

10. Board of Health Self Evaluation Form

Councillor Greenwood asked that the Board of Health Self Evaluation form which was distributed to Councillors at the last meeting of Regional Council in 2011 be submitted to Public Health by Monday, January 16, 2012.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

That staff:

- (i) Circulate Communication PHSS 10-2012 and Report COM 39-2011, to the Area Municipal Councils. (Committee) Refer to minute 4.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m. to meet again on January 31, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in C.R. 4.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Barbara Greenwood
Co-Chair

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk