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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 1-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Monday, January 12, 2004, commencing at 11:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Timms, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Baty; Casselman; Davidson; Harry; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Mr. Bousfield, Manager, Properties & Facilities Management; Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Protection & Promotion; Mr. Cunnane, Director, Public Safety; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Mr. McQueen, Project Manager, Public Safety; Ms. Papaiz, Communications Coordinator; Ms. Partington, Director, Population Health; Ms. Rix, Manager, Tobacco Program; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention; Mr. Young, Manager, Health Protection & Promotion.

CHAIR'S REPORT

1. **Structure of the Budget Review Committee (BRC)**

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That CHR 01-2004, respecting Structure of the Budget Review Committee (BRC) be received and that Councillor Timms, Chair and Councillor Baty, Vice-Chair be appointed to the Budget Review Committee.

Carried.

2. Provincial Auditor's 2003 Report on Public Health Activity

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 01-2004, January 12, 2003, respecting Provincial Auditor's 2003 Report on Public Health Activity, be received for information.

Carried.

3. 2002/03 Board of Health Assessment Reports

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 02-2004, January 12, 2004, respecting 2002/03 Board of Health Assessment Reports be received for information and submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care as requested by the Chief Medical Officer of Health; and

That the Ministry be requested to streamline their enforcement protocols with respect to Tobacco Enforcement Program requirements to expedite charges for violations of the Tobacco Control Act.

Carried.

(Refer to staff directions on page PHSC 5.)

4. Food Safety Program

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PHD 03-2003, January 12, 2004, respecting Food Safety Program, be received for information; and

That committee support the Regional contribution of \$80,000 per annum for additional staff to meet the inspection frequencies for food premises, as stipulated in the Provincial Mandatory Public Health Programs and Service Guidelines; and

That this funding request be forwarded for consideration during the 2004 Current Budget deliberations; and

That the Regional Chair raise the issue of 100% funding by the Province for this Program with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care.

Carried.

(Refer to staff directions on page PHSC 5.)

5. Terms and Conditions Document

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 04-2004, January 12, 2004, respecting Terms and Conditions Document, be received.

That the 2003 Terms and Conditions document for Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program be approved and signed by the Board of Health Chair.

That the 2003 Service Contract for the Data Analysis Coordinator Program be approved and signed by the board of Health Chair.

Carried.

6. Time of Committee Meeting

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That the Public Health Services Committee meet at 12:30 p.m. to better accommodate Committee members and to encourage more members (lunch will not be provided).

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

7. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Chair Partington

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending December 31, 2003 in the following amount be approved:

Public Health	\$2,115,938.81
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Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Survey – aPHa Policy Paper

Councillor Timms requested that members complete their aPHa survey and forward it to Dr. Sider. Dr. Sider will compile them into a report for the next PHSC and, if agreed to, this draft report will be carried forward to the aPHa meetings at the end of this month, with the proviso that the report has not been reviewed and approved by Council, i.e. the Board of Health.

9. Orientation – Public Health

Councillor Timms reminded Committee that an Orientation Session will be held at the Public Health Department on Monday, January 19th, 2004 to begin at 12 noon, lunch provided. Councillors are to meet in the Ontario Room at the Public Health Building on Glenridge Avenue. He commented that the orientation session will address the issues of roles of responsibility, mandate and other legislative matters.

10. aPHa All Members Meeting

Councillor Timms reminded members of the aPHa All Members Meeting to be held on January 29th and 30th, 2004 and urged them to attend. Any members wishing to attend this meeting should contact Gail Reilly in the Clerk's Department.

CLOSED SESSION

11. Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

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

Carried.

12. Lease of Office Space

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 05-2004, January 12, 2004 (PWA 03-2004, January 13, 2004) respecting Lease of Office Space, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

13. Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- 1) Monitor any policy documents re: marijuana decriminalization, and assure that any such policy statements are presented for review to Committee and that this issue be addressed at the alPHa meeting in January. (Refer to minute item 3.)
- 2) With the assistance of alPHa, reiterate the need for the Province to provide 100% funding for enhanced programs and services they mandate and for which the Region has no control and consequently puts a burden on the Regional taxpayer. (Refer to minute item 4.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 12:20 p.m. to meet again on Monday, January 26, 2004 at 12:30 p.m. in C.R. 4, Regional Headquarters.

D. Bruce Timms
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Acting Regional Clerk