

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 18-2004

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on October 25, 2004, commencing at 12:40 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Timms, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Angelone; Baty; Brock; Casselman; Harry; Redekop; Trombetta.

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

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Part-time: Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Ms. Biscaro, Acting Director, Population Health; Mr. Bowles, Executive Assistant; Ms. Chamberlain, Fixed Assets; Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Protection & Promotion; Ms. Coppola, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. Dean, Manager, Healthy Babies/Parent Child Health; Ms. DeCou, Epidemiologist; Ms. Hague, Manager, Infectious Disease; Mr. Hunter, Manager, Health Protection & Promotion; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Ms. Loewen, Manager, Sexual Health Program; Ms. Morris, Manager, Youth Connection; Ms. Murphy, Manager, Current and Capital Budgets; Mr. Roach, Manager, Financial Services; Mr. Spencer, Manager, Sexual Health Program; Ms. St. Johns, Director, Clinical Services.

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190. Proposed 2005 Capital Program

Ms. Murphy, Current and Capital Budgets, advised that the Proposed 2005 Capital Program is presented to all standing committees for their review and feedback. Mr. Roach, Manager, Financial Services, advised that staff of the Water and Wastewater departments are recommending a reduction to the costs previously provided for projects in the 2005 proposed program. This reduction has been used in part to recommend funding for five new projects totaling \$1.2 million for a total overall program reduction of approximately \$7.5 net. Mr. Bacchus, Commissioner,

Corporate Services, advised that Appendix 1, 2005 Proposed Project Summary, has been amended (updated for Appendix 6 changes) and the changes are highlighted within the report.

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report CSD 136-2004, October 7, 2004, respecting the Proposed 2005 Capital Program and the memorandum from Shafee Bacchus, Commissioner of Corporate Services, regarding the Water and Wastewater Budget Changes, be received.

Carried.

(Report CSD 136-2004 and the memorandum regarding the Water and Wastewater Budget Changes is attached to Corporate and Financial Services Committee Report 22-2004.)

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191. Cardiac Rehabilitation Services in Niagara
And Heart Niagara's Heart Condition Petition

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 74-2004, October 25, 2004, respecting Cardiac Rehabilitation Services in Niagara and Heart Niagara's Heart Condition Petition, be received for information; and

That Region Council strongly support Heart Niagara's advocacy efforts and petition to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to fund cardiac rehab services in Niagara that are accessible and comprehensive as they are in 24 other Ontario communities.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page PHSC 89.)

192. 2004 MOHLTC Budget Funding Request Document

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 76-2004, October 25, 2004, respecting 2004 MOHLTC Budget Funding Request Document be received.

That the approved 2004 Public Health Budget submission request to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care be signed by the Board of Health Chairman.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

193. Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Communication PHSC 26-2004 from Mayor Rita Kalmbach, Norfolk County, regarding its resolution respecting "Call to Action: Creating a Healthy School Nutrition Environment", be received; and

That this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa).

Carried.

194. Mandatory Programs Compliance Assessment
And Potential Impact on 2005 Budget

Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health, provided a high level overview of an assessment of the Regional Niagara Public Health Department's compliance with Mandatory program requirements and standards from 2002 – 2004. Dr. Sider summarized the recommended program enhancements for the Public Health Department to reach compliance, to support Council's Business Plan and Strategic Directions and the Public Health Department's Strategic Plan and goals. Dr. Sider advised that the Province has indicated the need for public health departments to achieve full compliance with the Mandatory program requirements and standards as the minimum acceptable standard for public health service across Ontario. An initial move to increase provincial cost-sharing of PHD budgets on a 55/45 ratio will occur in 2005 to move towards this required compliance. A provincial review of the mandatory program guidelines has been partially completed, but nothing official has been released or provided.

The Directors and Managers of the Public Health Department's Divisions for Health Protection and Promotion (Inspection and Dental); Population Health (Child Health, Youth Connection); Chronic Disease Prevention (Lifestyles); Clinical Services (Vaccine Preventable Disease) and Medical (Prep Unit) were in attendance to answer questions, provide additional information on their respective programs and the enhanced program resources required to meet Provincial compliance. A chart was provided

detailing the FTEs and costs including benefits for the various programs. (The chart is to be amended to specify 1.5 Health Promoter at \$80,682 for Child Health and 1.0 Public Health Nurse at \$69,100 for Youth Connection.) The amended chart represents a total in programmatic resources of \$1,088,843. Non programmatic resources were also identified at \$958,020. Total required resources recommended in this report total \$2,046,063.

Following discussion by Committee and information requested (refer to staff directions), it was:

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the Licensing and Inspection fees report be brought to Committee for further review during budget discussions.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Redekop
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report MOH 2-204, October 25, 2004, respecting Mandatory Programs Compliance Assessment and Potential impact on 2005 Budget, be received for information, and

That the recommendations contained in this report be deferred pending further information on;

- user fees (inspection);
- are there areas where the Public Health Department is in full compliance that could be reduced; and
- a summary of the proposed budget increase of \$376,000 and its impact

Carried.

(Refer to staff directions on page PHSC 89 and 90.)

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Investigate whether the Region of Niagara has a defibrillator at headquarters or any of its sites, and if not, look into getting a defibrillator(s) at the appropriate location(s). (Refer to minute 191.)

- (ii) Provide members of Committee with previous reports related to licensing and inspection fees. (Refer to minute 194.)
- (iii) Provide a report on the Sexual Health Program, its mandate and services provided. (Refer to minute 194.)
- (iv) Provide a copy of a draft job description for the GIS Technician. (Refer to minute 194.)
- (v) Provide a summary page of the proposed \$376,000 budget increase. (Refer to minute 194.)
- (vi) Provide a prioritized list of resources/staff required as outlined in MOH 2-2004 and indicate whether they can be phased in. (Refer to minute 194.)
- (vii) Provide information on what, if any, programs/services the Public Health Department may exceed compliance. (Refer to minute 194.)
- (viii) Provide coding (3, 2 or 1) to indicate levels of priority – what are priorities envisioned for 2006 and 2007. (Refer to minute 194.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 2:15 p.m. to meet again on Monday, November 8, 2004, at 12:30 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Bruce Timms
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/
Associate Director of Corporate Strategy