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## **THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

### **PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT 19-2004**

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on November 8, 2004, commencing at 12:40 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Staff

Part-time: Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services, P.H.; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Mr. McQueen, Project Manager, NEMS; Mr. Roberts, Senior Manager, NEMS; Mr. Robson, Director of Corporate Strategy.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

195. Final Report on Niagara's Partnership with Environment Canada  
-To assess Niagara's Overall Approach to Sustainability using  
the Melbourne Principles
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Mr. Trojan, C.A.O., together with Mr. Robson, Director of Corporate Strategy, advised that the final report on Niagara's Partnership with Environment Canada – To Assess Niagara's Overall Approach to Sustainability using the Melbourne Principles will be delivered to Environment Canada as part of Regional Niagara's commitment to that federal agency. This partnership was previously endorsed by Council. Niagara was chosen as one of three pilot communities in Canada to "road test" the Melbourne Principles for applicability and to identify areas for improvement in Niagara's community sustainability efforts. Potential benefits to the Region, in line with the Melbourne Principles, include greater access to resources to support projects and policies that enhance sustainability directions. Access to additional financial and informational resources can assist the Region in current and new initiatives such as inter-municipal transit. Committee was advised that Council Business Plan objective 2.1 supports Goal #2 for a balanced, planned land use, to provide an integrated, sustainable "Smarter Niagara" approach to community development that includes both human and physical

infrastructures required to maintain and continuously improve the quality of life for the Niagara Community.

(Refer to staff direction on page PHSC 95.)

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report CAO 24-2004, November 18, 2004, respecting Final Report on Niagara's Partnership with Environment Canada – To Assess Niagara's Overall approach to Sustainability using The Melbourne Principles, be received and referred to Council for decision.

Carried.

(Report CAO 24-2004 is behind the Joint Reports Tab in the Blue Book.)

196. Memo – 2005 Budget Review Process

A memorandum from Peter Partington, Regional Chairman and Mike Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, was received by Committee. The memo outlined the 2005 Budget Review Process and the anticipated dates for review of more detailed versions of departmental budgets. The Budget Review Committee's December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting has been established as a target date for submission of a comprehensive report with options, recommendations and risks for Council's consideration to affect reductions in preliminary estimates.

*Budget Information – Staff Directions*

Dr. Klooz apprised Committee of the outcomes of discussions with Councillors Timms and Baty and staff regarding the staff directions from the previous Public Health Services Committee meeting related to the department's budget.

- There will be a defibrillator report through Human Resources on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- A report will be presented at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting on licensing and inspection fees.
- A report on Sexual Health will be presented at the December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.
- A job description for the GIS Technician will be presented on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
- A summary of the proposed \$376,000 budget increase will be presented on November 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- A list of prioritized resources/programs will be prepared in co-operation with the Corporate management Team on November 19<sup>th</sup>

and presented in a report to the Budget Review Committee on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- Staff direction 7 (programs/services-compliance standards) will be part of the report presented to the Budget Review Committee on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Dr. Sider also commented that he is attempting to obtain clear and defined information regarding Provincial funding formulas.

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That the memorandum from Regional Chair Peter Partington and Mike Trojan, C.A.O., regarding the 2005 Budget Review Process, be received.

Carried.

(Memo is behind the Joint Reports Tab in the Blue Book.)

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

197. aIPHa Workshop

Councillor Timms apprised Committee of the agenda for the aIPHa workshop to be held on November 12<sup>th</sup> in Toronto, commenting that he is planning to attend, together with Councillors Angelone and Baty.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

198. Request for Approval of the Annual Program Expenditure Report (APER) for the Early Years Coordinator Program

Moved by Councillor Casselman  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 77-2004, November 8, 2004, respecting Request for Approval of the Annual Program Expenditure Report (APER) for the Early Years Coordinator Program, be received.

That the Annual Program Expenditure Report (APER) for the Early Years Coordinator Program be approved and signed.

Carried.

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

Conflict of Interest

Regional Chair Partington declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to the communications regarding the Niagara Regional Hospital/Cancer Centre, as he is the former lawyer and agent for the new hospital complex, and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

Committee received the following communications for consideration:

PHSC 27-2004      John Bice, Acting City Administrator, City of Thorold (October 18, 2004) seeking support for its resolution regarding a Niagara Regional Hospital/Cancer Centre.

PHSC 28-2004      Holly Dowd, Town Clerk, Niagara-on-the-Lake, (October 29, 2004) regarding Niagara Regional Hospital/Cancer Centre seeking support for its resolution regarding a Niagara Regional Hospital/Cancer Centre.

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That the foregoing communications be received and referred to the Niagara Health System for clarification on the wording to appropriately address the Region of Niagara's needs with respect to a Niagara Regional Hospital/Cancer Centre.

Carried.

**ACCOUNTS**

200. Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the Period Ending September 30, 2004 in the amount of \$2,935,228.78, be approved.

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the Period Ending October 31, 2004 in the amount of \$3,022,532.86, be approved.

Carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

201. Niagara EMS – Facilities & Lease of Office Space

Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 72-2004, November 8, 2004 (PWA 198-2004, November 9, 2004) respecting Niagara EMS –Facilities & Lease of Office Space, be received and referred to Council for decision.

Carried.

202. Moved by Councillor Trombetta  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTION**

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Refer the Public Health Department's strategy on Obesity, together with other important health issues, as a link to the Melbourne Principles. (Refer to minute 195.)

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 1:20 p.m. to meet again on Monday, November 22, 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