

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on April 18, 2005, commencing at 3:10 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Bailey; Baty; Casselman; Marshall; Mastroianni.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Mr. Ventresca, Acting Commissioner, Community Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Mr. Hunter, Acting Director, Seniors Services; Mr. Hutchings, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities; Ms. Stevenson, Manager, Community Services; Ms. Stewart, Manager, Community Services.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

72. Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP)
Caseload and Continuing Budget Pressures

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 38-2005, April 18, 2005, respecting Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Caseload and Continuing Budget Pressures, be received; and

That the Regional Chair forward a letter to the Ministry of Community and Social Services apprising them of the continuing financial pressures experienced by Niagara for the Ontario Disability Support Program with no relief forecasted in 2006 or outlying years.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CSC 39.)

73. Ontario Works Mandatory Addiction
Services Initiative Implementation

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 39-2005, April 18, 2005, respecting Ontario Works Mandatory
Addiction Services Initiative Implementation, be received for information.

Carried.

74. Follow-up Report on Niagara's Local Model
For One-Stage Application Process

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 40-2005, April 18, 2005, respecting Follow-up Report on
Niagara's Local Model for One-Stage Application Process, be received for
information.

Carried.

75. Seniors Services Volunteer Program Achievements 2004

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 41-2005, April 18, 2005, respecting Senior Services Volunteer
Program Achievements 2004, be received for information.

Carried.

76. Amended 2004 Ontario Works Service Contract
Amendment 14 – Local System Support Staffing
And Equipment Funding – Ministry of Community and Social Services

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report COM 42-2005, April 18, 2005, respecting Amended 2004 Ontario
Works Service Contract Amendment 14 – Local System Support Staffing and
Equipment Funding – Ministry of Community and Social Services, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the 2004 Ontario Works Service Contract Amendment 14 for Local Systems Support(LSS) Staffing and Equipment Funding with the Ministry of Community and Social Services (Provincial Subsidy = \$260,424/Regional Levy = \$260,424).

Carried.

77. 2004 Children's Services Funding Contract
With Ministry of Community and Social Services

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 43-2005 (Revised), April 18, 2005, respecting 2004 Children's Services Funding Contract with Ministry of Community and Social Services, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the 2004 Children's Services Contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services (Provincial Subsidy = \$18,336,645/Regional Levy = \$4,521,392).

Carried.

MINUTES

78. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report 3-2005, being the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Ontarians with Disabilities Act meeting of March 15, 2005, be received.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Provide information on how many ODSP appeals have been successfully defended. (Refer to minute 72.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 4:00 p.m. to meet again on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters Building.

Jill Hildreth
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk/
Associate Director of Corporate Strategy