

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 12-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on July 11, 2005, commencing at 3:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Bailey; Casselman; Gabriel; Marshall; Mastroianni; Rigby.

Staff: Mr. Ventresca, Acting Commissioner, Community Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Mr. Bousfield, Manager, Property and Facility Management; Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services; Ms. Stevenson, Manager, Community Services; Ms. Watson, Manager, Community Services.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

115. Development of a Hospice at the Linhaven Site

Mr. Ventresca, Acting Commissioner, Community Services Department, provided a summary of the main points in the Memorandum of Understanding between Hospice Niagara and the Regional Municipality of Niagara and a description of the parcel of land to be leased to Hospice Niagara, as shown in Appendix 1 of Report COM 60-2005. Mr. Ventresca introduced Ms. Judith Barker, Executive Director, Hospice Niagara and Mr. Doug Fowler, Chair, Building Committee who were in attendance to respond to any questions.

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report COM 60-2005, July 11, 2005, respecting Development of a Hospice at the Linhaven Site, be received.

That staff be authorized to finalize a Memorandum of Understanding between Hospice Niagara and the Regional Municipality of Niagara for the development of a regional hospice palliative care centre by Hospice Niagara on the Linhaven site in the City of St. Catharines; and

That the parcel of land on the Linhaven site, as shown on the site plan, be approved for leasing to Hospice Niagara to accommodate the construction of their hospice palliative care centre, subject to Hospice Niagara funding the construction and operation of the centre, and subject to the subsequent negotiation of a lease and attendant terms and conditions, including the sharing of services.

Carried.

116. 2005 Quarterly Report: January to March 2005
Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities

Ms. Watson, Manager, Community Services, provided highlights of key program and financial information pertaining to Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities for the period January 1 to March 31, 2005. Committee was also apprised of three new program initiatives with respect to the Intake Process, Addiction Services and the Labour Force Development Project. Also presented, was a program delivery highlight outlined in Appendix A of Report COM 61-2005.

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report COM 61-2005, July 11, 2005, respecting 2005 Quarterly Report: January to March 2005 Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, be received for information.

Carried.

117. Provincial Announcements to Change the
Social Assistance Program May 17, 2005

Ms. Stevenson, Manager, Community Services, highlighted changes to the Ontario Works Act that will impact residents of Niagara and Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities (SAEO) budget projects for 2005 and budget planning for 2006.

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 62-2005, July 11, 2005, respecting Provincial Announcements to Change the Social Assistance Program May 17, 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction on page CSC 65.)

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

118. Substitution of Long-term Financing on Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report CSD 75-2005, June 1, 2005, respecting Substitution of Long-term Financing on Capital Projects, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

119. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Communication CSC 11-2005 from Joyce Savoline, Chair, AMO Long-Term Care Group (May 27, 2005) to Monique Smith, Parliamentary Assistant, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the direction of long-term care in Ontario, be received.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

120. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

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

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Almas declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Report COM 73-2005/PWA 139-2005/CSD 106-2005 respecting Conversion of Building at 6271 Glengate Street, Replacement of Dr. Finland Child Care Centre, City of Niagara Falls, as a proponent is a client of his and he therefore vacated the Committee Room and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

121. Conversion of Building at 6271 Glengate Street
Replacement of Dr. Fingland Child Care Centre
City of Niagara Falls

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report COM 73-2005, July 11, 2005 (PWA 139-2005, July 12, 2005/CSD 106-2005, July 13, 2005) respecting Conversion of Building at 6271 Glengate Street Replacement of Dr. Fingland Child Care Centre, City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

122. Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Prepare a report assessing the impact of the changes in legislation for presentation to Committee in January 2006. (Refer to minute 117.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 3:59 p.m. to meet again on Monday, August 8 2005, at 3:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters Building.

Jill Hildreth
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk