

## **THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT 18-2005**

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on December 5, 2005, commencing at 3:40 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Regional Chair Partington; Almas, Bailey; Baty; Marshall; Mastroianni.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services; Ms. Cousins, Business Partner Community Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Middleton, Administrative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Messrs. Lockyer, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services; Ms. Murphy, Associate Director Current Capital Budget; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities.

Others: Councillor Timms.

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

#### **PRESENTATION**

##### 175. 2006 Proposed Current Budget Status

Mr. Lockyer, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services gave an overview of the 2006 Current Budget.

The key highlights of the presentation were the following:

- Objectives
- Process
- What's included / excluded
- As Initially Submitted
- Summary of Budget Reduction Scenarios
- Results of CMT Review to Date

- Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That the presentation made by the Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services be received.

Carried

176. Community Services 2006 Current Budget Presentation

Ms. Cousins, Business Partner Community Services, gave an overview of the Community Services 2006 Current Budget Presentation.

The key highlights of the presentation were the following:

- Community Services:
  - Clients Served
  - Challenges and Priorities
  - 2006 Fiscal Overview
  - 2006 FTE Overview
  - Provincially Operated Programs: Program Objectives
  - 2006 Fiscal Challenges
  - Fiscal Overview
- Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities:
  - Program Developments
  - 2006 Fiscal Challenges
  - 2006 Fiscal Overview
  - Quality Highlights
- Children's Services:
  - Program Developments
  - 2006 Fiscal Challenges
  - 2006 Fiscal Overview
  - Quality Highlights
- Seniors Services:
  - Program Developments
  - 2006 Fiscal Challenges
  - 2006 Fiscal Overview
  - Quality Highlights Key Outcome Indicators
- Community Services 2006 Budget 3% Scenario
  - 0% Budget Scenario
  - -3% Budget Scenario
  - 2006 Budget Summary

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni

Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the presentation made by the Business Partner Community Services be received.

Carried

177. Energy Emergency Fund Implementation

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 93-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting Energy Emergency Fund Implementation be received; and

That the Director Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities be authorized to sign a Service Delivery Agreement with Share the Warmth for the delivery of the Emergency Energy Fund in Niagara.

Carried.

178. 2005 Third Quarter Report: January to September 2005  
Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report COM 94-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting the 2005 Third Quarter Report: January to September 2005 Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, be received for information.

Carried.

179. Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report  
Third Quarter – July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 95-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report Third Quarter – July 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005 be received for information.

Carried.

180. 2005 Ontario Works Service Contract  
Enhanced Family Support Initiative (EFSI)

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 96-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting the 2005 Ontario Works Service Contract Enhanced Family Support Initiative (EFSI) be received; and

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the 2005 Ontario Works Enhanced Family Support Initiative (EFSI) Service Contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services (100% Provincial Subsidy = \$125,000 / Regional Levy = \$0).

Carried.

181. 2005 Ontario Works Service Contract for  
Local Systems Support Staffing and Equipment Funding  
Ministry of Community and Social Services

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 97-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting the 2005 Ontario Works Service Contract for Local Systems Support Staffing and Equipment Funding Ministry of Community and Social Services be received; and

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the 2005 Ontario Works Service Contract for Local Systems Support (LSS) Staffing and Equipment Funding with the Ministry of Community and Social Services (Provincial Subsidy = \$264,310 / Regional Levy = \$264,309).

Carried.

182. Approval of Contract with Medical Directors  
The Meadows of Dorchester

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 98-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting the Approval of Contract with Medical Directors, The Meadows of Dorchester be received; and

That the Regional Chairman and Clerk be authorized to approve the contract with the new Medical Directors of The Meadows of Dorchester for a term of November 16, 2005, to October 31, 2006.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

183. Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That the following communications be received:

CSC 20-2005      Memorandum from Sarah Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities (December 5, 2005) respecting an update to Report COM 82-2005 Provincial Campaign to Promote Special Diets.

Carried.

184. Moved by Councillor Almas  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the following communications be received:

CSC 21-2005      Memorandum from Brian Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services (December 5, 2005) respecting Southridge Community Church Emergency Shelter Community Consultation Update.

Carried

### **MINUTES**

- 185 Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership  
Ontarians With Disabilities Act

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report 10-2005, November 1, 2005, being the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting, be received.

Carried.

**STAFF DIRECTIONS**

Staff was requested to:

Prepare a report on Niagara data regarding child poverty and compare to provincial and national data.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 5:00 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, January 10, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters Building.

Jill Hildreth  
Chair

Wendy Middleton  
Administrative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk