

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 9-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario on May 30, 2005, commencing at 12:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Timms, Chair; Angelone; Baty; Brock; Casselman; Goulbourne; Harry.

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

Staff

Part-time: Ms. Barnatt, Health Promoter; Ms. Coppola, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Protection & Promotion; Mr. Cunnane, Director, Emergency Services Division; Ms. Fontana, Director, Corporate Health Services & Employee Relations; Ms. Hague, Manager, Infectious Disease; Ms. Kalailieff, Manager of Vaccine Preventable Disease Program; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Mr. Laflamme, Manager, Health Protection & Promotion; Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources; Ms. Rix, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention; Mr. Young, Manager, Health Protection and Promotion.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

81. Teen Tobacco Radio Challenge

Linda Rix, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention, apprised Committee of the Teen Tobacco Radio Challenge which was held with funding from Health Canada and in partnership with the radio station WiLD 101. The students were challenged to develop a thirty second radio ad that would highlight how the tobacco companies use teens in order to maintain consumer growth. Ms. Rix introduced the winning team from Ridgeway/Crystal Beach High School, students: Steve Lavender, Alyssa Green, Leigh Dunn and Tom Bowse and their teacher, Mr. Roy Courchesne, and principal, Ms. Helga Campbell. A video was shown of

the presentation held at the District School Board of Niagara meeting on May 10, 2005. Councillors Timms and Redekop and Regional Niagara Public Health Department staff were in attendance to highlight the contest and honour the winners.

Councillor Timms, on behalf of Committee, thanked Ms. Campbell and Mr. Courchesne for their participation in the challenge and congratulated the winners and staff for a job well done.

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 32-2005, May 30, 2005, respecting Teen Tobacco Radio Challenge, be received for information.

Carried.

82. West Nile Virus 2005

Dave Young, Manager, Health Protection and Promotion, provided a brief overview of the Public Health Department's West Nile Virus Response Plan and its Integrated Pest Management strategies for 2005.

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 30-2005, May 30, 2005, respecting West Nile Virus 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

83. Rabies Prevention

Andre LaFlamme, Manager, Health Protection & Promotion, outlined the activities in which his division is involved with respect to the rabies program and the activities in promoting May as rabies awareness month.

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PHD 31-2005, May 30, 2005, respecting Rabies Prevention, be received for information.

Carried.

84. Niagara's Fourth Annual Eat Smart! Restaurant Awards

Laurie Ann Barnatt, Health Promoter, apprised Committee of Niagara's Eat Smart! Restaurant Program, a province-wide initiative which promotes restaurants that meet exceptional standards in healthy eating, food safety and 100% non-smoking seating.

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 33-2005, May 30, 2005, respecting Niagara's fourth Annual Eat smart: Restaurant Awards, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff directions on page PHSC 45.)

85. Influenza Planning and Response, Niagara Region

Heather Hague, Manager, Infectious Disease Program and Donna Kalailieff, Manager of Vaccine Preventable Disease Program provided an update with respect to influenza planning, surveillance and response activities being undertaken within Niagara.

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 34-2005, May 30, 2005, respecting Influenza Planning and Response, Niagara Region, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

86. County of Oxford – Rubella Outbreak

Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health, who was appointed to the County of Oxford Health Unit to assist with the management of the Rubella Outbreak, provided a brief update on the outbreak. He advised that the outbreak has remained largely confined to people who are not vaccinated and the risk to others is small but reiterated the importance of vaccination. The outbreak has been confined to the counties of Oxford, Brant and Haldimand-Norfolk. Dr. Sider commented that the lessons learned from SARS have helped with respect to being able to access quickly the broad base of expertise available to assist in managing this outbreak.

CORRESPONDENCE

87. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Communication PHSC 33-2005, being a memorandum from Mike Trojan, C.A.O. (April 29, 2005) in response to County of Huron letter dated April 8, 2005 regarding the issue of the collection of the ambulance co-payment fee be received and referred to staff for development of the appropriate resolution.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS (continued)

88. Expression of Thanks
Councillor Angelone thanked Mr. Cunnane, Director, Emergency Services Division, for assisting her in her "rideout" with Emergency Services, commenting how much she enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to visit most of the EMS facilities. Councillor Angelone commented that EMS should be proud of their new Command Centre.

CORRESPONDENCE

89. Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the following communications be received:

PHSC 34-2005 Carolyn Downs, City Clerk, City of Kingston (May 4, 2005) regarding its Council's resolution requesting the Province of Ontario to develop a fair and consistent dental care program to be targeted at lower-wage working Ontarians.

PHSC 35-2005 Carolyn Downs, City Clerk, City of Kingston (May 4, 2005) regarding its Council's resolution requesting the Government of Canada, in consultation with Provincial, Territorial and Local governments, to develop a comprehensive National Oral Health Strategy.

Carried.

90. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the following communications be referred to the next Public Health Services Committee meeting for consideration.

PHSC 36-2005 Hazel Lynn, Medical Officer of Health, Grey Bruce Health Unit (May 24, 2005) regarding its Council's resolution recommending the provincial government include a provision to ban all point-of-purchase promotion, display and advertising of tobacco products upon implementation of Bill 164 – Smoke-Free Ontario Act in May 2006.

PHSC 37-2005 Local Health Integration Network 4 – Member Nomination and “Patient Care/Services Integration Initiative”

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS (continued)

91. Community Immunization Schedule
Councillor Goulbourne asked how staff identified the areas as shown on the schedule for Community Immunization, specifically with respect to Welland, and he asked that staff have discussions with him on this matter.
92. Emergency Services Week
Councillor Angelone asked that next year's plan for Emergency Services Week come to Committee for its input.

CLOSED SESSION

93. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to legal and personnel matters.

Carried.

94. Final Settlement with Hotel Dieu
Re: Niagara Emergency Medical Services
(Land Ambulance Operations)

Mr. Cunnane, Director, Emergency Services, provided an update on the Final Settlement with Hotel Dieu regarding Niagara Emergency Medical Services (Land Ambulance Operations).

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That the oral report from John Cunnane, Director, Emergency Services, regarding Final Settlement with Hotel Dieu regarding Niagara Emergency Medical Services (Land Ambulance Operations), be received.

Carried.

95. Ontario Street – Ambulance Station

Mr. Cunnane provided an update on the Ontario Street Ambulance Station matter.

96. Contract Negotiations – CUPE 1019

Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources, provided an update on Contract Negotiations – CUPE 1019.

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the oral report from Mr. Nicol, Commissioner, Human Resources, providing an update on Contract Negotiations – CUPE 1019, be received.

Carried.

A report on this matter will be presented to Regional Council on June 9, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in Closed Session.

97. Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Contact Niagara College to inquire if they would be interested in participating as a Community Partner in this program. (Refer to minute 84.)
- (ii) Refer Report PHD 33-2005 to Chairman's Obesity Prevention Leadership Roundtable. (Refer to minute 84.)
- (iii) Send letter to Dr. Basrur re: provincial funds to support Eat Smart program. (Refer to minute 84.)

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m. to meet again on Monday, June 20, 2005, at 12:30 p.m. in C.R. 4, Regional Headquarters.

Bruce Timms
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Anne Hepplewhite
Acting Regional Clerk