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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 18-2005

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario on December 5, 2005, commencing at 12:35 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Timms, Chair; Regional Chair Partington; Almas; Angelone; Baty; Brock; Harry; Mastroianni.

Staff: Messrs. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Middleton, Administrative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Mr. Lockyer, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services; Ms. Beyer, Health Promoter; Ms. Hague, Manager, Infectious Disease Program; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services, P.H.; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Mr. Brcic, Director, Water & Wastewater; Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Protection & Promotion; Mr. McQueen, Manager, Emergency Services; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention; Mr. Laflamme, Manager Health Protection & Promotion; Mr. Cunnane, Director Emergency Services; Ms. Coppola, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. Lacroix, Manager, Infectious Diseases Program; Mr. Bertleff, Manager, Emergency Management Program; Ms. Murphy, Associate Director Current Capital Budget; Neal Roberts, Associate Director EMS Paramedic Services; Harry Brooks, Primary Care Paramedic; Mr. Young, Manager, Health Protection & Promotion; Mr. Fuentes, Associate Director, EMS Communication Services.

Other: Councillors Bailey, Goulbourne, Hildreth, Marshall.

PRESENTATION

199. Certificate of Recognition

Mr. Harry Allan Brooks, Paramedic, who retired on October 31, 2005 was recognized for his 40 years of dedicated service to the residents of Niagara by Councillor Bruce Timms with the help of Chair Partington. Mr. Brooks noted that he hopes that other paramedics reach this same milestone.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

200. 2006 Proposed Current Budget Status

Mr. Lockyer, Acting Commissioner of Corporate Services gave an overview of the 2006 Capital 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 Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Baty

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

Carried

201. Public Health Department Niagara EMS Communication & Paramedic Services 2006 Budget Summary

Chris McQueen, Emergency Services Administration Manager gave an overview of the 2006 Budget Summary.

The key highlights of the presentation were the following:

- Brief History
- Service Improvements
- Challenges
- Performance (Ambulance Response Times)
- 2006 Proposed Budget
- Budget Scenarios

- Scenario Impact
- Staffing Impact
- Deferred Service Level Improvements (June 1st) Annualized Impact

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the presentation made by the Emergency Services Administration Manager be received.

Carried

203. Public Health Department 2006 Current Budget

Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner Public Health gave an overview of the Public Health Department 2006 Current Budget.

The key highlights of the presentation were the following:

- Corporate Guidelines +3%, 0%, -3% Applied to Net
- 2006 Current Budget Scenarios – General Programs
- Previous Committee Reports
- Current Information
- Letter of Transmittal
- Public Health Department 2006 Current Budget – General Programs
- Public Health Department 2006 Proposed Base Budget – General Programs
- Public Health Department 2006 Potential Reinvestment Options (No Reinvestment)
- Public Health Department 2006 Potential Reinvestment Options
 - (Minimal Reinvestment)
 - (Medium Reinvestment)
 - (Maximum Reinvestment)
- 2006 Current Budget Proposed Scenarios – General Programs

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the presentation made by the Associate Commissioner Public Health be received.

Carried

205. Food Safety Disclosure

Mr. Young and Ms. Lacroix provided information relating to recent salmonella cases from contaminated bean sprouts.

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report PHD 71-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting the Food Safety Disclosure be received for information; and

That the Health Protection and Promotion Division of the Niagara Region Public Health Department (RNPHD) develop a food safety performance disclosure system that

- posts summarized food safety information on the Regional Website; and
- posts all convictions for non-compliance with food safety legislation on the Regional website.

Carried

207. Control of Infectious Diseases Mandatory Program

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report PHD 73-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting Control of Infectious Diseases Mandatory Program be received for information.

Carried

208. Review of mandatory Programs: Infection Control

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That PHD 75-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting Review of Mandatory Programs: Infection Control be received for information.

Carried.

209. Integrated Pan-Canadian Healthy Living Strategy (IPC HLS)

Moved by Councillor Angelone

Seconded by Chair Partington

That Report PHD 72-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting Integrated Pan-Canadian Healthy Living Strategy (IPC HLS) be received for information; and

That Regional Council send a letter of support to the federal Minister of Health and Minister of State for Public Health regarding the release of the *Integrated Pan-Canadian Healthy Living Strategy (IPC HLS)* and urging its prompt implementation; and

That Regional Council send a letter to the provincial Minister of Health Promotion requesting the *IPC HLS* targets and action areas be integrated into the yet-to-be-released, *Healthy Living, Healthy Weights* strategy; and

That this document be shared with the Regional Chairman's Leadership Round Table for Obesity Prevention with the recommendation that the regional strategy consider the adoption of the targets and action areas identified in the federal *IPC HLS*.

Carried.

210. Ontario Medical Association Report "Tuberculosis: Forgetting Again"

Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 74-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting Ontario Medical Association Report "Tuberculosis: Forgetting Again" be received for information; and

That the Board of Health support the recommendations made in the Ontario Medical Association's report entitled "Tuberculosis: Forgetting Again", especially the recommendation 3.2 "The immigration medical surveillance system for TB in Canada needs to be formally evaluated with input from key stakeholders.

Carried.

211. Ministry Approval of Public Health Department's 2005 Budget Funding Request

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 76-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting Ministry Approval of Public Health Department's 2005 Budget Funding Request be received for information; and

That the 2005 Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Terms and Conditions document be signed by the Chairman of the Niagara Region Board of Health.

Carried.

212. 2005 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Terms and Conditions Document & 2005 Data Analysis Coordinator Service Contract

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 79-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting 2005 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Terms and Conditions Document & 2005 Data Analysis Coordinator Service Contract, be received for information, and

That the 2005 Terms and Conditions document for Healthy Babies, Healthy Children program be approved and signed by the Board of Health Chairman; and

That the 2005 Service Contract for the Data Analysis Coordinator program be approved and signed by the Board of Health Chairman.

Carried.

213. Public Health Department: Community Mental Health Program and Population Health Division Accommodation Needs

Moved by Councillor Brock
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 77-2005 / PWA 207-2005, December 5, 2005, respecting Public Health Department: Community Mental Health Program and Population Health Division Accommodation Needs be deferred to the Committee of the Whole on December 15, 2005.

Carried.

214. CBRN Emergency Response Team – Reserve Account

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 78-2005 / CSD 172-2005, December 5 and 7, 2005, respecting CBRN Emergency Response Team – Reserve Account be received for information; and

That any annual surplus funds in the CBRN (Chemical/Biological/Radiological/Nuclear) Emergency Response program budget (cost centre 6265) be directed to a reserve account as a contingency for future program needs.

Carried.

215. Parking Lot
Public Health Department
30 Hannover Drive, St. Catharines

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Chair Partington

That Report PHD 80-2005 / PWA 225-2005 / CSD 174-2005, December 5,6, and 7, 2005 respecting the Parking Lot, Public Health Department, 30 Hannover Drive, St. Catharines, be received and and the recommendations contained therein approved.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

216. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That the following communication be received:

PHSC 57-2005 Sudbury & District Health Unit (October 13, 2005)
recommendation respecting Artificial Tanning following their
review of Niagara's Regional Board of Health motion.

PHSC 58-2005 Sudbury & District Health Unit (November 14, 2005)
recommendation respecting the Best Start Program.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

217. Public Health and Community Services Committee
Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the Joint Standing Committee Public Health and Community Services Committee be referred to as Public Health and Social Services Committee and will now meet on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Carried

Councillor Marshall requested that he be recorded as opposed to the above resolution.

STAFF DIRECTION

218. That staff be directed to:

Put together a report regarding PHD 77 - PWA 207 which should include the following:

- A revised business case with a chronology of when we knew there were additional FTEs since the addition was approved
- What would it cost to have the design of the addition changed so that the space required is added in
- Are there sacrifices that could be made in the addition so that the required space could be included
- Are there programs such as the smoking enforcement which may not be needed and could this space be used for the required space

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, January, 10 2005, at 12:30 p.m. in C.R. 4, Regional Headquarters.

Bruce Timms
Chair

Wendy Middleton
Administrative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk