

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 4-2006**

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Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 2:05 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Co-Chair; Timms, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Angelone, Bailey, Baty; Casselman, Harry, Marshall, Mastroianni, Trombetta;

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health & Commissioner of Public Health; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner of Community Services; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Public Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Staines, Legislative Assistant

**Staff**

Part-time: Ms. Biscaro, Director Population Health; Mr. Jones, Director, Admin Services; Ms. Pennisi, Director Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention; Mr. Roberts, Associate Director, EMS Paramedic Service; Ms. Alfieri-Maiolo, Manager Healthy Babies; Ms. Beckwith, General Manager, Niagara Regional Housing; Ms. Cousins, Business Partner; Ms. Rae, Legal Counsel; Ms. Rix, Manager Chronic Disease; Mr. Weaver, Manager, Special Initiatives; Ms. Gueldenstubbe, Mr. Lorenzo, and Ms. Wiltshire, Public Health; Ms. Mozina, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities

Others Councillor Eke (part-time)

Guests: Mr. Warkentin and Mr. Lockyer, Southridge Community Church

**CLOSED SESSION**

47. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Hildreth

That this Committee do now meet in closed session for the purpose of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to personnel matters.

PHSS 4-2006  
March 14, 2006

Carried.

48. Niagara Regional Housing – Governance Review  
**CAO 4-2006**

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Confidential Report CAO 4-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Niagara Regional Housing – Governance Review, be received; and

That the report be revised for public release.

Carried.

49. Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**OPERATIONS**  
**(STATUS REPORTS)**

50. Niagara Regional Housing – Governance Review  
**CAO 4-2006 - Revised**

Moved by Councillor Harry  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Revised Report CAO 4-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Niagara Regional Housing – Governance Review, be received and released to the public;

That the recommendations contained within the Governance Review report and discussed in the body of this report be accepted in principle;

That the General Manager of Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) under the direction of the Board of Directors presents an implementation plan for these recommendations by June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2006; and

That the recommendations be considered and incorporated where appropriate into the ongoing program and structure review being conducted by Niagara Regional Housing.

Carried.

51. Youth Action Alliance (YAA) Tobacco Program  
**PHD 18-2006**

Mr. Lorenzo and Ms. Wiltshire provided the Committee with an overview of Report PHD 18-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Youth Action Alliance (YAA) Tobacco Program.

Ms. Wiltshire presented Councillor Hildreth with the *Golden Hands*. Councillor Hildreth advised that the package will be presented to Regional Chair Partington at Regional Council on March 23<sup>rd</sup> as recommended in the report.

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report PHD 18-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Youth Action Alliance (YAA) Tobacco Program, be received;

That the Regional Chairman send a letter to the Minister of Health Promotion requesting the removal of tobacco power wall displays at tobacco vendors throughout Ontario before the scheduled date of May 31, 2008. The removal of power walls is scheduled for implementation two years after Smoke-Free Ontario legislation (Bill 165) comes into effect; and

That Regional Chairman accept the *Golden Hands* signed by over 2,500 youth across Niagara Region. The *Golden Hands* were signed to thank Regional Council for supporting a Smoke-Free Ontario, which will be implemented on May 31, 2005.

Carried.

52. Update to the Social Assistance Smoking Cessation Project  
and Request for Best Practices Grant  
**COM 14-2006**

Ms. Pennisi, Director Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, provided the Committee with an overview of Report COM 14-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Update to the Social Assistance Smoking Cessation Project and Request for Best Practice.

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report COM 14-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Update to the Social Assistance Smoking Cessation Project and Request for Best Practices, be received for information; and

That staff be authorized to make Application for a Health Canada grant to complete a Best Practices report regarding the Social Assistance Participant Smoking Cessation Support Project (\$25,000 100% federally funded).

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

53. Seniors Community Programs Funding Contract 2005  
**COM 17-2006**

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report COM 17-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Seniors Community Programs Funding Contract 2005, be received; and

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the 2005 Seniors Community Funding Contract with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLC).

Carried.

54. Legal Agreement – Ministry of Health Promotion  
**PHD 20-2006**

Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention, provided the Committee with an overview of Report PHD 20-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Legal Agreement – Ministry of Health Promotion.

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 20-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Legal Agreement – Ministry of Health Promotion, be received; and

That the Legal Agreement document for one-time enhancing funding from the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP) for the period ending March 31, 2006, be approved and signed by the Chairman of the Board of Health.

Carried.

55. Fees and Charges – Emergency Services Division  
**PHD 21-2006**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 21-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting Fees and Charges – Emergency Services Division, be received;

That the 2006 Fee Schedule included in this report be adopted; and

That the Emergency Services Division receive authorization to implement the proposed fees immediately, and to notify appropriate parties regarding the fee structure.

Carried.

56. Fees and Charges – Public Health 2006  
**PHD 24-2006**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 24-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting Fees and Charges – Public Health 2006, be received;

That the 2006 Fee Schedule included in this report be adopted; and

That the enclosed 2006 fees and charges schedule be approved for services and products provided by Public Health Department programs.

Carried.

57. Purchase of Service Agreement with the Southridge  
Community Church for Provision of Emergency Hostel Services  
**COM 18-2006**

Ms. Pennisi, Director Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, reviewed Report COM 18-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Purchase of Service Agreement with the Southridge Community Church for Provision of Emergency Hostel Services, and introduced Mr. Warkentin and Mr. Lockyer, Southridge Community Church. Councillor Hildreth thanked the representatives of Southridge for their support of the Region through the provision of emergency hostel services.

Moved by Councillor Baty  
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report COM 18-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Purchase of Service Agreement with the Southridge Community Church for Provision of Emergency Hostel Services, be received **as amended**;

That The Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into a Purchase of Service Agreement with the Southridge Community Church to:

- a) Provide up to 35 emergency hostel beds for the provision of emergency hostel services
- b) Compensate the Southridge Community Church \$39.15 per diem effective January 1, 2006 which will be cost shared between the Province and the Niagara Region on an 80/20 percent basis; and

***That the Provision for Emergency Hostel Services include the establishment of a neighbourhood committee in conjunction with the Church and Regional staff to ensure continued consultation and involvement.***

Carried.

58. Deer Park Villa Retirement Home Rates  
**COM 19-2006**

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report COM 19-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting Deer Park Villa Retirement Homes Rates, be received;

That the current rates charged to the Deer Park Villa Retirement Home residents be approved; and

That the rates be increased June 1, 2006, and subsequent years by an annual inflationary amount.

Carried.

**PLANNING AND PRIORITIES**  
**(STRATEGIC PLANNING/POLICY)**

59. Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth  
**PHD 11-2006 / COM 10-2006**

Ms. Biscaro, Director Population Health, provided the Committee with an overview of the report.

Councillor Timms expressed concern respecting the references in the Joint Statement to changes to the Criminal Code of Canada, and to the third recommendation in the report referring to a legal review of the Criminal Code Section 43. Councillors expressed support of the public education aspects of the report, but requested further information on the legal implications of endorsing the Joint Statement.

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 11-2006 / COM 10-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Joint Statement on Physical Punishment of Children and Youth, be deferred;

That staff provide the full Joint Statement to Councillors for their in-depth review;

That Councillors be given information on the legal implications of endorsing the Joint Statement; and

That Councillors be provided with information regarding the position of key educational professional organizations (such as school boards) with respect to the Joint Statement.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

60. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Correspondence Item PHSS 05-2006, a letter from A. Lynn Noseworthy, MD, MHSc, FRCPC, Board of Health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (February 17, 2006) respecting their Resolution for the addition of dental care services within the Best Start Program, be received.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

61. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Correspondence Item PHSS 07-2006, a letter from Connie Bryson, Chair, Thunder Bay District Board of Health (February 28, 2006) respecting the Best Start Initiative and TBDHU Resolution 06-12, be received.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

62. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Correspondence Item PHSS 08-2006, a letter from Dennis Roughley, Chairman, Board of Health (February 23, 2006, respecting the Regional Municipality of Durham Board of Health Resolution – Best Start Strategy, be received.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

63. Smoke Free Ontario Act

Ms. Rix, Manager Chronic Disease, provided the Committee with an update of changes to the Smoke Free Ontario Act, making note of the toll free information line numbers – 1-866-396-1760 or 1-800-387-5559.

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Correspondence Item PHSS 09-2006, a memo from Linda Rix, Manager, Tobacco Control Program (March 13, 2006) respecting the Smoke Free Ontario Act, be received.

Carried.

**INFORMATION**

64. Social Marketing Report  
**PHD 13-2006**

Moved by Regional Chair Partington  
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 13-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Social Marketing Report, be received for information.

Carried.

65. Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program  
**COM 15-2006**

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni  
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report COM 15-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program, be received for information.

Carried.

66. Ontarians with Disabilities Act / Access for Ontarians with Disabilities Act  
**COM 16-2006**

Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Report COM 16-2006, March 14, 2006, respecting the Ontarians with Disabilities Act / Access for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, be received for information.

Carried.

67. Moved by Councillor Angelone  
Seconded by Councillor Trombetta

That Communication Item PHSS 06-2006, a letter from Lorne Langdon, Program Manager, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (January 30, 2006) respecting Program number 4035, Community Mental Health Program – 2005/2006 Operating Plan Approval, be received for information.

Carried.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

68. Defibrillators

Councillor Casselman noted that there is an initiative to provide defibrillators in areas where children are involved in sports activities, such as arenas, playing fields, etc. Dr. Williams agreed to provide Councillors with information on the Regional and other facilities that may be affected by this initiative.

### **STAFF DIRECTIONS**

That staff be directed to:

- Communicate with the medical community to make them aware of the Smoking Cessation Project and that cessation products may be available through this initiative. (See Minute Item 52)
- Provide an update on the status of the provincial Best Start Program (see Minute Items 60, 61, and 62)
- Provide Councillors with information respecting the Regional and other facilities that may be affected by an initiative to require defibrillators at facilities where children are involved in sports activities.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on April 4, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Jill Hildreth  
Co-Chair

Betty Staines  
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy  
Regional Clerk