

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 10-2006

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, July 18, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Timms, Hildreth Co-Chairs; Almas, Angelone, Baty, Casselman, Harry, Marshall, Mastroianni.

Staff: Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner of Community Services; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Public Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Ricci, Acting Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Ms. St. John, Director Clinical Service; Mr. Brcic, Director, Water and Wastewater; Mr. Jones, Director, Administration Services; Ms. Pennisi, Director Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Mr. Ventresca, Director Seniors Services; Mr. Hunter, Manager Health Protection and Promotion; Mr. Hudgin, Manager Health Protection and Promotion; Mr. Young, Manager Health Protection and Promotion; Mr. Spencer, Manager, Sexual Health; Ms. Loewen, Manager, Sexual Health; Ms. Cousins, Business Partner, Community Services; Mr. Lockyer, Treasurer/Director Financial Management & Planning; Mr. Bowles, Executive Assistant to the Regional Chairman; Mr. McQueen, Director of Administration; Mr. Nicholson, Senior Planner Policy Coordination; Mr. Steele, Project Manager/Coordinator; Ms. Peaceful, Community Development Manager; Ms. Beatty, Health Promoter, Clinical Services; Mr. Bartholomew-Saunders, Manager, Children's Services; Ms. Slee, Administrative Assistant - Council Support.

OPERATIONS (STATUS REPORTS)

154. Update on Actions on the Wainfleet Servicing Class
Environmental Assessment (EA) Township of Wainfleet
PHD 37-2006/ DPD 64-2006/ PWA 126-2006/ CSD 86-2006

Mr. Hunter, Manager, Health Protection and Promotion provided Committee members with an overview, and an update on events and activities surrounding the Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA) issue.

Committee questions were entertained and clarification was offered by Mr. Brcic, Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Hunter and Dr. Sider surrounding timelines for completion/ construction and the planning process; an approximation of 3-5 years for completion of the approval, design and Stage 1/2 construction components was offered by staff members.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 37-2006 (DPD 64-2006/ PWA 126-2006/ CSD 86-2006), July 18, 2006, respecting, Update on Actions on the Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Township of Wainfleet, be received as **amended**; and

That Regional Council:

Authorize staff in the Public Works, Public Health and Planning Departments to provide assistance, as requested, to the Township of Wainfleet in preparing a further submission for COMRIF funding;

Authorize staff in the Corporate Services, Public Works and Planning Departments to further investigate other potential sources of alternative funding for the extension of municipal water and sewer services to the lakeshore communities of the Township of Wainfleet to assist in financing of future stages;

Authorize Pubic Works staff to develop a detailed work plan for the Wainfleet servicing project and initiate pre-design work to commence after confirmation of EA Approval by MOE. This should include a detailed staging program showing how construction would proceed over an 8 – 10 year period, refined project costs, and a calculation of benefiting property owner costs;

Request the Township of Wainfleet to not approve additional development **and that any applications for conversions or additions in the area affected by the drinking water advisory be allowed only if it complies with the Ontario Building Code and**

That the applicant for said conversion or addition sign an acknowledgement of any future costs of services and sign off on any future liability claims against the Niagara Region and Public Health Department;
and

Authorize staff to support the Township of Wainfleet with respect to appeals before the Ontario Municipal Board of any applications for additional development along the lakeshore and/or initiate such appeals on behalf of Regional Niagara.

Lost.

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report DPD 64-2006 (PWA 126-2006, PHD 37-2006, CSD 86-2006), July 19, 2006, respecting Update on Actions Regarding the Wainfleet Servicing Class Environmental Assessment (EA) in the Township of Wainfleet, be received;

That Regional Council:

Authorize staff in the Public Works, Public Health and Planning Departments to provide assistance, as requested, to the Township of Wainfleet in preparing a further submission for COMRIF funding;

Authorize staff in the Corporate Services, Public Works and Planning Departments to further investigate other potential sources of alternative funding for the extension of municipal water and sewer services to the lakeshore communities of the Township of Wainfleet to assist in financing of future stages;

Authorize Public Works staff to develop a detailed work plan for the Wainfleet servicing project and initiate pre-design work to commence after confirmation of EA Approval by MOE. This should include a detailed staging program showing how construction would proceed over an 8 – 10 year period, refined project costs, and a calculation of benefiting property owner costs;

Request the Township of Wainfleet to not approve additional development, conversions or additions in the area affected by the drinking water advisory until such time as these have been satisfactorily addressed; and

Authorize staff to support the Township of Wainfleet with respect to appeals before the Ontario Municipal Board of any applications for additional development along the lakeshore and/or initiate such appeals on behalf of Regional Niagara.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PHD 37-2006 (DPD 64-2006/ PWA 126-2006/ CSD 86-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

155. Physician Recruitment
CAO 13-2006

Mr. Hutchings, Acting Chief Administrative Officer advised Committee members that Report CAO 13-2006 was to be received for information at today's July 18th meeting of Public Health and Social Services Committee and that all recommendations would be addressed at the Wednesday, July 19, 2006 meeting of the Corporate Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report CAO 13-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting Physician Recruitment, be received for information.

Carried.

156. Shared Service Agreement
Niagara Regional Housing Corporation
CAO 14-2006

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report CAO 14-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting Shared Service Agreement Niagara Regional Housing Corporation, be received; and

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to sign the Shared Service Agreement between the Regional Municipality of Niagara and Niagara Regional Housing Corporation (NRH) to be effective for the year 2006.

Carried.

157. Medical Directors Annual Reports 2005
- Long Term Care Homes
COM 43-2006

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Timms

July 18, 2006

That Report COM 43-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Medical Directors Annual Reports 2005 – Long Term Care Homes, be received as **amended**; and

That the Regional Chair correspond with the Minister of Health and Long Term Care to express the need for additional Provincial funding for long term care homes to address the increasing care pressures for residents with dementia, **and unpredictable behaviours and to address the increasing challenges resulting from early hospital discharges and complexity of care..**

Carried.

158. Physiotherapy Services – Long Term Care Homes
COM 44-2006

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Mastroianni

That Report COM 44-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Physiotherapy Services – Long Term Care Homes, be received; and

That the Regional Chairman and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the contract with St. Elizabeth Health Care for physiotherapy services to the Region's long term care homes, and a corresponding memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Carried.

(Refer To Staff Directions)

159. Children's Services Funding Contract
with the District School Board of Niagara
COM 45-2006

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 45-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Children's Services Funding Contract with the District School Board of Niagara, be received; and

That the Regional Chairman and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into a contract with the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) for classroom renovations for the expansion of licensed child care services, and

That the Regional Chairman and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into a contract with the District School Board of Niagara (DSBN) for two school expansions/additions, both of which are for the expansion of licensed child care services.

Carried.

160. Children's Services Funding Contract with the
Niagara Catholic District School Board
COM 46-2006

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 46-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting Children's Services Funding Contract with the Niagara Catholic District School Board, be received; and

That the Regional Chairman and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into a contract with the Niagara Catholic District School Board (NCDSB) for classroom renovations for expansion of licensed child care services.

Carried.

161. Mandatory Compliance Review Food Safety
PHD 55-2006

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 55-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Mandatory Compliance Review Food Safety, be received for information; and

That Regional Council approve a fee increase for Food Handler Certification from \$20 to \$35 commencing September 1, 2006 and that the fees and charges By-Law be so amended to reflect the new fee.

Carried.

162. Food Safety at Farmer's Markets and Community Events
PHD 45-2006

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 45-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Food Safety at Farmer's Markets and Community Events, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to Staff Directions)

163. Health Bus Status Report for 2005

PHD 41-2006

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 41-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Health Bus Status Report for 2005, be received for information; and

That the Report be forwarded to the Performance Standards Strategic Committee for inclusion in the consultations on the revisions to the Equal Access Public Health Mandatory Programs and Services Guidelines.

Carried.

164. Social Marketing Summary, July to December 2006
PHD 56-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 56-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Social Marketing Summary, July to December 2006, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer To Staff Directions)

165. StreetWorks Program
PHD 54-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 54-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, StreetWorks Program, be received for information; and

That Regional Council recommend to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provision of 100% funding for needle exchange program safe injection equipment and supplies.

Carried.

PLANNING AND PRIORITIES (STRATEGIC PLANNING/ POLICY)

166. Council Business Planning Sessions -
Community Services Strategic Priorities 2006
COM 42-2006

Moved by Councillor Mastroianni
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report COM 42-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Council Business Planning Sessions – Community Services Strategic Priorities 2006, be received for information.

Carried.

INFORMATION

167. Recreational Water Monitoring and
Public Pools Program
PHD 49-2006

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 49-2006, July 18, 2006, respecting, Recreational Water Monitoring and Public Pools Program, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

168. Presentation
“Jill Hildreth 1k & 5k Fun Run/Walk”.

Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services provided the Committee with a presentation on the “Jill Hildreth 1k & 5k Fun Run/Walk”.

Mr. Hutchings noted that Councillor Hildreth will not be running for re-election this term and therefore; this event was being organized by Community Services staff with assistance from Public Works and Public Health in recognition of the exemplary service that Councillor Hildreth has provided since being elected in 1988.

The "Jill Hildreth 1k & 5k Fun Run/Walk" will take place on Saturday, September 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the Region's Glenridge Quarry Naturalization site. The event is a fundraiser with all proceeds going to support the sidewalk construction project at Northland Pointe in the city of Port Colborne; a project that Councillor Hildreth selected.

All Regional staff, Councillors and their families are invited to participate in this fundraising event; an entry fee of \$25.00 will include a race t-shirt and BBQ lunch.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

That staff be directed to:

- supply additional information which outlines the five (5) applicants for physiotherapy services to the Region's long term care homes and the process involved in choosing the successful applicant (Refer to Minute Item 158)
- supply Councillor Mastroianni with a copy of the Food Safety at Farmer's Markets and Community Events draft guidelines (Refer to Minute Item 162)
- add, November - Diabetes Awareness Month, to the Summary of Social marketing Activities (Refer to Minute Item 164)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:55 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on August 8, 2006 at 2:00 p.m

Jill Hildreth
Co-Chair

Lisa Ricci
Acting, Legislative Assistant

Bruce Timms
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk