

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 14-2006

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Angelone; Baty; Casselman; Harry; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Public Health Dept.: Ms. Beyer, Health Promoter, Chronic Disease Prevention Division; Ms. DiPietro, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention Division; Mr. Jones, Director, Administration Services; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner, Public Health Dept.; Ms. LaCroix, Manager, Infectious Disease, Clinical Services; Ms. St. John, Chief Nursing Officer, Director, Clinical Services.
Community Services Dept.: Ms. Cousins, Business Partner, Operational Support Services; Mr. Pelette, Manager, Housing, Hostels and Homelessness; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Ms. Stewart, Manager, Community Services; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.
Others: Mr. Bousfield, Manager, Property Management; Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services; Mr. Neville, Commissioner, Public Works.

PRESENTATION

221. 2006 "Think and Drive" Pilot Road
Safety Campaign Implementation
PHD 76-2006

Ms. Beyer, Health Promoter, advised that the mission of the Regional Niagara Road Safety Committee (RNRSC) is to reduce the serious and fatal motor vehicle collisions in Niagara over a five year period (2004-2008) through community partnerships. The Committee's membership is composed of representatives from Niagara Region Public Health, Niagara Region Public Works, Niagara Regional Police Service and CAA Niagara. Ms. Beyer apprised Committee of the "Think and Drive" Pilot Road Safety Campaign which targets

the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake. The Campaign was launched on September 5, 2006 as part of the RNRSC's five year strategic plan. Duration of the pilot campaign is September 5 to December 31, 2006. The campaign will be evaluated and results will be presented to Regional Council Committees. Future steps presented include a region-wide road safety awareness and education campaign for 2007-2008 (pending approval of funds), as well as the implementation of the five year RNRSC strategic plan including education, enforcement, engineering and advocacy. Ms. Beyer commented that involvement of additional road safety partners is anticipated, noting that a meeting has already taken place with the Ontario Provincial Police.

Moved by Councillor Angelone
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 76-2006 respecting 2006 "Think and Drive" Pilot Road Safety Campaign Implementation: Niagara-on-the-Lake, be lifted and moved forward on the agenda to be dealt with at this time.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report PHD 76-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting 2006 "Think and Drive" Pilot Road Safety Campaign Implementation: Niagara-on-the-Lake, be received for information.

Carried.

OPERATIONS (STATUS REPORTS)

222. 2005 Mandatory Program Compliance
- Tuberculosis Control
PHD 78-2006

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report PHD 78-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting 2005 Mandatory Program Compliance – Tuberculosis Control, be received for information.

Carried.

223. Infant Education and Parent Teaching Program (IEPT):
2005/2006 Annual Report
PHD 79-2006

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 79-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting Infant Education and Parent Teaching Program (IEPT): 2005/2006 Annual Report, be received for information.

Carried.

224. 2006 Children's Services Funding Contract
with Ministry of Community and Social Services
and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services
COM 58-2006

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Almas

That Report COM 58-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting 2006 Children's Services Funding Contract with Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services, be received; and

That the Regional Chairman and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the 2006 Children's Services Contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services.

Carried.

225. Capital Budget Allocation and Financing Approval
for Automated Resident Care and Trust
COM 59-2006(CSD 131-2006)

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report COM 59-2006, October 10, 2006 (CSD 131-2004, October 11, 2006) respecting Capital Budget Allocation and Financing Approval for Automated Resident Care and Trust, be received.

That budget allocations in the gross and net amount of \$340,000 be approved for project ZGC0303 Resident Care Plans and Trust Systems as submitted in the 2005 Corporate Information systems Capital Budget.

That financing for the project be approved in the amount of \$340,000 from the Capital Levy reserve.

That the Regional Clerk be directed to ensure that the appropriate By-laws are prepared for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

(Please note that Report COM 59-2006 (CSD 131-2006) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

INFORMATION

226. Budget to Actual Comparison
for the Month Ended August 31, 2006
PHD 82-2006

Moved by Councillor Harry
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

That Report PHD 82-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended August 31, 2006, be received for information.

Carried.

227. Recent Changes to Improve Social Assistance
COM 60-2006

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report COM 60-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting Recent Changes to Improve Social Assistance, be received for information.

Carried.

228. Ontario Works Niagara Subsidy Claims Examination 2005
COM 61-2006

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Report COM 61-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting Ontario Works Niagara Subsidy Claims Examination 2005, be received for information.

Carried.

229. HOPE House Information Update
COM 62-2006

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report COM 62-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting HOPE House Information Update, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

230. Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That the following communications be received and dealt with as directed in these minutes:

PHSS 42-2006 Regional Niagara Public Health Department's response to car seatbelt resolutions

--Received and supported.

PHSS 43-2006 Northwestern Health Unit, Kenora, ON (August 28, 2006), resolution respecting an amendment of the Ontario Highway Traffic Act with respect to car seatbelts.

--Received.

PHS 44-2006 The Honourable George Smitherman, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care regarding the funding levels for residents of Ontario's long-term care (LTC) homes.

--Received.

PHSS 45-2006 George Smitherman, Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (September 18, 2006) approving Dr. Andrea Feller's appointment to the position of Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Niagara Regional Area Health Unit.

--Received.

PHSS 46-2006 George Smitherman, Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (September 22, 2006) apprising Niagara of the Ministry's approved funding for 2006-07 to assist with the implementation of mobile computers and Global Positioning System (GPS)/Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) hardware in emergency medical service vehicles to provide digital mapping technology.

Received.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

231. **Family Violence Prevention**

Committee was apprised of the Official Launch of "Everybody's Business, The Made-In-Niagara Family Violence Prevention Project". This event will take place on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room W213, Corporate Training Area, Niagara College Glendale Campus.

CLOSED SESSION

232. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Angelone

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

Carried.

233. Accommodations Site
City of St. Catharines
COM 53-2006(PWA 165-2006)

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Confidential Report COM 53-2006, October 10, 2006 (PWA 165-2006, October 11, 2006) respecting Accommodations Site, City of St. Catharines, be received; and

That the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

234. A Matter of the Security of the Municipality's Property
And/or a Proposed Acquisition or Disposition of Land
PHD 81-2006

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That Confidential Report PHD 81-2006, October 10, 2006, respecting A Matter of the Security of the Municipality's Property and/or a Proposed Acquisition or Disposition of Land, be received; and

That the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

235. U.S. Class Action Suit

Mr. Kyne, Director, Legal Services, provided an oral report on a U.S. Class Action Suit (Spartanburg).

Moved by Councillor Almas
Seconded by Councillor Harry

That the Commissioner of Community Services execute the documents necessary for the Spartanburg Class Action.

Carried.

236. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on October 31, 2006, at 2:00 p.m

Jill Hildreth
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk