

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 7-2007

Minutes of a meeting of the Public Health and Social Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, 2201 St. David's Road, Thorold, Ontario, on Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 2:05 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Timms, Co-Chair; Casselman; Cordiner; Greenwood; Henderson; Marshall; Rigby; Timms.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Ms. Pilon, Deputy Clerk.

Staff

Part-time: Community Services Dept.: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services; Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children Services; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.
Public Health Dept.: Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health (Clinical); Ms. Gallant, Healthy Living Niagara Coordinator; Ms. Hague, Manager, Infectious Disease Program; Ms. Kalilieff, Manager, Vaccine Preventable Disease Program; Ms. LaCroix, Manager, Infectious Disease Program; Ms. St. John, Chief Nursing Officer/Director, Clinical Services; Ms. Vanecko, Manager Healthy Babies, Healthy Children; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention; Mr. Hunter, Manager, Health Protection and Promotion; Ms. Friesen, IRIS Administrator; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Ms. Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd, Manager, Children's Services
Planning Department: Ms. Donia, Planner.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

105. Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) 2006 Survey Results
PHD 28-2007/COM 22-2007

The Committee noted that the area municipalities would most likely be interested in the contents of this report and that it should be circulated to them as well, the recommendations were therefore ***amended*** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 28-2007/COM 22-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) 2006 Survey Results, be received.

That the Regional Chair send a letter to the Minister of Health Promotion requesting that the Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) data be reviewed and used to inform provincial program and policy decisions with respect to the provincial Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) strategy and with respect to needed increases in social assistance and minimum wage rates; and

That the Regional Chair send a letter to the Minister of Community & Social Services and to the Minister of Finance urging a further increase in social assistance rates, without increasing the municipal contribution, and an increase in the minimum wage rate to ensure that all Ontarians have sufficient income to meet the basic needs of shelter and nutritious food; and

That the report be circulated to the area municipalities for their information.

Carried.

106. Renewal of Contracts with Medical Directors,
Long-Term Care Facilities
COM 24-2007

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 24-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting Renewal of Contracts with Medical Directors, Long-Term Care Facilities, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into agreements with the following Medical Directors for a further three-year term for the period November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2009:

Dr. J. Adams	Upper Canada Lodge
Dr. M. Ali	Woodlands of Sunset/Rapelje Lodge
Dr. D. Henry	Gilmore Lodge
Dr. E. Gomez	Northland Pointe
Dr. E. Kouros	Deer Park Villa
Dr. P. Pang	Meadows of Dorchester
Dr. J. Wilczynski	Meadows of Dorchester
Dr. T. Wong	Linhaven

Carried.

107. walkON Update and Checklist – Supports for Community Design
PHD 17-2007 (PWA 49-2007 and DPD 65-2007)

Ms. Lisa Gallant, Healthy Living Niagara Coordinator and Ms. Terri Donia, Planner provided the Committee with a presentation on the walkON program, which promotes the development of communities that support people-powered transportation/active transportation.

The Committee was advised that the activities of walkON are in line with the overall community design objectives of several regional initiatives such as Smarter Niagara, Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee and TREKZONE. walkON supports these initiatives by raising awareness of the importance of community design and physical activity and giving community groups tools to support improvements to their built environment.

The Committee requested that the slide referring to “*One third of all the little kids in schools will be diabetic in their lifetime....*” Should clarify that it is referring to “Type 2 Diabetes”.

The Committee noted that the school boards should also be included in the circulation, the recommendations were therefore **amended** as follows:

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 17-2007, May 15, 2007 (PWA 49-2007 and DPD 65-2007, May 16, 2007) respecting walkON Update and Checklist – Supports for Community Design, be received for information; and

That Committee recommend to Regional Council that further distribution of, and input to, the walkON checklist be endorsed and that it be circulated to the local municipalities **and school boards**.

Carried.

(Please note that Report PHD 17-2007 (PWA 49-2007 and DPD 65-2007) can be found behind the JNT RPTS Blue Book Tab)

108. Healthy Babies, Healthy Children One-Time Grant Funding
PHD 30-2007

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Report PHD 30-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting Healthy Babies, Healthy Children One-Time Grant Funding, be received.

That the 2007 Terms and Conditions document for one-time grant funding for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) Program for the period ending December 31, 2007, be approved and signed by the Chair of the Board of Health, upon receipt of the 2007 Terms and Conditions from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services (MCYS).

Carried.

ITEMS FOR DEBATE

109. Extension of Timeline for the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Employment Initiative
COM 23-2007

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 23-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting Extension of Timeline for the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Employment Initiative, be received for information; and

That Community Services staff be authorized to continue with up to three full time temporary staff through 100 percent Provincial funding ending December 31, 2007 in order to meet Provincial savings targets.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

110. Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report
April 2006 to March 2007
COM 25-2007

Mr. Ventresca advised the Committee that Ms. Colleen Morningstar has assumed the role of Administrator of The Meadows of Dorchester and that Ms. Marg Lambert has assumed the role of Administrator of Upper Canada Lodge.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 25-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report April 2006 to March 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

111. Community Services Variance Analysis of Budget to Actual for the First Quarter 2007
COM 26-2007

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report COM 26-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting Community Services Variance Analysis of Budget to Actual for the First Quarter 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

112. Children's Services 2006 Fourth Quarter Report (Year end)
COM 27-2007

Ms. Heidebrecht introduced Ms. Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd, Manager, Children's Services.

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 27-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting Children's Services 2006 Fourth Quarter Report (Year End), be received for information.

Carried.

113. Influenza Planning and Response, Niagara Region
PHD 29-2007

Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 29-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting Influenza Planning and Response, Niagara Region, be received for information.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

114. NHS Board of Trustees and Niagara Board of Health Meeting

A meeting of the NHS Board of Trustees and the Niagara Board of Health is scheduled for May 28, 2007 to discuss the interfaces, challenges and ethics of maintaining health services during an influenza pandemic. A representative of LINHs will be in attendance.

115. Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Conference

Councillors Timms and Greenwood will be attending the June 11th and 12th alPHA Conference in Windsor.

Councillor Timms noted that this would be his second term on the alPHa Board and that he is not planning to run for a third term, so it would therefore be an excellent opportunity for another Regional Council in Niagara to sit on the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

116. Moved by Councillor Casselman
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

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.

117. A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality
- Water Servicing
PHD 31-2007 (Confidential)

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Casselman

That Confidential Report PHD 31-2007, May 15, 2007, respecting A Matter of Security of the Property of the Municipality – Water Servicing, be received for information.

Carried.

118. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:15 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, June 5, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Janet Pilon
Deputy Clerk

Bruce Timms
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk