

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 14-2007

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, October 9, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Casselman, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Collins; Cordiner; Forster; Greenwood; Henderson; Rigby.

Staff: Mr. Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services; Dr. Williams, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Gilroy, Regional Clerk; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Community Services Dept.: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services, CSD; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.

Public Health Dept.: Ms. Biscaro, Director, Family Health Division; Mr. Christensen, Director, Environmental Health; Ms. Coppola, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. Decou, Medical Epidemiologist; Ms. Hague, Manager, Infectious Disease; Mr. Jones, Director of Administration, P.H.; Dr. Klooz, Associate Commissioner of Health; Mr. Laflamme, Manager, Institutions & Rabies; Ms. Moore, Epidemiologist; Dr. Sider, Medical Officer of Health; Ms. St. John, Chief Nursing Officer/Director, Clinical Services; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention.

Others: Mr. McQueen, Director, Administrative Services.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

218. The Niagara Region Cancer Report
- Incidence, Mortality and Temporal Trends 1986-2003
PHD 59-2007

Ms. Deborah Moore, Epidemiologist, provided a presentation on the Niagara Region Cancer Report highlighting data sources and limitations; distribution of cancer incidence and mortality in the Niagara Region; comparison of cancer incidence and mortality for the Niagara Region vs. Ontario; Temporal trends; and Public Health programs. Ms. Moore advised that this information is used by the Public Health Department for planning and evaluative purposes.

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 59-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting The Niagara Region Cancer Report – Incidence, Mortality and Temporal Trends 1986-2003, be received by the Board of Health for information.

Carried.

219. Prevalence and Health Impacts of
Overweight and Obesity in the Niagara Region
PHD 60-2007

Ms. Deborah Moore, Epidemiologist, provided an overview of the prevalence and health impact of obesity in the Niagara Region. Ms. Moore noted that the prevalence of overweight and obesity is defined by Body Mass Index (BMI) categories, the percentage of deaths attributable to obesity and the number of excess deaths related to obesity. The data on BMI is available from two sources: the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), a bi-annual survey via telephone and personal interviewing of the Canadian population aged 12 and up and the Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS), a monthly telephone survey of adults aged 18 and up conducted on behalf of the majority of health units in Ontario. BMI data is used to track the progress of public health strategies to improve healthy lifestyles in Niagara.

Ms. Dianne Coppola, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention, highlighted Niagara's TREKZONE framework and other obesity prevention initiatives to support healthy eating and physical activity.

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 60-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting Prevalence and Health Impacts of Overweight and Obesity in the Niagara Region, be received for information; and

That the Regional Chairman, in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Health, broadly disseminate this report to key community stakeholders and partners in the following sectors: health, education, recreation, industry, community and social services, and all levels of government (municipal, provincial, and federal) and seek their cooperation and collaboration in addressing the social and environmental factors that contribute to high incidences of overweight and obesity.

Carried.

220. Funding Agreement for Provincial Heart Health Program
PHD 68-2007

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 68-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting Funding Agreement for Provincial Heart Health Program, be received for information.

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the legal agreement between the Ministry of Health Promotion (MHP) and the Regional Municipality of Niagara (RMON). The agreement provides 12 months of funding, totalling \$99,848 for the provincial heart health program known locally as Healthy Living Niagara (HLN), for the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR DEBATE

221. Redevelopment of Deer Park Villa
Long-Term Care Home, Grimsby
COM 47-2007

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report COM 47-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting Redevelopment of Deer Park Villa Long-Term Care Home, Grimsby, be received.

That the recommended option for redeveloping the Deer Park Villa Long-Term Care Home be approved, subject to the following directions to staff and the submission and approval of a subsequent report to Committee and Council with a full summary of relevant redevelopment details.

That staff be authorized to submit the recommended capital amount of \$5.5 million for consideration in the 2008 capital budget.

That staff be authorized to explore the capital funding incentives available from the Ministry of Health and Long-term Care, for long-term care home redevelopment.

That staff be authorized to communicate the Region's conditional intent to redevelop Deer Park Villa to the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant Local Health Integration Network, subject to the terms of available capital funding incentives.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction.)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

222. Ministry Approval of Public Health Department's
2007 Budget Funding
PHD 58-2007

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 58-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting Ministry Approval of Public Health Department's 2007 Budget Funding, be received for information.

Carried.

223. Infection Control Program – Report on 2006 Activities
PHD 63-2007

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 63-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting Infection Control Program – Report on 2006 Activities, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction.)

Ms. Hague, Manager, Infectious Disease, apprised committee that Niagara's Public Health Department will be participating in a Provincial mass immunization exercise to take place on November 6th, 2007 in the Region's atrium and cafeteria.

224. The Prenatal Network of Niagara (PNON)
PHD 64-2007

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 64-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting the Prenatal Network of Niagara (PNON), be received for information.

Carried.

225. Forecast of Year-End Results and Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended August 31, 2007
PHD 67-2007

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 67-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting Forecast of Year-End Results and Budget to Actual Comparison for the Month Ended August 31, 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

226. Community Services Variance Analysis of Budget To Actual for the Year to Date August 31, 2007
COM 48-2007

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 48-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting Community Services Variance Analysis of Budget to Actual for the year to date August 31, 2007, be received for information.

Carried.

227. Recent Border Crossing Activity
COM 49-2007

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report COM 49-2007, October 9, 2007, respecting Recent Border Crossing Activity, be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction.)

CORRESPONDENCE

228. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the following communications be received:

- PHSS 33-2007 John Gerretsen, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (July 31, 2007) announcing funding for the Oakdale Landing Inc. project under the Brownfield's Initiative of the Rental and Supportive component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program – Brownsfields Initiative, Rental and Supportive Component.
- PHSS 34-2007 George Pasut, Chief Medical Officer of Health, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (August 2, 2007) re: Update on the Development of the Ontario Public Health Standards.
- PHSS 35-2007 Jim Watson, Minister, Ministry of Health Promotion (August 8, 2007) announcing funding for 2007 tobacco control programming.
- PHSS 36-2007 John Gerretsen, Minister, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (August 9, 2007) announcing funding for the Mainstream/Gateway Ontario Street, St. Catharines project under the Rental and Supportive Component of the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

Carried.

229. Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Communication PHSS 37-2007 from Cheryl Miclette, AMCT, Town Clerk, Town of Pelham (August 29, 2007) seeking the appointment of one member from Regional Council and one member from Healthy Living Niagara and/or Regional Public Health to sit on the Pelham Active Transportation Committee, be received and Councillor Baty be appointed to serve on the Committee.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

230. Official Launch of Niagara Think and Drive Road Safety Campaign
Councillor Casselman advised that the official launch of the Niagara Think and Drive Road Safety Campaign will take place on October 16, 2007 at Saint Paul High School, Niagara Falls at 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
231. Local Health Integrated Networks (LIHNS) Session
Councillor Baty, Committee Co-Chair, apprised Committee of a one day session held by LHINS respecting "Keeping Seniors in their Homes". A summary report on this matter will be distributed via email.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Provide further information on the impact of non-Niagara residents into Niagara's Homes for the Aged and the effect on the property tax. (Minute 221)
- (ii) Provide a list of flu clinics. (Minute 223)
- (iii) Forward a copy of Report COM 49-2007, respecting Recent Border Crossing Activity, to local M.P.s and M.P.P.s. (Minute 227)

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee adjourned at 3:20 p.m., to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, October 30, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Judy Casselman
Co-Chair

Pam Gilroy
Regional Clerk