

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 5-2009

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, April 7, 2009 at 2:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

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

Staff

Other: Community Services: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services; Ms. Shantz, Senior Manager Resident Care and Services; Ms. Helen Taylor, Education and Quality Improvement Manager; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.

Public Health: Ms. Bell, Manager, Family Health Division; Mr. Cunnane, Director, EMS; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Mr. Smith, Associate Director, EMS; Mr. Van Valkenburg, Associate Director, EMS; Ms. St. Johns, Director, Clinical Services.

Others: Ms. Beckwith, General Manager and Ms. Thompson, Resource Unit Manager, Niagara Regional Housing.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

63. Resource Allocation with Offload Delay Update
- 90 Day Update

PHD 12-2009

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 12-2009, April 7, 2009, respecting Resource Allocation with Offload Delay Update – 90 Day Update, be received and approved **as amended**.

That Senior Management continue to work diligently with the Niagara Health System and the Ministry of Health and Long-Term care to continue with the current Offload Nurse program and further investigate alternate solutions to the offload dilemma; and

That Senior Management continue to provide quarterly progress reports to Committee and Council; and

That this report be circulated to the Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Carried.

64. ESD Donation of Surplus Asset to Children's Safety Village
PHD 13-2009

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Cordiner declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Report PHD 13-2009 regarding the ESD Donation of Surplus Asset to Children's Safety Village as she is the Administrative Director of the Children's Safety Village.

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 13-2009, April 7, 2009, respecting ESD Donation of Surplus Asset to Children's Safety Village, be received.

That the surplus asset from Emergency Services Division, identified as vehicle number 2109, be donated to the Children's Safety Village, for the sum of \$1.00, for use in their outdoor space in educational training programs for the youth of Niagara Region; and

That the surplus asset be provide on an "As Is" basis, with title signed over to the Children's Safety Village.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

65. Niagara Baby-Friendly™ Initiative
PHD 11-2009

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 11-2009, April 7, 2009, respecting Niagara Baby-Friendly™ Initiative be received for information; **and**

That this Committee recommends Council approve that the Public Health Department pursue the Baby-Friendly™ designation under the terms within the report.

Carried.

66. Community Services Variance Analysis and
Program Update for the Year Ended December 31, 2008
COM 22-2009

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 22-2009, April 7, 2009, respecting Community Services Variance Analysis and Program Update for the Year Ended December 31, 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

67. Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report
July 2008 to December 2008
COM 23-2009

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 23-2009, April 7, 2009, respecting Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report July 2008 to December 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

68. Seniors Services Volunteer Program Achievements 2008
COM 24-2009

Moved by Councillor Goulbourne
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 24-2009, April 7, 2009, respecting Seniors Services Volunteer Program Achievements 2008, be received for information.

Carried.

69. Niagara Regional Housing Affordable
Housing and Poverty Reduction
COM 25-2009

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 25-2009, April 7, 2009, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Affordable Housing and Poverty Reduction, be received for information; **and**

That the Niagara Regional Housing Board be commended for a job well done.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

70. Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the following items of correspondence be received for information:

PHSS 12-2009 Pat Mandy, Chief Executive Officer, (March 4, 2009) Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN regarding approval for One Time Aging at Home Funding for 2009-10.

--Receive.

PHSS 13-2009 Randy Brown, Secretary, Board of Health, Perth District Health Unit (March 24, 2009) regarding Bill 143 known as The Hawkins Gignac Act (Carbon Monoxide Detectors), 2008.

--Receive.

Carried

OTHER BUSINESS

71. Presentation at Pelham Council

Councillor Baty, Committee Co-Chair, commended Brian Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services, on his excellent and informative presentation at the Pelham Council meeting of April 6, 2009 regarding the Community Services programs and services.

72. Council Business Planning Session

Councillor Goulbourne asked Committee members what thoughts or positions they would be bringing forward to the Council Business Planning Session on Wednesday, April 8th.

Mr. Hutchings advised that the Corporate Management Team met to discuss items for the session, noting that the following two issues were identified by Community Services:

- i) Children's Services Infrastructure Development – Investment in Child Care (Quality child Care in Niagara)
- ii) Building Supportive Housing for Seniors with LHIN providing operations inside (in order to move Seniors out of Hospitals).

Councillor Timms inquired as to what the expectations are for tomorrow night's Council Business Planning session?

Mr. Trojan, C.A.O., commented that it is expected that the session will provide Council with a short list of policy issues and requests for the Province.

Councillor Timms asked that the results of the Council Business Planning session be brought to the next Council meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 3:35 p.m. to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Judy Casselman
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Janet Pilon
Acting Regional Clerk