

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**REPORT 9-2009**

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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, June 30, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

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

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

Staff

Other: Community Services: Mr. Pelette, Manager, Housing, Hostels and Homelessness; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities.  
Public Health: Ms. Biscaro, Director, Family Health; Mr. McKay, Associate Director, EMS; Mr. McQueen, Operating Officer; Ms. Peacefull, Director, Community Development and Surveillance; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services;  
Corporate Services: Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Ms. Elliott, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Hagar, Manger, Labour Relations;

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

121. Results of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy  
Request for Proposal – Number 2009-RFP-17  
**COM 37-2009**

Moved by Councillor Cordiner  
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report COM 37-2009, June 30, 2009, respecting Results of the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Request for Proposal #2009-RFP-17, be received.

That as approved in COM 14-2009 Extension of Homelessness Partnership Strategy to 2011, contracts be executed that allocate Homelessness Partnering Strategy, Consolidated Homelessness Prevention Program and Regional Council Youth without Secure Housing funds to the successful proponents of 2009-RFP-17; and

That this report be forwarded to local MPs, MPPs and the Minister of Community and Social Services.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

### **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

122. Social Marketing Initiatives Scheduled  
July through to December 2009  
**PHD 28-2009**

Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 28-2009, June 30, 2009, respecting Social Marketing Initiatives Scheduled July through to December 2009 and attachments, be received for information.

Carried.

123. Celebrating 10 Years of Niagara Region's LEAP Program  
**COM 36-2009**

Moved by Councillor Henderson  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 36-2009, June 30, 2009, respecting Celebrating 10 Years of Niagara Region's LEAP Program, be received for information.

Carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

124. Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That the following communications be received:

PHSS 20-2009      Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health (June 9, 2009)  
respecting contraband tobacco, be received.

Carried.

**MINUTES**

125. 5-2009 (JAC)

Moved by Councillor Henderson  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report 5-2009 (JAC) being the minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project meeting of June 12, 2009, be received.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

126. Affordable Housing – Niagara Regional Housing

Councillor Timms advised that \$365 million for the development of Affordable Housing has been announced and that in anticipation of this funding, Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) has been working pro-actively to get RFPs out so that they can move quickly when funding allocations and terms and conditions are completed. He commented that 40 Expressions of Interest have been received. The development of this housing will be done through the private sector.

127. Request for Information – Effects of Salt on Health

Councillor Casselman requested information from Dr. Williams on the public health aspects of salt intake.

**CLOSED SESSION**

128. Moved by Councillor Henderson  
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to A Matter of Labour Relations with respect to ONA Public Health.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report CSD 104-2009, A Matter of Labour Relations – ONA Public Health, as she is a staff member with ONA and she therefore vacated the Committee Room and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

Carried.

129. A Matter of Labour Relations -ONA Public Health  
**Confidential CSD 104-2009**

Moved by Councillor Greenwood  
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Report CSD 104-2009 respecting A Matter of Labour Relations – ONA Public Health, be received for information.

Carried.

130. Moved by Councillor Timms  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS**

That staff:

- (i) Report back on the number of people served by the municipality, including the length of time, under the Homelessness Prevention Program. (Casselman). Refer to minute 121.
- (i) That the Regional Chair send a letter to the Province requesting more equitable funding for the Homelessness Prevention Program. (Committee) Refer to minute 121.
- (ii) Forward Report COM 37-2009 to the Province with an explanation on the new funding model that supports the Niagara Region. (Casselman) Refer to minute 121.

**NEXT MEETING**

The Committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m. to meet again in Committee Room 4 on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Brian Baty  
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Judy Casselman  
Co-Chair

Kevin Bain  
Regional Clerk