

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 4-2010

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, March 9, 2010 at 2:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Casselman, Co-Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Cordiner; Goulbourne; Greenwood; Marshall; 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: Ms. O'Hagan-Todd, Director, Children's Services; Ms. Watson, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities.

Public Health: Mr. Hunter, Director, Environmental Health; Dr. Jaeger, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Lacroix, Manager, Infectious Disease; Ms. McCallum, Manager, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Ms. Vanecko, Manager, CQI and Community Development; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention.

Administration: Mr. Roberts, Executive Officer to Regional Chair.

Corporate Services: Mr. Bergsma, Commissioner, Corporate Services; Ms. Consigli, HR Solutions Consultant; Ms. Elliott, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Hagar, Manager, Employee Relations; Mr. Meffe, Manager, Employee Relations.

Others: Mr. Ellis Katsof, Executive Director, Niagara Children & Youth Services.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

47. Poverty and Health Eating
PHD 06-2010 – COM 08-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 06-2010 (COM 08-2010), March 9, 2010, respecting Poverty and Healthy Eating, be received and approved as ***amended***.

That the Regional Chairman write a letter to the Premier of Ontario supporting the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit Resolutions (Appendix A) relating to healthy eating and poverty, specific to the following actions:

- i) Introduce a \$100 healthy food supplement for all Ontarians living on social assistance and funded solely by the Province of Ontario;
- ii) Implement Ontario Works (OW) and Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) rates that reflect the real cost of living and are indexed annually to reflect inflation, including the findings of yearly Nutritious Food Basket (NFB) surveys conducted by local Boards of Health based on protocols established by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, and funded solely by the Province of Ontario;
- iii) Establish an independent committee including people with low income, policy experts, and advocates to develop rational and just criteria for determining Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program rates; and

That a copy of the Regional Chairman's letter and Report PHD 06-2010 be forwarded to the Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long Term Care.

Carried.

48. Support for Increased Investment in Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in Ontario
COM 15-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report COM 15-2010, March 9, 2010, respecting Support for Increased Investment in Mental Health Services for Children and Youth in Ontario, be received and that the Office of the Regional Chair be forwarded a copy of this report and a request be made that the contents of this report and its recommendations be considered for inclusion, when Council meets to determine priorities for Queen's Park Week; and

That a copy of this report, together with letters of support (PHSS 6-2010; PHSS 11-2010,) be forwarded to Minister Laurel Broten, Minister of Children & Youth Services.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

49. 2009 Niagara Region Bursary Program Update
COM 16-2010

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 16-2010, March 9, 2010, respecting 2009 Niagara Region Bursary Program Update, be received for information.

Carried.

50. Infectious Disease Program
Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Update
PHD 09-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report PHD 09-2010, March 9, 2010, respecting Infectious Disease Program: Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Update, be received for information.

Carried.

51. H1N1 Update
PHD 11-2010

Dr. Jaeger, Associate Medical Officer of Health, provided a slide presentation on Niagara's response to the pandemic influenza and the vaccination process.

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That Report PHD 11-2010, March 9, 2010, respecting H1N1 Update, be received for information.

Carried.

(A copy of Dr. Jaeger's slide presentation is attached to the minutes.)

52. Niagara Region Public Health Accreditation 2010
PHD 12-2010

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 12-2010, March 9, 2010, respecting Niagara Region Public Health Accreditation 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

53. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the following communications be received:

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| PHSS 5-2010 | Leona Aglukkaq, Minister of Health, (January 18, 2010) regarding concerns with respect to high salt and/or sodium content of many foods in Canada. |
| PHSS 6-2010 | Larry A. Iggulden, Chair, Regional Municipality of Niagara Police Services Board (February 3, 2010) regarding inadequate funding of community mental health services for children and youth. |
| PHSS 7-2010 | Jean Lam, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health Promotion (February 8, 2010) regarding local youth engagement programming in 2010. |
| PHSS 8-2010 | Jack Butt, Chair of the Board, Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit (February 17, 2010) regarding 2009 Nutritious Food Basket. |
| PHSS 9-2010 | Peter Partington, Regional Chairman, Regional Municipality of Niagara (February 18, 2010) respecting Niagara Health System Hospital Improvement Plan – Impact on Niagara EMS Resources |
| PHSS 10-2010 | Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (Feb. 22, 2008) respecting delivery of emergency medical services in the Region of Niagara. |

PHSS 11-2010

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie (January 20, 2010) to the Honourable Laurel Broten, Minister of Children & Youth Services regarding its Council's support to the efforts of the Niagara Child and Youth Services and encouraging the Ontario Government to take action now by readdressing and increasing the investment in mental health services for children and youth in Ontario.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

54. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

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 Strategy – CUPE 1757 and a Matter of Labour Relations – EMS Update.

Carried.

55. A Matter of Labour Relations Strategy – CUPE 1757

Ms. Deb Elliott, Director, Human Resources, provided a presentation on a Matter of Labour Relations Strategy – CUPE 1757.

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Goulbourne

That the presentation by Ms. Deb Elliott, Director, Human Resources, regarding a Matter of Labour Relations Strategy – CUPE 1757, be received and that the recommendation contained therein be approved.

Carried.

56. A Matter of Labour Relations – Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Update

Mr. McQueen, Operating Officer (Health), provided an update on a Matter of Labour Relations – Emergency Medical Services (EMS).

57. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Headquarters.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Judy Casselman
Co-Chair

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk