

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2010

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, June 15, 2010 at 2:08 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Councillors

Other: Councillor Saracino.

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

Staff

Other: Community Services: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services; Ms. Watson, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities.

Public Health: Mr. Christensen, Director, Environmental Health; Ms. Coppola, Manager, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention; Mr. Hudgin, Manager, Environmental Health; Mr. Kaas, Financial Services Manager, P.H.; Dr. Jaeger, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Vanecko, Manager, Continuous Quality Improvement and Community Development; Mr. Van Valkenberg, Associate Director, EMS; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention.

Administration: Mr. Roberts, Executive Officer to Regional Chair; Mr. Weir, Director of Administration.

Corporate Services: Ms. Elliott, Director, Human Resources; Ms. Murphy, Associate Director, Current & Capital Budgets; Ms. Rae, Legal Counsel; Ms. Sandwell-Lavergne, Lead, Finance Operations.

Integrated Community Planning: Mr. Gummo, Associate Director, Planning; Mr. Semple, Planner; Ms. Swigger, Student; Mr. Weaver, Director, Community & Corporate Planning.

Others: Ms. Beckwith, General Manager, Niagara Regional Housing (NRH); Ms. MacLellan, Manager, Housing Operations, NRH; Ms. Fearnside, Manager, Housing Programs, NRH.

PRESENTATIONS

113. Community Services 2011 Operating Budget

Cathy Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services, provided an overview of the Community Services 2011 Operating Budget, highlighting the department's 2011 budget impacts, variables and risks. In summary, Ms. Cousins commented that the 1.4% budget increase will be difficult to achieve based on known salary increases and limited Provincial revenue increases noting that the last year of significant upload is 2011, and to support Ontario Works funding within base budget, an estimated \$4 million of base funding is required to avoid a dependency on year end surplus funding for several years.

(A copy of the Community Services 2011 Operating Budget presentation is attached to the minutes.)

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the presentation by Cathy Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services, regarding the Community Services 2011 Operating Budget, be received; and

That \$4 million from "Upload" be applied to the Community Services Base Budget.

Carried.

114. Public Health 2011 Operating Budget

Harry Kaas, Financial Services Manager, P.H., provided an overview of the Public Health 2011 Operating Budget, highlighting the 2011 Budget impacts, risks and pressures on the General Health Programs. Steve Van Valkenberg, Associate Director, EMS, provided an overview of the 2011 Budget impacts, risks and pressures on the Emergency Medical Services Division.

(A copy of the Public Health 2011 Operating Budget Presentation is attached to the minutes.)

Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the presentation by Harry Kaas, Financial Services Manager, P.H., and Steven Van Valkenberg, Associate Director, EMS, regarding the Public Health 2011 Operating Budget, be received.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

115. Fees and Charges – Public Health 2010
PHD 30-2010

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 30-2010, June 15, 2010, regarding Fees and Charges – Public Health 2010, be received.

That the 2010 Fee Schedule included in this report be adopted;

That the enclosed 2010 fees and charges schedule be approved for services and products provided by the Niagara Region Public Health programs; and

That the Regional Clerk be directed to prepare the necessary by-law to amend the Fees and Charges By-law.

Carried.

116. Healthy Communities
ICP 30-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report ICP 30-2010, May 26, 2010, respecting Healthy Communities, be received.

Carried.

(Report ICP 30-2010 can be found behind the ICP Tab in the Blue Book.)

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

117. Community Services/Niagara Regional Housing Pilot:
Family Support Worker Shared Service Agreement
COM 30-2010

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 30-2010, June 15, 2010, respecting Community Services/Niagara Regional Housing Pilot: Family Support Worker Shared Service Agreement, be received for information.

Carried.

118. Service Accountability Agreement for Long-Term
Care Homes 2010 – 2013
COM 31-2010

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 31-2010, June 15, 2010, respecting Service Accountability Agreement for Long-Term Care Homes 2010 – 2013, be received for information.

Carried.

119. Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That staff review the Execution of Documents By-law and report back to Committee on implications/recommendations with respect to this By-law.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

120. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That PHSS 30-2010, being a memorandum from Susan Daniels, Clerk, City of Thorold (May 6, 2010), regarding the City of Thorold's resolution in support of the Town of Fort Erie's resolution regarding a request to report on results of various closures at Fort Erie and Port Colborne hospitals, be lifted and brought forward on the agenda to be dealt with at this time.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with respect to PHSS 30-2010, being a memorandum from Susan Daniels, Clerk, City of Thorold (May 6, 2010), regarding the City of Thorold's resolution in support of the Town of Fort Erie's resolution regarding the Request to Report on Results of Various Closures at Fort Erie and Port Colborne Hospitals, as she is a staff member with the Ontario Nurses Association, and she therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

121. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That PHSS 30-2010, being a memorandum from Susan Daniels, Clerk, City of Thorold (May 6, 2010), regarding the City of Thorold's resolution in support of the Town of Fort Erie's resolution regarding a request to report on results of various closures at Fort Erie and Port Colborne hospitals, be referred to staff for confirmation on the "WHEREAS" statements as contained in the Town of Fort Erie motion with a report back to the Public Health and Social Services Committee.

Defeated.

122. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That PHSS 30-2010, being a memorandum from Susan Daniels, Clerk, City of Thorold (May 6, 2010), regarding the City of Thorold's resolution in support of the Town of Fort Erie's resolution regarding a request to report on results of various closures at Fort Erie and Port Colborne hospitals, be received and supported.

Carried.

123. Implications of the Long-Term Care Homes Act
On Seniors Services
COM 32-2010

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report COM 32-2010, June 15, 2010, respecting Implications of the Long-Term Care Homes Act on Seniors Services, be received for information **as amended**;

That the Regional Chair write a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care expressing the Niagara Region's concerns regarding the costs related to the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007.

Carried.

124. Social Marketing Initiatives Schedule
July through to December 2010
PHD 29-2010

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PHD 29-2010, June 15, 2010, respecting Social Marketing Initiatives Scheduled July through to December 2010, be received for information.

Carried.

125. Safe Water Program – Beach Monitoring
PHD 31-2010

Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Report PHD 31-2010, June 15, 2010, respecting Safe Water Program – Beach Monitoring, be received for information, **as amended**;

That the Chart on Page 10 of the report be corrected to change “West Lincoln” to “Lincoln”.

Carried.

(Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

126. H1N1 – Flu Assessment Centre Reimbursement
PHD 32-2010

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PHD 32-2010, June 15, 2010, respecting H1N1 – Flu Assessment Centre Reimbursement, be received for information.

Carried.

127. Transportation Demand Management (TDM)
Policy Framework Report
PWA 37-2010 (ICP 25-2010)

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PWA 37-2010, May 4, 2010 (ICP 25-2010, May 5, 2010) respecting Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Policy Framework Report, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

128. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the following communications be received:

- PHSS 31-2010 Allison J. Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (May 14, 2010) regarding one time funding of \$95,300.72 in 2010 to the Niagara Region Public Health Department in 2010 to reimburse local organization and local health partners for extraordinary expenses incurred during the implementation of flu assessment centres in the fall 2009.
- PHSS 32-2010 Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (May 12, 2010) regarding one time funding of \$95,300.72 to the Niagara Region Public Health Department in 2010 to reimburse local organization and local health partners for extraordinary expenses incurred during the implementation of flu assessment centres in the fall 2009.
- PHSS 33-2010 Dalton McGuinty, Premier, (April 28, 2010), regarding Poverty in Ontario.
- PHSS 34-2010 Graham L. Pollett, Secretary Treasurer, Middlesex-London Board of Health (April 27, 2010) regarding report No. 050-10 Re Shaken Baby Syndrome "Period of Purple Crying" Media Campaign.
- PHSS 35-2010 Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care (March 25, 2010) regarding one time funding of up to \$262,809 for nurses to receive ambulance patients at locally selected hospitals for the fiscal year 2010/11.

Carried.

MINUTES

129. 3-2010 (JAC)

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report 3-2010 being the minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project meeting of May 31, 2010, be received.

Carried.

(Report 3-2010 (JAC) can be found behind the Joint Report Tab in the Blue Book.)

130. #88-2010 (NRH)

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report #88-2010 being the minutes of the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors Meeting of Friday, April 30, 2010, be received.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

131. ProKids Promotion

Councillor Baty apprised Committee of a "ProKids" Promotion event that took place on a soccer field. He suggested that in future a video or media coverage of such an event get placed on Cogeco to inform parents of this program.

ADDITIONAL MATTER FOR CLOSED SESSION

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the request that a Matter of Labour Relations - Update on CUPE 1757 Contract Negotiations be added to the Closed Session portion of this meeting, as she is a staff member of ONA, and she therefore took no part in the discussion, or voting on, this matter.

132. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That an oral report regarding a Matter of Labour Relations - Update on CUPE 1757 Contract Negotiations be added to the Closed Session portion of the meeting.

Carried.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

133. Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the rules of procedure in the Procedural By-law be suspended in order to permit the participation of representatives of Niagara Regional Housing for the portion of the Closed Session of the Public Health and Social Services Committee involving the presentation and the question period with respect to matters of the Proposed Acquisition of Land by a Local Board – City of Niagara Falls.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

134. Moved by Councillor Greenwood
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating A Proposed Acquisition of Land by a Local Board – City of Niagara Falls; Personal Matters Concerning Identifiable Individuals Employee Negotiations (Associate Medical Officer of Health Position); Personal Matters involving an Identifiable Individual who is a Niagara Region Employee; and a Matter of Labour Relations regarding an Update on CUPE 1757 Contract Negotiations.

Carried.

135. A Proposed Acquisition of Land by a Local Board
-City of Niagara Falls
Confidential COM 33-2010

Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Confidential Report COM 33-2010, June 15, 2010, respecting A Proposed Acquisition of Land by a Local Board – City of Niagara Falls, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

136. Personal Matters Concerning Identifiable Individuals,
Employee Negotiations (Associate Medical Officer of Health Position)
Confidential MOH 01-2010

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Confidential Report MOH 01-2010, June 15, 2010, respecting Personal Matters Concerning Identifiable Individuals, Employee Negotiations (Associate Medical Officer of Health Position), be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

137. Personal Matters Involving an Identifiable Individual
Who is a Niagara Region Employee

Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer, provided an oral report and memorandum regarding Personal Matters Involving an Identifiable individual who is a Niagara Region Employee.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to take the actions as outlined in the oral report and memorandum with respect to the Public Health Department.

Carried.

Conflict of Interest

Councillor Forster declared a pecuniary interest with respect to the Matter of Labour Relations - Update on CUPE 1757 Contract Negotiations, as she is a staff member of ONA and she therefore, vacated the Committee Room, and took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, this matter.

138. Oral Report – Matter of Labour Relations
- Update CUPE 1757 Contract Negotiations

Debbie Elliott, Director, Human Resources, provided an Oral Report with respect to a Matter of Labour Relations - Update on CUPE 1757 Contract Negotiations.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That the oral report by Debbie Elliott, Director, Human Resources, with respect to a Matter of Labour Relations - Update on CUPE 1757 Contract Negotiations, be received.

Carried.

139. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

That staff:

- (i) Examine whether the “Beach Monitoring” results can be posted on the Niagara Region’s “Twitter”. (Rigby) Report PHD 31-2010 – Refer to minute item 125.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 4:50 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, July 6, 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