

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 9-2010

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, July 6, 2010 at 2:07 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

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

Councillors

Other: Councillor Saracino.

Staff:

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

Staff

Other: Community Services: Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities.

Public Health: Ms. Beatty, Communications Specialist; Ms. Bell, Manager, Healthy Babies Healthy Children; Mr. Christensen, Director, Environmental Health; Ms. DuPuis, Epidemiologist; Dr. Hopkins, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Hunter, Manager, Environmental Health; Dr. Jaeger, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Mr. Laflamme, Manager, Environmental Health; Ms. Loewen, Manager, Sexual Health Program; Mr. MacIntosh, Epidemiologist; Mr. McQueen, Operating Officer, PH; Ms. Moore, Senior Epidemiologist; Mr. Spencer, Manager, Sexual Health Program; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Mr. Van Valkenberg, Associate Director, EMS.

Corporate Services: Ms. Consigli, HR Consultant; Ms. Elliott, Director, Human Resources; Mr. Meffe, Manager, Employee Relations; Mr. Pilon, Associate Director, Service Quality & Improvement .

Integrated Community Planning: Ms. Britnell, Municipal Intern; Ms. Swigger, Student.

Others:

Ms. Rhonda Thompson, StreetWorks Program Coordinator, AIDS Niagara; Ms; Maryellen MacLellan, Manager, Housing Operations, Niagara Regional Housing.

PRESENTATION

140. Ontario Health Coalition Report on Rural and Small Hospitals in Ontario

Ms. Sue Hotte, Niagara Health Coalition, attended to provide background information on the Ontario Health Coalition Report, released on May 17, 2010, regarding Small and Rural Hospital Services across Ontario and to express the Coalition's concerns regarding the impact of restructuring hospital services in Niagara. The presenter highlighted the report and urged Committee to support the recommendation of the Ontario Health's Coalition Report of May 17, 2010.

(A copy of the presentation by Sue Hotte, Niagara Health Coalition, regarding the Ontario Health Coalition's Report on Small and Rural Hospital Services across Ontario is attached to the minutes.)

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That the presentation by Ms. Sue Hotte, Niagara Health Coalition, with respect to the Ontario Health Coalition report regarding Small and Rural Hospital Services across Ontario, be received.

Carried.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BJORN CHRISTENSEN

141. Councillor Casselman, Committee Co-Chair, on behalf of Committee and Public Health colleagues, extended congratulations to Bjorn Christensen who has been recognized with the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors' Award of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Health in Ontario. Tirelessly advocating for a continued leading role for public health inspectors in food safety matters, Bjorn promotes the profession and established Niagara Region Public Health's training and mentorship program for public health inspection students. Under Bjorn's direction, Niagara was the first public health unit in Ontario to introduce a computer-based public health inspection database and has participated in the development of many of the program modules used across the province today. As current president of the Association of Supervisors of Public Health Inspectors of Ontario, he supports the mandatory certification of food handlers in the province of Ontario.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

142. Mandatory Food Handler Certification By-law
PHD 34-2010

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 34-2010, July 6, 2010, respecting Mandatory Food Handler Certification By-law, be received.

That the proposed Regional by-law for mandatory food handler certification be adopted in the same, or substantially the same, format as that attached to this report as Appendix A, and that the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to sign said by-law.

That staff be directed to apply to the Chief Judge of the Ontario Court (Provincial Division) to have Schedule "A" – Short Form Offences and Set Fines approved in the same, or substantially the same, format as that attached to this report as Appendix A.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

143. Wind Turbines
PHD 33-2010

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 33-2010, July 6, 2010, respecting Wind Turbines, be received for information ***as amended***; and

That this report be circulated to area municipalities; Regional departments and the Niagara Region's Wind Energy Partners.

Carried.

144. The Health Story of Niagara, Update Report
PHD 35-2010

Ms. Sandy Dupuis, Epidemiologist, provided a demonstration of the Health Story of Niagara website. The website was designed to ensure that relevant and current data and health information are available at a municipal and regional level. The sharing of this information contributes to program planning, community development and resource allocation.

Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Report PHD 35-2010, July 6, 2010, respecting The Health Story of Niagara, Update Report, be received for information.

Carried.

145. Needle Exchange Programs in Ontario:
StreetWorks Program Update
PHD 37-2010

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report PHD 37-2010, July 6, 2010, respecting Needle Exchange Programs in Ontario: StreetWorks Program Update, be received for information.

Carried.

146. Long-Term Accommodations Study
Community Services & Public Health
PHD 38-2010/COM 34-2010

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Report PHD 38-2010/COM 34-2010, July 6, 2010, respecting Long-Term Accommodations Study – Community Services & Public Health, be received for information.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

147. Moved by Councillor Cordiner
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That Communication PHSS 38-2010 from Hazel Lynn, Medical Officer of Health, Grey Bruce Health Unit (May 31, 2010) regarding Semi-Privatization of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO), be referred to staff.

Carried.

148. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That the following Communications be received and referred to the Corporate Services Committee meeting of July 6, 2010 for information:

- PHSS 41-2010 Dr. Robin Williams, Medical Officer of Health, (June 1, 2010) regarding Staff Direction of April 13, 2010.
- PHSS 42-2010 Brian Hutchings, Commissioner, Community Services (May 7, 2010) regarding Staff direction of April 13, 2010.

Carried.

149. Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Lepp

That the following communications be received:

- PHSS 36-2010 Brian King, Chair, Board of Health, Municipality of Chatham-Kent (May 19, 2010) regarding labelling of caffeine from all sources in foods.
- PHSS 37-2010 Brian King, Chair, Board of Health, Municipality of Chatham-Kent (May 19, 2010) regarding a coordinated national policy for key food and nutrition issues.
- PHSS 39-2010 Hazel Lynn, Medical Officer of Health, Grey Bruce Health Unit (May 31, 2010) regarding Labelling of Caffeine Content in Prepackaged Foods.
- PHSS 40-2010 Hazel Lynn, Medical Officer of Health, Grey Bruce Health Unit (May 31, 2010) regarding Harmful Effects of Artificial Tanning.
- PHSS 43-2010 Jim Embrey, Chair, Board of Health, Peterborough County-City Health Unit (June 9, 2010) regarding the development and implementation of a province-wide comprehensive tobacco cessation strategy.
- PHSS 44-2010 Mr. Jack Butt, Chair of the Board, Leeds, Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit (June 9, 2010) regarding increased funding for Preschool Speech and Language and Healthy Babies Healthy Children Programs.

PHSS 45-2010 O.Jack Mandell, MD, Chair, Council Award Selection Committee (May 27, 2010) regarding the Physician Council Award. (The Council Award brochure is available in the Clerk's Office.)

<http://www.cpso.on.ca/aboutus/council/default.aspx?id=1430>

Carried.

MINUTES

150. 4-2010 (JAC)

Moved by Councillor Henderson
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

That Report 4-2010 being the minutes of the Joint Advisory Committee Wainfleet Water & Wastewater Servicing Project meeting of June 23, 2010, be received.

Carried.

(Report 4-2010 (JAC) can be found behind the Joint Report Tab in the Blue Book.)

OTHER BUSINESS

151. Long Term Care Homes Summer Events

Councillor Baty reminded Committee of the summer barbeques and events taking place at the Region's Long Term Care Homes and invited Councillors to attend.

152. Resolution – Ontario Health Coalition's Report

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That Dr. Williams provide an opinion with respect to the resolution presented by the Niagara Health Coalition regarding Niagara's Health Care System.

Defeated.

153. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

That the Niagara Health System be requested to provide a response to the resolution presented by the Niagara Health Coalition with respect to the Ontario Health Coalition's Report on Small and Rural Hospital Services across Ontario.

Carried.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES OF PROCEDURE

154. Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Cordiner

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 question period with respect to Matter Concerning An Identifiable Individual: Niagara Regional Housing Board of Director Appointment.

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

155. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to A Matter Concerning an Identifiable Individual: Niagara Regional Housing Board of Director Appointment and A Matter of Labour Relations – Update Contract Negotiations CUPE 1757.

Carried.

156. Matter Concerning An Identifiable Individual:
Niagara Regional Housing Board of Director Appointment
Confidential COM 35-2010

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Confidential Report COM 35-2010, July 6, 2010, respecting a Matter Concerning an Identifiable Individual: Niagara Regional Housing Board of Director Appointment, be received and that the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

157. A Matter of Labour Relations –
Update Contract Negotiations CUPE 1757

Ms. Debbie Elliott, Director, Human Resources, provided an oral report on A Matter of Labour Relations – Update Contract Negotiations CUPE 1757.

Moved by Councillor Lepp
Seconded by Councillor Henderson

That the oral report by Ms. Debbie Elliott, Director, Human Resources, regarding A Matter of Labour Relations – Update Contract Negotiations CUPE 1757, be received.

Carried.

158. Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 3:43 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, July 27, 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