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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 4-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Monday, February 24, 2003 commencing at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Brickell, Vice-Chair presiding; Zimmerman, Regional Chair; Bailey; Bentley; Davidson; Eke; Forster; Konkle; Timms.

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

Staff

Part-time: Community Services Dept.: Ms. Graham-Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services; Mr. Hutchings, Director, Operational Support Services; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.

Public Health Dept.: Mr. Christensen, Director, Health Promotion & Protection; Ms. St. John, Director, Clinical Services; Mr. Young, Manager, Food Safety;

Others: Councillor Saracino.

QUORUM

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to 6 members, pursuant to Part 11, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

43. Port Colborne Long Term-Care Facility: Proposed Names

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That Report COM 10-2003, February 24, 2003, respecting Port Colborne Long Term-Care Facility: Proposed Names, be received.

That Regional Council approve the proposed name, "Northland Pointe", and the corresponding names for the main areas of the new Port Colborne Long-Term Care Facility.

Carried.

An ordinary quorum was in attendance at 3:12 p.m.

44. Children's Services Contract Amendment
with Niagara Support Services

Moved by Chair Zimmerman
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report COM 11-2003, February 24, 2003, respecting Children's Services Contract Amendment with Niagara Support Services, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to amend a Children's Services Contract with Niagara Support Services from \$292,413 to \$651,007 (\$641,858 special needs resource teachers/\$9,149 wage subsidy). (Provincial = \$520,806; Regional net expenditure = \$130,201.)

Carried.

45. Oral Report
ODSP Billing Process and its Impact on the
Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities Year-end Surplus

Mr. Hutchings, Director, Operational Support Services, advised that the department received an announcement from the Province on Thursday, February 20th, 2003, with respect to ODSP billings and its negative impact on the SAEO Year-end surplus. They were advised that there would be a gross billing adjustment of \$1.7 net. The anticipated year-end surplus has now been reduced to approximately \$400,000.

The Director advised that he would be bringing a report to Committee to deal with some systematic issues that the department has with the Province regarding some of its programs and billing processes. The focus of these issues relate to process and timing problems.

A report on this matter will include recommendations to improve the process and these recommendations will be provided to Mr. Trojan, C.A.O., to bring for discussion with his inter-municipal/provincial group that includes Mr. Fleming, Deputy Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services.

Moved by Councillor Eke
Seconded by Councillor Bentley

That the oral report from Mr. Hutchings, Director, Operational Supports Services, regarding ODSP Billing Process and its impact on the Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities Year-end Surplus, be received.

Carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

46. Smoke-Free Niagara Poster Design Contest

Councillor Brickell, Committee Vice-Chair, advised that, together with Councillor Davidson, participated in the judging of the Smoke-Free Niagara Poster Design Contest that was held prior to this meeting. He commented that the entries were creative and intelligent and extremely difficult to choose amongst such high quality posters. The contest, he commented is an excellent tool to educate elementary students and achieve their participation in the process to promote a smoke-free Niagara.

47. Tobacco Control Act Compliance Update (2000-2002)

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PHD 11-2003, February 24, 2003, respecting Tobacco Control Act Compliance Update (2000-2002), be received for information.

Carried.

(Refer to staff direction.)

48. Planning for the 2002/03 Influenza Season

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report PHD 12-2003, February 24, 2003, regarding Planning for the 2002/03 Influenza Season, be received for information.

Carried.

49. Smoking By-law Implementation Steering Committee

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Chair Zimmerman

That Report PHD 13-2003, February 24, 2003, respecting Smoking By-law Implementation Steering Committee, be received.

That a senior level Smoking By-law Implementation Steering Committee be implemented to act in an advisory capacity to the Public Health Department to ensure a smooth and transparent implementation of By-law 22-2002.

That the Steering Committee also include three Councillors (Chair Zimmerman and Councillor Timms volunteered), including the Chair or the Vice-Chair of the Community and Health Services Committee; and

That meetings for this Committee be held at 2:00 p.m., prior to the Community and Health Services Committee meeting; and

That all members of Council be invited to attend these meetings.

Carried.

50. West Nile Virus – Budget 2003

Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report PHD 14-2003, February 24, 2003 (CSD 28-2003, February 26, 2003), respecting West Nile Virus – Budget 2003, be received.

That Committee and Council receive for information the enhanced budget for West Nile Virus that has been submitted to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care as per direction from Committee (CHSC-PHD 05-2003).

That consideration be given to a financing plan for this program following a determination by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care on its financial assistance.

That staff report back with respect to the direction towards a Province-wide strategy and funding regarding West Nile Virus Control; and

That staff report on the results of Regional/ Municipal Consultation.

Carried.

51. Immunization Enforcement Actions

Dr. Sider provided an update on the activities that have taken place with the School Boards to gather information on the immunization of students from J.K. to Grade 8 in order to complete a comprehensive database for the Public Health Department. Dr. Sider commented that cooperation has been very good but that the Department has under estimated the magnitude of JK-Grade 8 public board students with incomplete immunization records. Therefore, staff will send out information requests to all these families requesting update to immunization, without moving to suspension during the remainder of this school year. However, plans will include potential suspensions across all school boards in the coming school year(s).

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That the oral report from Dr. Sider, regarding Immunization Enforcement Actions, be received and that a one page report on this matter be provided to Committee for information.

Carried.

MINUTES

52. Report 1-2003

Moved by Councillor Davidson
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report 1-2003 being the minutes of the Sub-Committee on the Redevelopment of Long Term Care Facility Beds meeting of February 10, 2003, be approved.

Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

53. Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That the following communications be received:

CHS 22-2003 Municipal-Provincial Social services Working Group
 regarding Building a new way of doing business – setting
 priorities

CHS 23-2003 Canada Well-Being Measurement Act (Bill C-268)

CHS 24-2003 Thank you from Mr. & Mrs. Mills for the invitation for the invitation to the opening ceremony of the "Meadows of Dorchester" and for the excellent care of their mother, a former resident of Dorchester.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

54. Moved by Councillor Forster
Seconded by Councillor Timms

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending January 31, 2003 in the following amounts be approved:

Community Services	\$3,462,223.14
Public Health	\$1,549,460.80

Carried.

CLOSED SESSION

55. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That this Committee do now meet in Closed Session for purposes of receiving information of a confidential nature relating to legal and personnel matters.

Carried.

56. Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership
Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Forster

That Report CAO 5-2003, February 24, 2003, respecting Accessibility Advisory Committee Membership, Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2001, be received.

That the list of Accessibility Advisory committee members as recommended by staff be approved;

That the term of the appointments be a mix of two and three years and be varied across the members to ensure some continuity in membership;

That upon Council's approval of the list of appointees:

- a) the Regional Clerk be authorized to prepare the requisite appointing by-law; and
- b) this report be communicated at Council on March 20, 2003.

Carried.

57. Moved by Councillor Timms
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

STAFF DIRECTION

That staff be directed to:

- (i) Publish the information regarding Niagara's Vendor Compliance Results (2000-2002) on the Regional web site.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 4:40 p.m. to meet again on Monday, March 10, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. in C.R. 4, Regional Headquarters.

Mark Brickell
Vice-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk