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## **THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA**

### **COMMUNITY AND HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE**

#### **REPORT 11-2003**

Minutes of a meeting of the Community and Health Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Monday, June 9, 2003 commencing at 3:00 p.m.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Bailey; Brickell; Davidson; Eke; Gabriel; Marshall.

Staff: Ms. Reid, Director, Community Services Dept.; 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; Ms. Stewart, Manager, Community Services Dept.; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.  
Public Health Dept.: Ms. Coppola, Heart Health Coordinator; Mr. Jones, Director, Administrative Services; Ms. Kalailieff, Program Mgr., Youth Connection; Ms. Morris, P.H. Nurse; Ms. Ouellette, Community Dietitian; Ms. Papaiz, Communications Coordinator; Ms. Partington, Director, Population Health; Ms. Wilson, Manager, Chronic Disease Prevention; Ms. Wodchis, Director, Chronic Disease Prevention;

Others: Councillors McMullan and Saracino. Nancy Iannizzi and Diane Marino, YWCA of St. Catharines; Brother Richard, Good Sheppard Centre.

#### **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 five members, pursuant to Part 11, Section 11.7 of the Procedural By-law 7174-93.

## **PRESENTATION**

131. Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence  
in Early Childhood Education

Councillor Hildreth, Committee Chair, introduced Pam Blanchfield, the recipient of the Prime Minister's Award of Excellence in Early Childhood Education. The awards were established to recognize the important role that Canada's Early Childhood Educators play in supporting the healthy development of Canada's youngest children. Those receiving the Prime Minister's Awards for Early Childhood Education Certificate of Excellence included individuals from Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, British Columbia and the Yukon. Ms. Blanchfield was one of the seven recipients and the only person from Ontario selected. Councillor Hildreth, together with Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services, presented Ms. Blanchfield with a Certificate in Acknowledgement of her achievements and a book of Bob Munch's Children's stories, "Munchworks".

132. Breathe in Niagara

Dr. Sider, Associate Medical Officer of Health, presented a plaque to Councillor Brickell, Vice-Chair, Community and Health Services Committee, in recognition of his support in making Niagara smoke-free beginning May 31, 2003 with the passing of the Region's by-law restricting smoking in public places and work places within the Niagara Region.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

133. Youth Connection School Team – Program Update in Relation to:  
"Recommendations of Regional Council's Ad Hoc Committee for the  
Review of the Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Program Delivery to  
Schools"

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report PHD 41-2003, June 9, 2003, respecting Youth Connection School Team – Program Update in relation to: "Recommendations of Regional Council's Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of the Mandatory and Non-Mandatory Program Delivery to Schools", be received.

That the Program update be received for information purposes only, in order to maintain effective communication between the Regional Niagara Public Health Department (RNPHD), Council, School Boards and Regional Schools.

Carried.

134. Amendment to Funding Agreement  
Provincial Heart Health Program

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report PHD 42-2003, June 9, 2003, regarding Amendment to Funding Agreement – Provincial Heart Health Program, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the amended legal agreement between the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) and the Regional Municipality of Niagara (RMON). This amendment extends funding for the Provincial Heart Health Program (known locally as Healthy Living Niagara) for the period April 1, 2003 through March 31, 2004.

Carried.

135. Supporting New Food Labelling Regulations

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report PHD 43-2003, June 9, 2003, regarding Supporting New Food Labelling Regulations, be received for information.

Carried.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

136. Senior Day Program: Fee Administration Policy Changes

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report COM 34-2003, June 9, 2003, respecting Senior Day Program: Fee Administration Policy Changes, be received.

That Regional Council approve the planned changes in the Senior Day Program fee administration policy on registered attendance days and a 2% fee increase.

Carried.

137. Welland/Pelham Long-Term Care Facility: Proposed Names

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Brickell

That Report COM 35-2003, June 9, 2003, respecting Welland/Pelham Long-Term Care Facility: Proposed Names, be received; and

That Regional Council approve the proposed name, "The Woodlands of Sunset", and the corresponding names for the main areas of the new Welland/Pelham Long-Term Care Facility.

Carried.

138. Proposed Surplus Property  
Northland Manor Long Term Care Facility  
In the City of Port Colborne

Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That Report COM 36-2003, June 9, 2003 (PWA 88-2003, June 10, 2003) respecting Proposed Surplus Property Northland Manor Long Term Care Facility in the City of Port Colborne, be received.

That an approximately eight acre parcel of property, known as the Northland Manor site, be declared surplus to Regional requirements and that a further report will follow regarding its disposal.

Carried.

139. Support for Hydro/Gas Arrears – Update

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 37-2003, June 9, 2003, respecting Support for Hydro/Gas Arrears – Update, be received for information.

Carried.

140. Niagara's Treatment of Social Assistance Fraud

Moved by Councillor Marshall  
Seconded by Councillor Davidson

That Report COM 38-2003, June 9, 2003, respecting Niagara's Treatment of Social Assistance Fraud, be received.

That the Regional Chair correspond with the Minister of Community, Family and Children's Services to:

- a) Request elimination of the lifetime ban from receiving social assistance for fraud convictions.
- b) Reinforce the need to improve upon the adequacy of social assistance rates to ensure that individuals and families are able to meet basic needs.

Carried.

**MINUTES**

141. Report 2-2003

Moved by Councillor Eke  
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report 2-2003, being the minutes of the Accessibility Advisory Committee Ontarians with Disabilities Act meeting of May 30, 2003, be received.

Carried.

142. L.E.A.P. Program

Ms. Reid, Commissioner, Community Services, apprised Committee of the graduation celebrations that took place this day for 21 parents participating in the Learning, Earning and Parenting Program (L.E.A.P.). The Commissioner commented that it was very rewarding to see these persons become high school graduates despite the many challenges facing them.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

143. Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That the following communications be received:

- CHS 43-2003      John Bice, Clerk, City of Thorold (May 23, 2003) regarding its Council's resolution respecting the West Nile Virus – Protocol for the control of Mosquito Larvae.
- CHS 44-2003      Craig Stirtzinger, City Clerk, City of Welland (May 22, 2003) regarding its Council's resolution respecting the West Nile Virus – Protocol for the control of Mosquito Larvae.
- CHS 45-2003      The Honourable Carl DeFaria, Minister of Citizenship (May 2003) regarding the Community Action Awards for 2003.
- CHS 46-2003      Malcolm Bates, Director, Emergency Health Services Branch, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (May 26, 2003) regarding the ambulance service provided for the young child of Ms. Mayram Roberts.
- CHS 47-2003      Ernie Eves, Premier of Ontario (May 22, 2003) regarding the West Nile Virus.
- CHS 48-2003      Tony Clement, Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding Ontario's long-term care facilities.
- CHS 49-2003      Tony Clement, Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, regarding provincial no-smoking legislation for workplaces and public places.

Carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

144. West Nile Virus

Councillor Eke inquired as to how the recent announcement of additional Provincial funding for the West Nile Virus will impact on the Region. Dr. Sider advised that the additional funding will provide some savings to the Region but that the funding is to be used 100% for the chemicals to be applied on larvicide. All other costs related to West Nile continue to be part of the cost sharing agreement with the Region and the Province. A further report will be presented to Committee and Council to provide a status on Vector Control and related funding issues.

145. Implementation of the Smoke-Free Bylaw

Dr. Sider distributed, for information, a compilation of media articles related to the Implementation of the Smoke-Free By-law.

146. Collection of Dead Crows

Councillor Marshall expressed his concerns on the direction that any dead crows found should be disposed of by burying in plastic, four feet in the ground and inquired as to whether the Public Health Department is still collecting them. Dr. Sider advised that there is minimal risk to handling dead crows and that the Public Health Dept. will still collect them if requested by the Public.

**CLOSED SESSION**

147. Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

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

Carried.

148. Review of the YWCA of St. Catharines Emergency Hostel  
And Related Regional Protocols and Practices

Moved by Councillor Davidson  
Seconded by Councillor Brickell

That Report COM 39-2003, June 9, 2003, respecting Review of the YWCA of St. Catharines Emergency Hostel and related Regional Protocols and Practices, be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved.

Carried.

149. Moved by Councillor Bailey  
Seconded by Councillor Eke

That this Committee do now rise with report.

Carried.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Committee adjourned at 4:55 p.m. to meet again on Monday, July 14, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. in C.R. 4, Regional Headquarters.

Jill Hildreth  
Chair

Gail Reilly  
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick  
Regional Clerk