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THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE

REPORT 1-2003

Minutes of a meeting of the Community Services Committee held in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario, on Monday, December 15, 2003 commencing at 3:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

Committee: Councillors Hildreth, Chair; Partington, Regional Chair; Almas; Bailey; Baty; Gabriel; Marshall; Rigby.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff

Part-time: Ms. Austin, Casemanager; Mr. Hutchings, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Ms. Stevenson, Manager, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities; Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services.

CLERK'S DEPARTMENT

1. Procedure to Select the
Committee Chair and Vice-Chair
of each of the Standing Committees

Peter Partington, Regional Chair, called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Councillor Hildreth be nominated for the position of Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Carried.

The Chair called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Baty
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That nominations for the position of Chair of the Community Services Committee be closed.

Carried.

There being no other nominations, Regional Chair Partington, with the agreement of Councillor Hildreth, declared her Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Councillor Hildreth, Committee Chair, called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Councillor Marshall be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Carried.

Councillor Hildreth called a second and third time for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee be closed.

Carried.

There being no other nominations, Councillor Hildreth, with the agreement of Councillor Marshall, declared him Vice-Chair of the Community Services Committee.

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report CLK 35-2003, December 15, 2003, respecting the selection of the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair for each of the Standing Committees, be received.

Carried.

2. Day and Time of Regular Meetings for Standing Committees

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Gabriel

That Report CLK 34-2003, December 15, 2003, respecting Day and Time of Regular Meetings for Standing Committees, be received.

That regular meetings of the Community Services Committee be held on Monday at 3:00 p.m. in accordance with a schedule approved, from time to time, by Regional Council.

That special meetings be held at such times and such places as may be appropriate, pursuant to the provisions of the procedural by-law.

Carried.

PRESENTATION

3. Facts, Figures and Faces

Ms. Heidebrecht, Director, Children's Services, together with Mr. Hutchings, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities and Mr. Ventresca, Director, Seniors Services, provided an overview of the Community Services Department. The presentation apprised Committee of the department's Vision, Mission, and Values statement. A chart was provided detailing how the department's goals integrate with Regional Council's goals which contribute to the Regional Municipality of Niagara as being one of the five rated communities based on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Quality of Life indicators.

The Community Services Department's gross expenditures were highlighted at a total of \$276 million and Revenues at \$220 million with net expenditures of \$56 million. The department's FTE's total 977, representing Seniors (708); Social Assistance (169); Children's Services (65); Support (33) and Homelessness (2).

The Community Services Department State of Environment was outlined as follows:

- Increased demands in service areas
- Provincially managed business
- Pressures on cost of administration
- Variable economic climate

- Affordable housing
- Provincial direction for licensed childcare
- Opening of new long term care facilities
- Labour market issues
- New Governments

The presentations on the Seniors Services, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities and Children's Services Divisions focused on the areas of: An overview of services provided; Leadership/Direction; Planning; Process Improvement; Partner Focus; and Organizational Performance.

A questionnaire was distributed to Committee members to complete to assist the Department in providing data and information to them. Members are asked to return these questionnaires to Gail Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

4. Seniors Community Programs Funding Contract 2003/2004

Moved by Councillor Gabriel
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 57-2003, December 15, 2003, respecting Seniors Community Programs Funding Contract 2003/2004, be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the 2003/2004 Seniors Community Programs Funding Contract with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) (Provincial - \$2,790,035; Regional levy = \$55,192).

Carried.

5. 2003 Ontario Works Service Contract
Enhanced Family Support Initiative (EFSI)

Moved by Regional Chair Partington
Seconded by Councillor Marshall

That Report COM 58-2003, December 15, 2003, respecting 2003 Ontario Works Service Contract – Enhanced Family Support Initiative (EFSI), be received.

That the Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents to enter into the 2003 Ontario Works EFSI Service Contract with the Ministry of Community and Social Services (100% Provincial Subsidy - \$125,000/Regional Levy =\$0).

Carried.

6. Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities (SAEO)
Semi-Annual Report (January 1st - June 30th, 2003) – 100%
Discretionary Benefits to Non-Social Assistance Recipients

Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Councillor Bailey

That Report COM 59-2003, December 15, 2003, respecting Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities (SAEO) Semi-Annual Report (January 1st - June 30th, 2003) – 100% Discretionary Benefits to Non-Social Assistance Recipients, be received for information.

Carried.

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

7. Closure of Capital Projects

Moved by Councillor Bailey
Seconded by Councillor Baty

That Report CSD 152-2003, October 29, 2003, respecting Closure of Capital Projects, be received.

That total net transfers from the Niagara Transportation Superbuild Reserve Fund (0030-0975) of \$539,394.04 be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and close-outs of Roads capital projects as shown in Appendix 1.

That total net transfers from the Capital Levy Reserve (0035-0960) of \$164,473.20 be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and close-outs of buildings and Equipment capital projects as shown in Appendix 1, Community Services project SC0211 and Public Health project GR0201.

That total net transfers from the Solid Waste Reserve Fund (0030-0970) of \$104,312.57 be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and close-outs for Waste Management capital projects as shown in appendix 2.

That total net transfers from the Wastewater Capital Works Reserve Fund (0030-0961) of \$46,040.22 be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and closeouts for Wastewater Capital Projects as shown in Appendix 2.

That total net transfers from the Water Operations Capital Works Reserve Fund (0030-0962) of \$909,657.70 and total net transfers of \$50,000 to the Development Charges Water Reserve Fund (0030-0988) be approved to accommodate substitution of previously approved debenture financing and close-outs for Water Capital Projects as shown in Appendix 2.

That previously approved debenture financing (1-10 years) in the amount of \$50,000 be transferred from Project ZGL0201/GL0201 Leachate Collection Elm Street Landfill Site to Project ZGL9901/GL0228 Leachate Collection Elm Street Landfill Site to allow the tender award approved in PWA 91-03 to be tracked in a single project and that project ZGL0201/GL0201 be closed as indicated in Appendix 2.

That project closeouts be completed as indicated.

That copies of this report be circulated to the Public Works and Utilities and the Community and Health Services standing committees for information.

That the Regional Clerk be instructed to prepare the appropriate by-law(s) for presentation to Regional Council.

Carried.

ACCOUNTS

8. Moved by Councillor Marshall
Seconded by Regional Chair Partington

That Accounts Payable Expense Summary for the period ending November 30, 2003 in the following amount be approved:

Community Services \$3,184,539.43

Carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 4:25 p.m. to meet again on Monday, January 12, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. in C.R. 4, Regional Headquarters.

Jill Hildreth
Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Thomas R. Hollick
Regional Clerk