Minutes of the Open Session portion of the 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, January 10, 2012 at 2:02 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Committee: Councillors Baty, Co-Chair; Greenwood, Co-Chair; Burroughs, Regional Chair; D'Angela; Diodati; Heit; Katzman; Marshall; Maves; Rigby.

Staff: Mr. Trojan, Chief Administrative Officer; Dr. Jaeger, Medical Officer of Health (A); Ms. Chislett, Commissioner, Community Services; Ms. Reilly, Legislative Assistant.

Staff Other: Community Services: Ms. Cousins, Director, Operational Support Services; Ms. Pennisi, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities. Public Health: Dr. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Biscaro, Director, Family Health Division; Mr. Cunnane, Director, EMS; Mr. Hunter, Manager, EMS; Mr. Lorenzo, Manager, Chronic Disease; Mr. McKay, Associate Director, Administration, EMS; Mr. Smith, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, EMS.

Others: Ms. Beckwith, General Manager, Niagara Regional Housing.

Regrets: Councillor Martin.

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

1. **Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario**
   
   COM 02-2012
   
   Moved by Councillor D’Angela
   Seconded by Councillor Rigby

   That Report COM 02-2012, January 10, 2012, respecting Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario, be received and the following recommendations be approved:
Approval of the Program and Delivery Fiscal Plan under the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) in Ontario program as approved by the Niagara Regional Housing Board (NRH) NRH 9 2011 on December 13, 2011 (Appendix A);

Execution of the Administration Agreement for the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario by the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk; and

Approval of one additional Regional part-time (.6 FTE) position to support the financial administration of the IAH program.  

Carried.

2. **Ambulance Communication Deferred Revenue**  
PHD 02-2012

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 02-2012, January 10, 2012, Ambulance Communication Deferred Revenue be received; and

That this Committee recommend to Regional Council that deferred revenue from the Ambulance Communication Services five-year pilot project be recognized as revenue in 2011 and moved to an Ambulance Communications reserve for future use.  

Carried.

3. **Update: Ambulance Call Referral – “Omega” Project**  
PHD 05-2012

Moved by Chair Burroughs  
Seconded by Councillor Katzman

That Report PHD 05-2012, January 10, 2012, respecting Update Ambulant Call Referral – “Omega” Project, be received; and

That Niagara EMS enter into an agreement with the Hamilton Niagara Halton Brant Local Health Integration Network (HNHB LHIN) to complete the second phase of the ambulance call referral – “Omega” Project.  

Carried.
Conflict of Interest
Councillor Heit declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report PHSS 10-2012 and PHSS 1-2012 as his spouse is employed by a Community Agency and he therefore took no part in the discussion of, or voting on, these matters.

4. Business Case to the Ministry of Community and Social Services
   Re: Homelessness Pressures
   PHSS 10-2012

   Moved by Councillor D’Angela
   Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

   That Memorandum PHSS 10-2012, January 10, 2012, respecting Business Case to the Ministry of Community and Social Services regarding Homelessness Pressures, be received and referred to the consideration of PHSS 1-2012 a Communication from Dean Iorfida, City Clerk, City of Niagara Falls (November 25, 2011) respecting Project Share.

   Carried.

   (Refer to Councillor Information Requests.)

5. City of Niagara Falls Resolution respecting Project Share
   PHSS 1-2012

   Moved by Councillor Marshall
   Seconded by Councillor Katzman

   That Communication Item PHSS 1-2012, from Dean Iorfida, City Clerk, City of Niagara Falls (November 25, 2011) respecting Project Share, be received.

   Carried.

CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6. Moved by Councillor Greenwood
   Seconded by Councillor Katzman

   That the following reports, minutes and correspondence items be received for information:

   COM 01-2012  Commission for the Review of Social Assistance Review in Ontario
   COM 03-2012  Niagara Regional Housing 235 Fitch Street – Development Update
   PHD 01-2012  Environmental Health Summer Student Program Update 2011
   OPEN SESSION PHSS 3
Infant and Child Development Services (ICDS): Supervisor Position

Public Health Department Youth Engagement Strategic Goal Update

Ambulance Co-Payment

#105-2011 Minutes of the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors Meeting October 28, 2011

#106-2011 Minutes of the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors Meeting November 25, 2011

Gary Carr, Regional Chair, Halton Region (November 11, 2011) regarding Niagara Region’s EMS Dispatch Centre

Jennifer Kerity, Executive Director, FOCUS Accreditation Services (November 17, 2011) regarding Niagara Training and Employment Agency Inc. Accreditation

Graham L. Pollett, Medical Officer of Health, Middlesex-London Health Unit (November 17, 2011) respecting Nutritious Food Basket

Kathleen Wynne, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing (December 9, 2011) regarding the new Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario (IAH) program

Carolyn J. Kett, Town Clerk, Town of Fort Erie (November 15, 2011) regarding Smoke-Free Outdoor Spaces

Daryl Vaillancourt, Chairperson, Board of Health, North Bay Parry Sound District (December 6, 2011) regarding Tobacco Control

Memorandum from Katherine Chislett, Commissioner, Community Services (January 10, 2012) regarding Councillor Information Request: Consideration by Regional Councillors of Membership on the Niagara Elder Abuse Prevention Network

Carried.
7. **Community Stakeholders Forum**

   **PHSS 7-2012**

   Moved by Councillor Rigby
   Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

   That Communication PHSS 7-2012 from Carol Stewart-Kirby, Executive Director, United Way of Niagara Falls and Greater Fort Erie, (December 12, 2011) regarding a community stakeholders forum, be received; and

   That staff prepare a report on what services were offered by 211 and how to communicate information about 211 effectively to the community.

   Carried.

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**OTHER BUSINESS**

8. **Region's Ball Hockey Tournament**

   Councillor Greenwood reminded Committee that the Niagara Region, in partnership with Community Care of St. Catharines and Thorold, Project SHARE, Port Cares, Grimsby Affordable Housing Partnership and The Hope Centre, is hosting a Ball Hockey Tournament to raise money and awareness for the fight against homelessness. The event will take place at Niagara Region Headquarters, 2201 St. David’s Road, Thorold on Feb. 11, 2012 and the entry fee per player is $20.

9. **Performance Targets for the Accountability Agreement Indicators**

   Councillor Greenwood advised that an informational webinar is scheduled for Monday, January 16, 2012 from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. to review the performance targets and negotiations process and to answer any questions regarding the Accountability Agreement Indicators. The Board of Health has been asked to respond to the Ministries via PHUIndictors@ontario.ca with their acceptance of the proposed targets or any proposals for revised targets.

10. **Board of Health Self Evaluation Form**

    Councillor Greenwood asked that the Board of Health Self Evaluation form which was distributed to Councillors at the last meeting of Regional Council in 2011 be submitted to Public Health by Monday, January 16, 2012.
COUNCILLOR INFORMATION REQUESTS

That staff:


NEXT MEETING

The Committee adjourned at 3:00 p.m. to meet again on January 31, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in C.R. 4.

Brian Baty
Co-Chair

Gail Reilly
Legislative Assistant

Barbara Greenwood
Co-Chair

Kevin Bain
Regional Clerk