

**THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA  
PUBLIC HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE  
OPEN SESSION**

**PHSSC 10-2020  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020  
Council Chamber/Video Conference  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber:	Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair), Greenwood (Committee Co-Chair)
Committee Members Present via Video Conference:	Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Darte, Foster, Gibson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Rigby, Sendzik, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen
Absent/Regrets:	Bellows
Staff Present in the Council Chamber:	L. Glynn, Technology Support Analyst, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk
Staff Present via Video Conference:	B. Brens, Manager, Program Financial Support, H. Chamberlain, Director, Financial Management & Planning/Deputy Treasurer, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, R. Ferron, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, Emergency Medical Services, H. Koning, Director, Senior Services, S. Kearns, Director, Environmental Health, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, D. Lorenzo, Director, Clinical Services, K. Lutz, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, Emergency Medical Services, J. Shickluna, Manager, Housing Programs, Niagara Regional Housing, K. Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services, D. Teng, Manager, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, D. Woiceshyn, Chief Executive Officer, Niagara Regional Housing

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Co-Chair Chiocchio called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 Homelessness Services Housing Focused Shelter Pilot**

Nicole Cortese, Coordinated Access Program Analyst, Maggie Penca, Manager, Homelessness Services, along with Annie Froese, Executive Director, Southridge, and John Osczykko, Executive Director, Gateway/Mainstream, provided information respecting Homelessness Services Housing Focused Shelter Pilot. Topics of the presentation included:

- Built for Zero Canada
- By-Name List
- Why is Coordinated Access Important to Ending Homelessness?
- HIFIS - Homeless Individuals and Families Information System
- Housing Focused Shelter Pilot
- By-Name List Score Card
- The state of homelessness today in Niagara Region
- What does this mean for Niagara?
- Where do we go from here?

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**5.1 PHD 10 -2020**

Niagara Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Transformation Update 3

Kevin Smith, Chief/Director, Niagara Emergency Medical Services, provided information respecting Niagara Emergency Medical Services System Transformation Update 3. Topics of the presentation included:

- System Transformation
- One Year Post Full Implementation
- New Clinical Response Plan
- Economic Analysis
- Projected Resource Requirements
- Cost Avoidance
- System Sustainability
- Cost Avoidance vs. Investment
- Provincial Consultation

Moved by Councillor Insinna  
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Report PHD 10-2020, dated November 10, 2020, respecting Niagara Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System Transformation Update 3, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the dedicated resources required for the sustainment of the Emergency Medical Services System Transformation **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2021 budget process.

**Carried**

5.2 PHD 9-2020

By-law Enforcement Officer Appointments for Outdoor Second-hand Smoking and Vaping By-law

Moved by Councillor Butters  
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report PHD 9-2020, dated November 10, 2020, respecting By-law Enforcement Officer Appointments for Outdoor Second-hand Smoking and Vaping By-law, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the following Regional staff **BE APPOINTED** as By-law Enforcement Officers for the purpose of enforcing Niagara Region By-law No. 112-2013, as amended, to Protect Children and Vulnerable Persons from Exposure to Outdoor Second-hand Smoke:
  - William Dwyer
  - Jesse Edsall
  - Jean-Marc Lemay
  - Ken MacLean
  - Rob Misener
  - Diana Teng
2. That the necessary by-law **BE PREPARED** and **PRESENTED** for Council's consideration.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**6.1 COM-C 31-2020**

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Community Services

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

That Correspondence Item COM-C 31-2020, being a memorandum from A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, dated November 10, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Community Services, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**6.2 COM-C 32-2020**

Niagara Regional Housing Emergency Loan and Grant Program

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Correspondence Item COM-C 32-2020, being a letter from Niagara Regional Housing to Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, dated October 30, 2020, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Emergency Loan and Grant Program (Report NRH 14-2020), **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**6.3 CWCD 290-2020**

Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission – Interim Report

Moved by Councillor Villella

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Correspondence Item CWCD 290-2020, being a memorandum from Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, dated October 30, 2020, respecting Ontario's Long-Term Care COVID-19 Commission – Interim Report, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Remembrance Day**

In light of the restrictions in place respecting the number of people allowed to participate in Remembrance Day services throughout the region due to the pandemic, Councillor Greenwood encouraged individuals to participate in a moment of silence at 11:00 a.m. on November 11.

**7.2 Flu Vaccines**

Councillor Insinna expressed concern regarding the limited number of flu vaccines being distributed to pharmacies and the shortage of the flu vaccine that is specifically for seniors. Dr. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, advised that the province is responsible for supplying flu vaccines to pharmacies.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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Councillor Chiocchio  
Committee Co-Chair

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Councillor Greenwood  
Committee Co-Chair

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Kelly Lotimer  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk