

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

**PHSSC 04-2019
Tuesday, April 16, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Butters, Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair), Darte, Diodati, Greenwood (Committee Co-Chair), Heit, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Rigby, Sendzik, Villella, Whalen

Absent/Regrets: Regional Chair Bradley, Bellows, Gibson, Nicholson

Staff: A. Alfieri-Maiolo, Director, Clinical Services, D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, A. Biscaro, Director, Family Health, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, H. Koning, Director, Senior Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Sinclair, Homelessness Action Plan Advisor, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Greenwood called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 PHD 08-2019 Increasing Capacity for Suicide Prevention Efforts in Niagara (Agenda Item 5.1)

Committee Co-Chair Greenwood advised the delegation request was received after the deadline and would need to be considered by Committee.

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Stephanie Farquharson and Wendi Duggan, Niagara United, **BE PERMITTED** to appear before the Public Health and Social Services Committee as a delegate respecting PHD 08-2019, Increasing Capacity for Suicide Prevention (Agenda Item 5.1).

Carried

4.1.1 Stephanie Farquharson and Wendi Duggan, Niagara United

Stephanie Farquharson and Wendi Duggan, Niagara United, appeared before Committee respecting PHD 08-2019, Increasing Capacity for Suicide Prevention Efforts in Niagara (Item 5.1). Ms. Farquharson and Ms. Duggan highlighted the importance of training and education focused on Niagara's youth, improved data collection and the need to initiate training and education components as quickly as possible.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 PHD 08-2019

Increasing Capacity for Suicide Prevention Efforts in Niagara

Renata Faber, Manager, Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, Lisa Panetta, Manager, Mental Health and Stacey Terry, Chair of the Niagara Suicide Prevention Coalition, provided Committee members with information respecting Increasing Capacity for Suicide Prevention Efforts in Niagara. Topics of the presentation included:

- Reminders around discussing suicide
- Statistics on suicide in Niagara
- Considerations
- Suicide prevention framework
- Recommendations for Niagara Region Public Health and Emergency Services

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Darte

That Report PHD 08-2019, dated April 16, 2019, respecting Increasing Capacity for Suicide Prevention Efforts in Niagara, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the creation of two full time equivalent positions in Public Health & Emergency Services to support mental health resiliency and community capacity-building, with these positions having a dedicated focus on addressing the burden of suicide in Niagara for two years; and
2. That the ongoing operating budget requirements for this initiative **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Darte

That the motion **BE AMENDED** to include Clause 3 as follows:

3. ***That staff BE DIRECTED to work with community partners to ensure that there are trained volunteer personnel on the infrastructure forthwith, that expenses be included in the current budget and that funding be sought from the provincial government for this initiative.***

Recorded Vote:

Yes (10): Butters, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Heit, Insinna, Jordan, Rigby, Sendzik, Villella

No (3): Greenwood, Ip, Whalen

Carried

The recommendations were voted on separately as follows:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the creation of two full time equivalent positions in Public Health & Emergency Services to support mental health resiliency and community capacity-building, with these positions having a dedicated focus on addressing the burden of suicide in Niagara for two years.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (13): Butters, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Greenwood, Heit, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Rigby, Sendzik, Villella, Whalen.

No (0).

Carried

2. That the ongoing operating budget requirements for this initiative **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

Carried

3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to work with community partners to ensure that there are trained volunteer personnel at the location forthwith, that expenses be included in the budget and that funding be sought from the provincial government for this initiative.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (11): Butters, Chiocchio, Darte, Diodati, Greenwood, Heit, Insinna, Jordan, Rigby, Sendzik, Villella.

No: (2): Ip, Whalen.

Carried

Councillor Information Requests:

That the staff invite Niagara Parks Commission to participate in the training opportunities being offered. Councillor Sendzik.

5.2 COM 13-2019

Actions to Inform Procurement Process of EarlyON Child and Family Centre

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Report COM 13-2019, dated April 16, 2019, respecting Actions to Inform Procurement Process of EarlyON Child and Family Centre, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That all current service provider agencies (Appendix A) continue to operate EarlyON Child and Family Centres until the conclusion of the procurement process, and that staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate any and all required amendments and documentation related to existing agreements for current service provider agencies;
2. That the Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) process **BE INITIATED** in Q2 2019 and that staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to enter into negotiations with the selected proponents based on the NRFP process, subject to confirmation of provincial funding;
3. That the evaluation scoring matrix (Appendix B), to be used to score NRFP submissions from potential service providers, **BE APPROVED**;
4. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate with Bethlehem Housing and Support Services as the sole sourced EarlyON service provider to operate an EarlyON Child and Family Centre specifically for high needs families in Niagara;
5. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate with Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre as the sole sourced EarlyON service provider to operate a culturally relevant, Indigenous-led EarlyON Child and Family Centre in Niagara;
6. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate with Centre de santé communautaire Hamilton/Welland as the sole sourced EarlyON service provider to operate a French-language EarlyON Child and Family Centre in Niagara;
7. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate with Sault Ste Marie Innovation Centre to license the use of KEyON data collection software in all EarlyON Child and Family Centres across Niagara; and

8. That the Commissioner of Community Services, or their designate, **BE AUTHORIZED** and directed to execute any and all documents required to implement sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Recommendations in Report COM 13-2019.

Carried

5.3 COM 16-2019

Emergency Shelter Funding Adjustments

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Diodati

That Report COM 16-2019, dated April 16, 2019, respecting Emergency Shelter Funding Adjustments, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the \$1,144,861 increase in emergency shelter homelessness contracts, from \$6,938,250 (initially approved in COM 16-2017) to \$8,083,111 for the (33 month) period July 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020 **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required amendments and documentation related to existing agreements for current service providers of emergency shelter to implement the increases in funding.

Carried

5.4 NRH 1-2019

Budget Adjustment - Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP)

Moved by Councillor Villella
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report NRH 1-2019, dated January 11, 2019, respecting Budget Adjustment – Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program (SHAIP) **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a gross capital budget adjustment in the amount of \$1,075,475 gross and \$0 net **BE RECEIVED** and **INITIATED** for the Social Housing Apartment Improvement Program and that the adjustment **BE FUNDED** by Ministry of Housing - SHAIP grant.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That the following items **BE RECEIVED** for information:

PHD-C 01-2019

Number of Persons Impacted by a Death by Suicide

COM 15-2019

Housing and Homelessness Action Plan Update 2018

COM 18-2019

Senior Services Homes - Volunteer Report

COM 19-2019

Medical Directors Annual Report 2018 - Long-Term Care Homes

CWCD 112-2019

2019 alpha Boards of Health Fitness Challenge

CWCD 131-2019

Opioid Work Update

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness

Councillor Ip enquired as to whether Niagara Region is a member of the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH). Jeffrey Sinclair, Homelessness Action Planner, advised that the CAEH is a national movement to end homelessness and as such does not provide membership. Various initiatives offered by the CAEH, such as Built for Zero Canada do provide membership, although an opportunity for the Niagara Region to join Built for Zero Canada is not currently available. Niagara Region and its funded homelessness services providers continue to participate in the CAEH training and technical assistance program. Mr. Sinclair advised that staff regularly communicate with the CAEH regarding upcoming opportunities and have expressed an interest in participating in Built for Zero Canada if such an opportunity arises.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Councillor Greenwood
Committee Co-Chair

Councillor Chiochio
Committee Co-Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk