

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

**PHSSC 06-2019  
Tuesday, June 11, 2019  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Regional Chair Bradley, Butters, Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair), Darte, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood (Committee Co-Chair), Heit, Insinna, Ip, Nicholson, Sendzik, Villella, Whalen

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Diodati, Jordan, Rigby

Staff: A. Biscaro, Director, Family Health, A. Alfieri-Maiolo, Director, Clinical Services, B. Brens, Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, G. Hovannisyian, Acting Associate Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, J. Sinclair, Homelessness Action Plan Advisor

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**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**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 PHD 09-2019

Amendment to Outdoor Second-hand Smoking and Vaping By-law

Diana Teng, Manager, Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention and Amanda Kirkwood, Program Evaluator, provided information respecting Outdoor Second-hand Smoking and Vaping By-law Amendment. Topics of the presentation included:

- WHO Second-hand Smoke Protection
- Updates to *Smoke-Free Ontario Act, 2017*
- Review of Research
- Public Consultation Results
- Municipal Consultation
- Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Nicholson

Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Report PHD 09-2019, dated June 11, 2019, respecting Amendment to Outdoor Second-hand Smoking and Vaping By-law, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the proposed amendments to By-law No. 112-2013 being a Regional By-law to Protect Children and Vulnerable Persons from Exposure to Outdoor Second-hand Smoke, outlined in the Consultation Recommendations section of Report PHD 09-2019;
2. That Regional Council **ADOPT** a bill to amend By-law No. 112-2013 being a Regional By-law to Protect Children and Vulnerable Persons from Exposure to Outdoor Second-hand Smoke, to include the amendments found in the Consultation Recommendations section of Report PHD 09-2019, that will, if adopted, come into force and effect on August 1, 2019 provided that:
  1. A majority of the councils of the local area municipalities pass resolutions consenting to the By-law; and
  2. The total number of electors in the local municipalities that have passed resolutions in support of the Bill form a majority of all electors in the Region of Niagara as established in the revised list of electors for the municipal election held in the year 2018; and
3. That, subject to the adoption of the aforementioned Bill, a copy of the Bill and Report PHD 09-2019 **BE CIRCULATED** to the Clerks of the 12 local area municipalities with a request that their councils adopt the following resolution and advise the Regional Clerk of the results of that consideration, no later than July 31, 2019:

“That the Council of (name of municipality) consents to the passage of By-law No. <> of The Regional Municipality of Niagara, being a by-law to amend By-law 112-2013 - A Regional By-law to Protect Children and Vulnerable Persons from Exposure to Outdoor Second-hand Smoke.”

**Carried**

5.2 PHD 10-2019

Approval of 2018-2019 Public Health Program Audits

Moved by Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report PHD 10-2019, dated June 11, 2019, respecting Approval of 2018-2019 Public Health Program Audits, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the draft audited Schedule of Revenues and Expenses for Infant & Child Development Services for the calendar year ended December 31, 2018 (Appendix 1), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the draft audited Schedules of Revenue and Expenses and Annual Reconciliation Return for the following programs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2019 (Appendix 2 to 4), **BE APPROVED**:
  1. Ambulance Communications Services— Schedule of Revenue and Expenses (Appendix 2)
  2. Community Mental Health Program— Schedule of Revenue and Expenses (Appendix 3) & Annual Reconciliation Return (Appendix 4)
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
4. That this report **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Requests:**

Provide information respecting the annual rate of staff turnover within the Mental Health division of Public Health. Councillor Butters.

5.3 COM 22-2019

Approval of 2018-2019 Community Service Program Audits

Moved by Councillor Ip  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report COM 22-2019, dated June 11, 2019, respecting Approval of 2018-2019 Community Service Program Audits, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the draft audited schedule of revenues and expenses for the Homelessness Partnering Strategy Program for the fiscal period ended March 31, 2019 (Appendix 1), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the draft audited schedule of revenues and expenses for the Community Support Service Program, for the calendar year ended December 31, 2018 (Appendix 2), **BE APPROVED**;
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
4. That this report **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Carried**

5.4 COM 23-2019

Niagara Region Application for Built for Zero Canada

Moved by Councillor Sendzik

Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Report COM 23-2019, dated June 11, 2019, respecting Niagara Region Application for Built for Zero, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **ENDORSE** a Niagara Region application to participate in Built for Zero Canada, a campaign to end chronic homelessness.

**Carried**

5.5 NRH 6-2019

New Housing Allowance/ Rent Supplement Initiative

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report NRH 6-2019, dated April 26, 2019, respecting New Housing Allowance/Rent Supplement Initiative, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Niagara Regional Housing (NRH) Board of Directors **RECOMMENDS** to Regional Council, that NRH commit in principle to fund up to 25% of the proposed City of Niagara Falls development project for a combination of Rent Geared to Income (RGI) and Housing Allowance (H/A) units for 20 years (2022-2042); and

2. That the CEO and NRH staff, subject to Council approving the forgoing recommendations, **BE DIRECTED** to investigate and recommend in a further report for final commitment.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Ip  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

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

COM 24-2019  
Supportive Housing - Human Trafficking Safe House Pilot

COM 25-2019  
Niagara Prosperity Initiative 2019 Update

COM 26-2019  
Homelessness Services Report 2018

COM 27-2019  
Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report 2018-2019

PHD-C 02-2019  
Accountability Indicators

NRH 7-2019  
Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly (Q1) Report - January 1 to March 31, 2019

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Port Colborne Quarry Site Alteration Permit

Councillor Butters advised Committee members of a site alteration permit application being considered by the City of Port Colborne respecting a depleted quarry owned by Port Colborne Quarries. The application seeks to fill in a depleted quarry which may have implications for the vulnerable aquifer located in this area.

Moved by Councillor Butters  
Seconded by Councillor Villella

That staff, in coordination with the appropriate stakeholders, **BE DIRECTED** to provide regular reporting and recommendations to the Public Health and Social Services Committee respecting the monitoring and protection of the vulnerable aquifer in the southern Niagara Region.

**Carried**

7.2 Reversal of Current and Previous Provincial Funding Cuts to Affordable Housing, Homelessness and Mental Health and Addiction Programs

Councillor Sendzik advised Committee members of a motion passed by the City of St. Catharines Council, requesting the Provincial Government to reverse current and previous funding cuts to affordable housing, homelessness, mental health and addiction programs. He suggested that this item be included as a delegation at the upcoming Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference.

7.3 Port Colborne Quarry Information Session

Councillor Vilella advised Committee members that a public information session regarding the Port Colborne Quarry and the site alteration permit was being held on June 11, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Brebeuf Hall in Port Colborne.

7.4 Upcoming Events

Councillor Greenwood announced the LEAP (Learning, Earning & Parenting Program) graduation ceremony taking place on June 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. and the Rapelje Lodge Picnic taking place on August 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

There were no closed session items.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

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Councillor Greenwood  
Committee Co-Chair

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Councillor Chiochio  
Committee Co-Chair

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Kelly Lotimer  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk