

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

**PHSSC 08-2019  
Tuesday, August 6, 2019  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

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

Absent/Regrets: Diodati

Staff: A. Alfieri-Maiolo, Director, Clinical Services, C. Banach, Manager, Housing Operations, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, S. Kearns, Director, Environmental Health, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K. Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

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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**

**3.1 System Transformation Update - Niagara Emergency Medical Services**

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

- Response Time Reliability Performance Results/ Revised Response Times
- System Transformation
- New Clinical Response Plan (CRP)
- Internal Consultations
- Provincial Consultation
- Public Awareness

3.2 Ticks and Lyme Disease

Peter Jekel, Manager, Environmental Health and Kathy Bell, Manager, Infectious Disease, provided information respecting Ticks and Lyme Disease. Topics of the presentation included:

- Ticks
- Lyme Disease
- Surveillance
- Statistics

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 COM 35-2019

Approval of the 2018 Long-Term Care Home Annual Reports

Moved by Councillor Insinna

Seconded by Councillor Bellows

That Report COM 35-2019, dated August 6, 2019, respecting Approval of the 2018 Long-Term Care Home Annual Reports, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2018 Audited Long-Term Care Home Annual Reports – Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) for the calendar year ended December 31, 2018 (attached in appendices 1 through 8 to Report COM 35-2019), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
3. That this report **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Carried**

5.2 COM-C 3-2019

Niagara Regional Housing Report NRH 9-2019 regarding Approval of Use of 2018 Surplus

Moved by Councillor Sendzik  
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Correspondence Item COM-C 3-2019, being a letter to Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, from Niagara Regional Housing, dated July 19, 2019, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Approval of Use for 2018 Surplus (NRH 9-2019), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a budget adjustment for Niagara Regional Housing in the amount of \$1,200,000 **BE APPROVED** as follows:
  - a. \$900,000 to be transferred to the Niagara Regional Housing Owned-units Reserve to be used for the proposed 2020 Niagara Falls Multi-Residential Intensification Capital Project; and
  - b. \$300,000 to be transferred to the Homelessness Services 2019 operating budget to allow for an increased number of supportive housing units and associated supports and housing allowances.

**Carried**

5.3 COM-C 4-2019

Niagara Regional Housing Report NRH 10-2019 regarding Strategic Plan and 2019 Business Plan.

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Villella

That Correspondence Item COM-C 4-2019, being a letter to Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, from Niagara Regional Housing, dated July 19, 2019, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Strategic Plan and 2019 Business Plan (NRH 10-2019), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2019 - 2023 Owned Units Division Strategic Plan and 2019 Business Plan **BE ENDORSED** by Regional Council.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

6.1 COM 33-2019

Provincial Policy and Funding Changes: Monitoring for Local Community Impacts

Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, provided information respecting Provincial Policy and Funding Changes: Monitoring for Local Community Impacts. Topics of the presentation included policy and funding changes that may impact clients and services in the following divisions:

- Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities
- Children's Services
- Senior's Services
- Homelessness Services

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Report COM 33-2019, dated August 6, 2019, respecting Provincial Policy and Funding Changes: Monitoring for Local Community Impacts and the associated presentation, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area MPs and MPPs.

**Carried**

6.2 CWCD 287-2019

Opioid Work Update

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Memorandum CWCD 287-2019, dated July 26, 2019, respecting Opioid Work Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide information respecting programs and services related to needle exchange and disposal initiatives. Councillor Ip.

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Lyme disease

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Regional Council **REQUEST** the Ontario College of Family Physicians share what is being done to educate and ensure local family physicians follow best practice guidelines with respect to Lyme disease diagnosis and treatment.

**Carried**

7.2 Rapelje Lodge Family Picnic

Councillor Greenwood advised Committee members of the Rapelje Lodge Family Picnic taking place on Sunday August 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no closed session items.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 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