

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

**PHSSC 09-2019
Tuesday, September 10, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

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

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Butters, Jordan

Staff: A. Alfieri-Maiolo, Director, Clinical Services, A. Biscaro, Director,
Family Health, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health,
A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, H. Koning,
Director, Senior Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator,
A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K. Smith, Chief/Director,
Emergency Medical Services

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 16-2019 Supporting Seniors Dental Care with Provincial Funding
(Agenda Item 5.3)**

Lori Kleinsmith and Tara Galitz, Niagara Dental Health Coalition,
appeared before Committee respecting Report PHD 16-2019, Supporting
Seniors Dental Care with Provincial Funding (Agenda Item 5.3). Ms.
Kleinsmith and Ms. Galitz spoke in favour of the recommendations in
Report PHD 16-2019.

There being no objection, Report PHD 16-2019 (Agenda Item 5.3) was
considered at this time.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.3 **PHD 16-2019**

Supporting Seniors Dental Care with Provincial Funding

Gloria Morris, Manager, Dental Program, provided information respecting Supporting Seniors Dental Care with Provincial Funding. Topics of the presentation included:

- Current Mandate
- New Community Program
- Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program
- Health Smiles vs Seniors Dental Care Program
- Community Plan – Potential Full Time Equivalents
- Community Plan – Additional Components

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report PHD 16-2019, dated September 10, 2019, respecting Supporting Seniors Dental Care with Provincial Funding, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an adjustment to the previously adopted 2019 Regional Municipality of Niagara operating budget in the amount of \$1,602,750 for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program, fully funded through the Ministry of Health (MOH), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the creation of up to 17.2 permanent full time equivalent positions to support the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program, fully funded through the MOH, **BE APPROVED**;
3. That Public Health staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue to advocate for increased provincial funding for the Seniors Dental Care Program to fully address the population's need; and
4. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to write to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Seniors & Accessibility to thank the Provincial government for this funding.

Carried

5.1 COM 34-2019

Approval of 2018 Child Care Services Schedule of Revenues and Expenses

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report COM 34-2019, dated September 10, 2019, respecting Approval of 2018 Child Care Services Schedule of Revenues and Expenses, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2018 Child Care Services draft schedule of revenues and expenses for the year ended December 31, 2018 (Appendix 1 to Report COM 34-2019), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditors to finalize the statements as presented; and
3. That Report COM 34-2019 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

Carried

5.2 PHD 15-2019

Approval of the 2018 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program Schedule of Revenues and Expenses

Moved by Councillor Heit
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report PHD 15-2019, dated September 10, 2019, respecting Approval of 2018 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program Schedule of Revenues and Expenses, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the draft audited schedule of revenues and expenses for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program for the calendar year ended December 31, 2018 (Appendix 1 to Report PHD 15-2019), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
3. That Report PHD 15-2019 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

Carried

5.4 COM 39-2019

Niagara Ontario Health Team - Full Application

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Report COM 39-2019, dated September 10, 2019, respecting Niagara Ontario Health Team - Full Application, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **ENDORSE** Niagara Region's participation in the Niagara Ontario Health Team full application submission and support Niagara Region as a member of the Niagara Ontario Health Team (NOHT).

Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

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

COM 38-2019
Senior Services Quality Improvement Report – April to June 2019

PHD 17-2019
Mental Health and Addictions Collaborative Work – Niagara Region's Involvement

PHD-C 05-2019
Staff Turnover in Mental Health Program

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Circulate Report PHD 17-2019, respecting Mental Health and Addictions Collaborative Work – Niagara Region's Involvement, to the local area municipalities for information. Councillor Sendzik.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Proposed Class Action Lawsuit Respecting the Opioid Crisis

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a legal opinion on the feasibility of Niagara Region joining the Ontario and British Columbia (and any other) provincial governments in their proposed class action lawsuit from August 2018 against pharmaceutical companies with respect to the opioid crisis.

Carried

7.2 Community Safety Zones

Councillor Greenwood advised Committee members that 40 vehicle were stopped on the first day of school for excessive speed in Community Safety Zones and thanked all involved for their work on this important initiative.

7.3 Long Term Care Home Picnics

Councillor Greenwood announced that the Linhaven Family Picnic, held this past Sunday, was a successful event. Councillor Greenwood announced that the Upper Canada Lodge Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 15, 2019.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Councillor Greenwood
Committee Co-Chair

Councillor Chiochio
Committee Co-Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk