

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

**PHSSC 11-2019
Tuesday, November 5, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

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

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair)

Staff: A. Alfieri-Maiolo, Director, Clinical Services, A. Biscaro, Director, Family Health, R. Ferron, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, Emergency Medical Services, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, H. Koning, Director, Senior Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, R. Mayo, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, Emergency Medical Services, M. Penca, Manager, Homeless Services, K. Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Committee 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 **Environics**

Sinead McElhone, Manager, Public Health Surveillance and Evaluation, provided information respecting Blending Marketing Data with Traditional Health Data. Topics of the presentation included:

- Market Segmentation Data
- Environics - 47 Databases with more than 30,000 variables to help understand your population
- Why is this data useful to Public Health?
- Review of 3 Pilot Projects - Niagara Parents, Cannabis Insights, STI Campaign

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **PHD 20-2019**

Niagara Emergency Medical Services System Transformation Update 2

Kevin Smith, Chief/Director Emergency Medical Services, provided information respecting Niagara Emergency Medical Services System Transformation Update 2. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- 3 Phases of System Transformation
- Early Outcomes
- Community Awareness
- Post Go-Live

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Report PHD 20-2019, dated November 5, 2019, respecting Niagara Emergency Medical Services System Transformation Update 2, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the dedicated resources for the continuation of the Niagara Emergency Medical Services System Transformation, **BE REFERRED** for consideration as part of the 2020 budget process.

Carried

5.2 **COM-C 6-2019**

Recommendations from the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors respecting the Hawkins/Dell Project

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Correspondence Item COM-C 6-2019, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated November 5, 2019, respecting Recommendations from the Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors, regarding the Hawkins/Dell Project, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign the Contribution Agreement required for the Hawkins/Dell project, subject to final ratification of the 2020 Capital Budget by Regional Council.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Butters

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

PHD 19-2019
Ambulance Chassis Review

COM-C 7-2019
Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report April 1 to June 30, 2019

COM-C 8-2019
Niagara Regional Housing 2018 Annual Report

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Articles Respecting Lead Levels in Drinking Water

In response to a series of articles respecting lead levels in drinking water, Dr. Hirji advised Committee members of the rigorous water testing regiment conducted at both the regional and municipal levels in Niagara. As lead can have many different health effects, both the Region and local area municipalities conduct testing throughout their distribution channels and post testing results on their websites. The Public Health Department receives any adverse water testing results from the lab and works with the responsible party to ensure lead levels fall within Ontario Drinking Water Standards. Many local area municipalities have programs in place to assist residents in testing their water to ensure that lead levels fall within these standards.

7.2 Budget Pressures on Public Health and Community Services Programs

Councillor Heit enquired whether the Public Health and Social Services Committee would be provided with information respecting provincial funding cuts to Public Health services and the resulting budgetary impacts. Dr. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, advised that information will be provided to Council at an upcoming Budget Review Committee of the Whole meeting.

7.3 Niagara Falls Volunteer Recognition Event

Councillor Greenwood advised Committee members that both she and Councillor Nicholson attended the 39th Annual City of Niagara Falls Volunteer Recognition Event held at Club Italia on November 4, 2019. Councillor Greenwood congratulated Bianca Marcella, the recipient of the Youth Volunteer of the Year Award. Bianca is a second year Biomedical Sciences student who has volunteered with Niagara Region Public Health Department.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Councillor Greenwood
Committee Co-Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk