

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

**PHSSC 1-2020  
Tuesday, January 14, 2020  
Council Chamber**

**Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

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

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Chiochio (Committee Co-Chair), Darte, Nicholson

Staff: A. Alfieri-Maiolo, Director, Clinical Services, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, G. Durfey, Emergency Management Program Advisor, D. Edgar, Director, Children's Services, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, P. Martel, Emergency Management Program Specialist, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K. Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Committee Co-Chair Greenwood called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

3.1 E-Cigarette Update

Diana Teng, Manager Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention, provided an update on E-Cigarettes. Topics of the presentation included:

- Youth Perception
- Public Health Agency of Canada Investigation
- Centres for Disease Control & Prevention Investigation
- Legislative Status

**4. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 PHD 1-2020

Niagara Emergency Management Program Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Foster

Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Report PHD 1-2020, dated January 14, 2020, respecting Niagara Emergency Management Program Annual Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPOINT** the members of the Niagara Region's Municipal Emergency Control Group by position, as required by the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management as outlined in Report PHD 1-2020.

**Carried**

5.2 COM 1-2020

Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Investment Plan 2020-21

Moved by Councillor Rigby

Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Report COM 1-2020, dated January 14, 2020, respecting Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Investment Plan 2020-21, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Ministry mandated Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Investment plan for the 2020-21 funding allotment, **BE APPROVED**.

Moved by Councillor Sendzik

Seconded by Councillor Butters

That the motion **BE AMENDED** to add clause 2 as follows:

2. That the Regional Chair and senior staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue to advocate for additional Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative funding to make Niagara Region whole in comparison to other Regions of similar size.

**Carried**

The Committee Chair called the vote on the motion, as follows:

That Report COM 1-2020, dated January 14, 2020, respecting Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Investment Plan 2020-21, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Ministry mandated Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Investment plan for the 2020-21 funding allotment, **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That the Regional Chair and senior staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue to advocate for additional Community Homelessness Prevention funding to make Niagara Region whole in comparison to other Regions of similar size.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Rigby  
Seconded by Councillor Heit

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

COM-C 1-2020  
EarlyON System Transformation Update

CWCD 455-2019  
2019 Book Distribution Event

COM-C 2-2020  
Activities related to Niagara's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan for November and December 2019

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Mental Health Assistance to Niagara Regional Police**

Councillor Rigby requested information respecting the role of Niagara Region's Mental Health staff in assisting the Niagara Regional Police Service (NRPS) in situations where mental health is a factor. Dr. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, advised that the NRPS have an arrangement with a community agency to provide mental health assistance during calls that may require it. It was also noted that police officers receive ongoing training to handle situations in which mental health is a factor.

7.2 February 11, 2020 Public Health and Social Services Committee Meeting

Dr. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, advised Committee members that the Province is planning a full day regional consultation session respecting proposed changes to the public health sector and emergency health services on February 11, 2020. In order to allow for participation in the session by Public Health staff and Regional Councillors, the meeting scheduled on February 11, 2020 may be cancelled.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

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Councillor Greenwood  
Committee Co-Chair

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Kelly Lotimer  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk