

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

**PHSSC 3-2020
Tuesday, March 10, 2020
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), Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Rigby, Sendzik, Whalen

Absent/Regrets: Heit, Insinna, Villella, Witteveen

Staff: A. Biscaro, Director, Family Health, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, A. Fitzgerald, Manager, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, H. Koning, Director, Senior Services, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, B. Zvaniga, Commissioner, Public Works

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

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

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

Councillor Nicholson declared an indirect pecuniary interest with respect to Correspondence Item COM-C 10-2020, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Letter - Request for Support - Landlord and Tenant Board (Agenda Item 5.4), as he operates a legal practice that often represents clients with matters before the Landlord and Tenant Board.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 COM 5-2020

Local Considerations to Inform the Development of the Next Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy

Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, and Michelle Johnson, Policy Advisor, Community Services, provided information respecting Ontario's Poverty Reduction Strategy - 2020-2025. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background
- Tracking Niagara's Progress to Reduce Poverty
- Local Considerations
 - Housing & Homelessness Prevention
 - Seniors Support & Long-Term Care
 - Child Care and Support for Families
 - Social Assistance & Employment
- Investments in Social Services

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Report COM 5-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Local Considerations to Inform the Development of the Next Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Report COM 5-2020, **BE APPROVED** as a written submission to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services, further to their request for local recommendations to inform the next Provincial Poverty Reduction Strategy.

Carried

5.2 COM 4-2020

Emergency Shelter Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) Award Results

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Bellows

That Report COM 4-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Emergency Shelter Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) Award Results, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the homelessness contracts for emergency shelter services **BE AWARDED** in the amount of \$11,705,184 for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2023 to the following nine (9) service providers:

1. Boys and Girls Club of Niagara	\$ 403,200
2. Casa El Norte Refugee Assistance Program	\$ 403,200
3. The Hope Centre	\$ 1,116,000
4. Matthew House Refugee Ministry of Fort Erie	\$ 403,200
5. The RAFT (Niagara Resource Service for Youth)	\$ 583,434
6. The Salvation Army Booth Centre	\$ 1,050,000
7. Southridge Community Church	\$ 2,577,000
8. Start Me Up Niagara	\$ 966,750
9. The Young Women's Christian Association of Niagara Region (YWCA Niagara Region)	\$ 4,202,400
TOTAL	\$ 11,705,184

2. That an additional contingency of \$250,000 **BE APPROVED** should system adjustments be necessary during the term of the contracts to increase the number or adjust the type of beds offered; and
3. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required amendments and documentation related to the agreements for service providers of emergency shelter to implement funding adjustments.

Carried

5.3 COM 6-2020

Homelessness Services Housing First and Home for Good Contract Extensions

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report COM 6-2020, dated March 10, 2020, respecting Homelessness Services Housing First and Home for Good Contract Extensions, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the existing Housing First contracts **BE EXTENDED** as per Appendix 1 of Report COM 6-2020, with the value of \$76,154;

2. That the existing Home for Good contracts **BE EXTENDED** as per Appendix 1 of Report COM 6-2020, with the value of \$31,579;
3. That an additional contingency of \$25,000 **BE APPROVED** should additional extensions be necessary; and
4. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required amendments and documentation related to the agreements for service providers of Housing First and Home for Good to implement contract extensions.

Carried

5.4 COM-C 10-2020

Niagara Regional Housing Letter - Request for Support - Landlord and Tenant Board

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Correspondence Item COM-C 10-2020, being a letter from Councillor Sendzik, Chair, Niagara Regional Housing Board of Directors, dated February 14, 2020, respecting a letter sent from Niagara Regional Housing to the Ontario Ombudsman requesting a review of the ongoing delays in matters before Landlord and Tenant Board, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Ontario Ombudsman supporting the request from Niagara Regional Housing for a review of the ongoing delays in matters before the Landlord and Tenant Board.

Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Jordan

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

COM 3-2020
Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report – October to December 2019

COM-C 4-2020
Provincial Employment Transformation

COM-C 5-2020
Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report October 1 to December 31, 2019

COM-C 6-2020
Niagara Regional Housing Regulation Changes – Communications Plan and
Flyer for Initial Communications

COM-C 7-2020
2019-RFP-300 – Assertive Street Outreach Request for Proposal Award Results

COM-C 8-2020
2019-RFP-310 – Housing First Request for Proposal Award Results

COM-C 9-2020
2019-RFP-311 – Housing for Good Proposal Award Results

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

8. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Bellows

That the Public Health and Social Services Committee **DO NOW MOVE** into
closed session to receive a confidential verbal update respecting:

A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Provincial Employment
Transformation

Carried

Committee resolved into closed session at 1:45 p.m.

9. BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Committee reconvened in open session at 2:29 p.m. with the following individuals in attendance:

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Staff: A. Fitzgerald, Manager, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, V. Kuhns, Acting Director, Economic Development, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, B. Zvaniga, Commissioner, Public Works

9.1 Confidential Verbal Update

A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Provincial Employment Transformation

Moved by Councillor Bellows
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That the confidential verbal update from A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations or Employee Negotiations – Provincial Employment Transformation, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

10. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Councillor Greenwood
Committee Co-Chair

Councillor Chiochio
Committee Co-Chair

Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk