Minute Item No. 5.1
PHD 4-2020
Approval of 2020 Public Health Program Audits

That Report PHD 4-2020, dated July 14, 2020, respecting Approval of 2020 Public Health Program Audits, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

1. That the draft audited schedule of revenue and expenses and the annual reconciliation return for the Public Health General Programs for the year ended December 31, 2019 (Appendix 1 and 2 of Report PHD 4-2020), BE APPROVED;

2. That the draft audited schedule of revenue and expenses for the Infant & Child Development Services (“ICDS”) program for the year ended March 31, 2020, (Appendix 3 of Report PHD 4-2020) BE APPROVED;

3. That the draft audited schedule of revenue and expenses and questionnaire for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (“HBHC”) program for the year ended March 31, 2020, (Appendix 4 and 5 of Report PHD 4-2020) BE APPROVED;

4. That staff BE DIRECTED to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and

5. That Report PHD 04-2020 BE FORWARDED to the Region’s Audit Committee for information.

Minute Item No. 5.2
PHD 6-2020
Basic Income for Income Security

That Report PHD 6-2020, dated July 14, 2020, respecting Basic Income for Income Security, BE RECEIVED and the following recommendations BE APPROVED:

1. That Regional Council ACKNOWLEDGE the inequitable impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on Niagara residents, including the disproportionate burden of both illness and economic harm borne by those of lower income or in poverty;

2. That Regional Council CALL UPON the federal and provincial government to prioritize measures to reduce poverty and income inequality in our society as one of the changes that should be initiated by this pandemic;

3. That Regional Council RECOMMEND that the federal and provincial governments engage in pilot projects to study policy innovations that can address poverty and income inequality, including the study of a basic income guarantee project in Niagara region;

4. That Regional Council particularly RECOMMEND that the federal government carefully study the Canadian Emergency Response Benefit (CERB) for its impact on health and poverty of recipients as lessons that could be applied to a basic income guarantee pilot, or as a platform for instituting a basic income guarantee; and
5. That Regional Council DIRECT the Regional Chair to communicate these calls and recommendations to the federal and provincial governments.

Minute Item No. 6.1
COM-C 20-2020
COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Community Services

That Correspondence Item COM-C 20-2020, being a memorandum from A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, dated July 14, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Community Services, BE RECEIVED for information.

Minute Item No. 6.2
PHD-C 5-2020
COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Health & Emergency Services

That Correspondence Item PHD-C 5-2020, being a memorandum from Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health/Commissioner, Public Health, dated July 14, 2020, respecting COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Health & Emergency Services, BE RECEIVED for information.

Minute Item No. 6.3
PHD 5-2020
COVID-19 Impact on Niagara Emergency Medical Services


Minute Item No. 6
Consent Items for Information

That the following items BE DEALT WITH as follows:

PHD-C 4-2020, respecting Further Details on Order to Wear Masks in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, BE RECEIVED for information;

COM 15-2020, respecting Affordable Housing Strategy Update, BE RECEIVED and BE CIRCULATED to the Local Area Municipalities; and