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

2. **DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**
   There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**
   There were no presentations.
4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **PHD 4-2020**

Approval of 2020 Public Health Program Audits

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

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.

Carried
5.2  PHD 6-2020
Basic Income for Income Security

Moved by Councillor Ip
Seconded by Councillor Butters

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 study of basic income guarantee projects;

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.

The following friendly amendment was accepted by the Committee Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion, so that clause 3 reads as follows:

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.
Committee Co-Chair Greenwood called the vote on the motion, as amended, as follows:

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.

Recorded Vote:


No (0).

**Carried**
6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 COM-C 20-2020
COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Community Services

Moved by Councillor Foster
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

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.

Carried

6.2 PHD-C 5-2020
COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Health & Emergency Services

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

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.

Carried
6.3 PHD 5-2020
COVID-19 Impact on Niagara Emergency Medical Services

Kevin Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services and Richard Ferron, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, Emergency Medical Services, provided information respecting COVID-19 Impact on Niagara Emergency Medical Services. Topics of the presentation included:

- Business Continuity
- Enhanced Roll in COVID Response
- System Demand
- System Performance

Moved by Councillor Insinna
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson


Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Jordan
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

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

COM-C 21-2020, respecting letter of support for Basic Income for Income Security, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

There were no items of other business.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.
9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.

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Councillor Greenwood           Councillor Chiocchio
Committee Co-Chair             Committee Co-Chair

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Kelly Lotimer                  Ann-Marie Norio
Legislative Coordinator        Regional Clerk