

To Ann-Marie Norio, Clerk, Region of Niagara
From Robert Foster, Regional Councillor

Motion for consideration at Corporate Services:

FAIRNESS AND FORMULA

NIAGARA REGION FUNDING FOR FUTURE HOSPITALS IN NIAGARA

Given that the local share of financing is a provincial requirement for the building of every new hospital project in the Province of Ontario;

And further, this requirement is estimated to be 30% of the overall project costs;

And further, with population growth and increasing requirements being seen within Niagara with regards to healthcare needs;

And further, with at least 3 new hospital projects slated to be developed in the Region of Niagara (West Lincoln Memorial Hospital, the South Niagara Hospital, and The Shaver Rehab Centre);

And further, that these healthcare projects will require funds to be raised within our communities to meet the provincial requirements;

And further, that the local share has been a combination of fundraising in the community and thru local municipal governments;

And further, that the Region has previously demonstrated its commitment to healthcare in Niagara with local share financial contributions, most recently providing funding to the St. Catharines General Hospital during that recent building campaign;

And further, given there is no current agreed upon policy or set of principles when it comes to hospital projects and financial support from the Region of Niagara to help finance these important institutions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Region of Niagara **DEVELOP** a policy and a set of principles when it comes to the local share funding of future hospital projects in Niagara;
2. That this policy and set of principles **INCLUDE** a potential combination of a formulaic, fairness and governance approach when it comes to such regional contributions; and
3. That given that there are some time constraints with financial commitments required for at least one hospital project late this fall, that this policy and set of procedures **BE DEVELOPED** and **PRESENTED** for review to the October Corporate Services committee meeting.