

Minute Item No. 3.1

Regional Essential Access to Connected Health (REACH), Niagara - Healthcare, Homelessness & COVID in Niagara

1. That Regional Council **SUPPORT** the extension of the Alternate Funding Plan (AFP) currently provided to the network of primary care physicians across Hamilton (Shelter Health Network) to REACH Niagara which would allow local physicians and specialists through REACH to provide ongoing, compassionate and accessible care to the marginalized across the Region as well as supporting the necessary infrastructure to continue expansion into all of Niagara;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Ministry of Health, supporting the request by REACH Niagara for an extension of the Alternate Funding Plan; and
3. That the motion **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area MPPs.

Minute Item No. 5.1

PHD 8-2020

Occupational Therapists Request for Niagara Emergency Medical Services

That Report PHD 8-2020, dated October 13, 2020, respecting Occupational Therapists Request for Niagara Emergency Medical Services (NEMS), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the addition of two new full time permanent Occupational Therapist positions, using already-approved funding in the Niagara Emergency Medical Services operating budget.

Minute Item No. 5.2

PHD-C 9-2020

Referral of Motion – Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit Drugs

That Correspondence Item PHD-C 9-2020, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated October 13, 2020, respecting Referral of Motion – Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit Drugs, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and

1. That the federal government **BE URGED** to convene a task force, comprised of people who use drugs, family members, and policy, research and program experts in the areas of public health, human rights, substance use, mental health, and criminal justice, to explore options for the legal regulation of all drugs in Canada, based on a public health approach;
2. That the task force **BE URGED** to scale up prevention, harm reduction, and treatment services and to explore the decriminalization of the possession of all drugs for personal use; and

3. That this motion **BE CIRCULATED** to Minister of Health, Patty Hajdu, Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, David Lametti, the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Christine Elliott, Attorney General, Doug Downey, Niagara's MPs and MPPs, Niagara's 12 local area municipalities, Niagara Regional Police Service, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

**Minute Item No. 6
Consent Items for Information**

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

PHD-C 10-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Public Health & Emergency Services

COM-C 29-2020

COVID-19 Response and Business Continuity in Community Services

COM 19-2020

Update on Community Based Capital Program and Early Years Capital Program Projects

PHD-C 11-2020

Decriminalization of Personal Possession of Illicit Drugs

CWCD 268-2020

Opioid Update Memo

**Minute Item No. 9.1
Confidential COM-C 30-2020**

A Matter of a Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality - Niagara Regional Housing Acquisition of Property in the City of Niagara Falls (Confidential Report NRH 12-2020)

That Confidential Correspondence Item COM-C 30-2020, being a memorandum from A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, dated October 13, 2020, respecting A Matter of a Proposed or Pending Acquisition or Disposition of Land by the Municipality - Niagara Regional Housing Acquisition of Property in the City of Niagara Falls (Confidential Report NRH 12-2020), **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.