

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

**PHSSC 8-2021
Tuesday, September 14, 2021
Council Chamber / Video Conference
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee Members Present in the Council Chamber: Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair), Greenwood (Committee Co-Chair)

Committee Members Present via Video Conference: Bradley (Regional Chair), Darte, Foster, Gibson, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Rigby, Sendzik, Villella, Whalen, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Butters

Staff Present in the Council Chamber: S. Burgio, Corporate Performance Specialist, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, M. Elia, Technology Support Analyst, K. Harold, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Penca, Manager, Homelessness Services, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

Staff Present via Video Conference: D. Barnhart, Executive Officer to the Regional Chair, A. Biscaro, Director, Family Health, D. D'Amboise, Manager, Program Financial Support, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, J. Gates, Strategic Projects Coordinator, Dr. A. Kasmani, Associate Medical Officer of Health, S. Kearns, Director, Environmental Health, H. Koning, Director, Senior Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, D. Woiceshyn, Director, Housing Services, B. Zvaniga, Interim Commissioner, Public Works

Others Present via Video Conference: T. Storm and B. Yeandle, Co-Chairs, Overdose Prevention and Education Network of Niagara

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Co-Chair Chiocchio called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Health Equity Informed Planning Project Update - Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review

Dr. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, and Kate Harold, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator, provided information respecting Health Equity Informed Planning Project Update - Health Impact Assessment (HIA) Review. Topics of the presentation included:

- What is a Health Impact Assessment?
- Who uses Health Impact Assessments?
- When should a Health Impact Assessment be completed?
- Health Impact Assessment Levels

3.2 Data Matters

Sam Burgio, Corporate Performance Specialist, and Maggie Penca, Manager, Homelessness Services, provided information respecting Data Matters, Homelessness services. Topics of the presentation included:

- Why data is important for Homelessness Services
- What data we have so far
- How we are using the data
- Where we go from here

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Mandating COVID-19 Vaccinations

4.1.1 April Arthur, resident, Township of West Lincoln, appeared before the Public Health and Social Service Committee to express concerns with mandating vaccines for health care workers.

4.1.2 Steffanie Hancharyk, resident, City of Thorold, appeared before the Public Health and Social Services Committee to express current concerns with vaccine mandates and public health.

4.1.3 Angie Domenegato, Resident, City of Niagara Falls

As the delegation request from Angie Domenegato was received after the deadline, a motion to permit the delegation was required. Committee did not pass a motion to allow Ms. Domenegato to appear as a delegate.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 COM 21-2021

Oonuhseh Niagara Native Homes Property Sale

Moved by Councillor Insinna

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report COM 21-2021, dated September 14, 2021, respecting Oonuhseh Niagara Native Homes Property Sale, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Niagara Region Council, in its role as Municipal Service Manager, **APPROVE** the sale of three scattered homes owned by Oonuhseh Niagara Native Homes (Oonuhseh) and that the revenues from the sales must be used to increase the overall stock of affordable housing for Indigenous households in Niagara region; and
2. That the Commissioner of Community Services **BE AUTHORIZED** to sign a letter, to be provided to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH), giving the Service Manager's consent for the sale of the Oonuhseh properties.

Carried

5.2 PHD 9-2021

Approval of 2020 Public Health General Program Audit

Moved by Councillor Whalen

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report PHD 9-2021, dated September 14, 2021, respecting Approval of 2020 Public Health General Program Audit, **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, 2020 (Appendix 1 and 2 to Report PHD 9-2021), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
3. That Report PHD 9-2021 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

CWCD 2021-190 and COM-C 29-2021 were considered separately.

6.5 CWCD 2021-190
Opioid Update Memo

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Foster

That Correspondence Item CWCD 2021-190, being a memorandum from Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, dated September 3, 2021, respecting Opioid Update Memo, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.4 COM-C 29-2021
Dr. Karl Stobbe - 2020 Canada Volunteer Awards, Community Leader Award Recipient

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Correspondence Item COM-C 29-2021, being a memorandum from A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, dated September 14, 2021, respecting Dr. Karl Stobbe – 2020 Canada Volunteer Awards, Community Leader Award Recipient, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Witteveen
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

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

COM-C 26-2021
Social Assistance Recovery and Renewal Provincial Newsletter

COM-C 27-2021
Niagara Prosperity Initiative - Brock Report

COM-C 28-2021
Activities related to Niagara's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan for June, July, and August 2021

PHD-C 12-2021
Temporary COVID-19 Memorial

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Niagara Emergency Medical Services System Transformation Project

Councillor Insinna requested an update respecting the pilot projects encompassed within the Niagara Emergency Medical Services System Transformation Project, specifically, if the scope of the pilot projects have been expanded to include all areas of the Niagara Region. Dr. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, explained that the pilot projects have been moved into sustained operations going forward and these programs are not limited geographically.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

9. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Councillor Greenwood
Committee Co-Chair

Councillor Chiochio
Committee Co-Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk