

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

**PHSSC 2-2019  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019  
Council Chamber  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair), Darte, Gibson, Greenwood (Committee Co-Chair), Heit, Insinna, Ip, Nicholson, Sendzik, Villella, Whalen

Absent/Regrets: Bellows, Diodati, Jordan, Rigby

Staff: A. Alfieri-Maiolo, Director, Clinical Services, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, D. Edgar, Director, Children's Services, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, C. McGrath, Emergency Management Program Specialist, Sandra Noël, Manager, Children's Services, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K. Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, D. Vanecko, Director, Organizational & Foundational Standards, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Co-Chair Chiocchio called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**3. PRESENTATIONS**

**3.1 EarlyON Child and Family Centre System Transformation - An Orientation**

Darlene Edgar, Director, Children's Services, and Sandra Noël, Manager, Children's Services, provided information respecting EarlyON Child and Family Centre System Transformation - An Orientation. Topics of the presentation included:

- History/Transfer of Responsibility
- Development of Local Plan

- Ministry System Expectations
- Ongoing Planning and Engagement
- Pilot Learnings
- Opportunities Through Transformation

4. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

5. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 **COM 04-2019**

Niagara Prosperity Initiative Update and Appointments to the Niagara Prosperity Initiative's Request for Proposals Review Committee

Lori Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, provided information respecting the Niagara Prosperity Initiative Update. Topics of the presentation included:

- Goals of the Niagara Prosperity Initiative
- Neighbourhood Based Interventions
- Administration
- Funding Process
- Research Project

Moved by Councillor Whalen  
Seconded by Councillor Ip

That Report COM 04-2019, dated February 19, 2019, respecting Niagara Prosperity Initiative Update and Appointments to the Niagara Prosperity Initiative's Request for Proposals Review Committee, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Councillors Greenwood, Ip and Villella, **BE APPOINTED** to the Niagara Prosperity Initiative's Request for Proposals Review Committee for a four year term (2018 - 2022).

**Carried**

5.2 COM 05-2019

Emergency Social Services - Canadian Red Cross Contract/Agreement

Moved by Councillor Sendzik

Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report COM 05-2019, dated February 19, 2019, respecting  
Emergency Social Services - Canadian Red Cross Contract/Agreement,  
**BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk, **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute an agreement with the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) for the provision of emergency social services for a term of three years, in a form that is satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.

**Carried**

5.3 COM 06-2019

Appointment to the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Homelessness Services

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Villella

That Report COM 06-2019, dated February 19, 2019, respecting  
Appointments to the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Homelessness Services, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Councillors Rigby and Sendzik, **BE APPOINTED** to the Community Advisory Board (CAB) for Homelessness Services for a four year term (2018 - 2022); and
2. That the Community Advisory Board's terms of reference **BE AMENDED** to provide for representation from two (2) members of Regional Council.

**Carried**

5.4 PHD 04-2019

Niagara Emergency Management Program Annual Report

Moved by Councillor Butters

Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report PHD 04-2019, dated February 19, 2019, respecting Niagara Emergency Management Program Annual Report, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a Member of Regional Council, **BE APPOINTED** as a representative on the Niagara Region Emergency Management Program Committee.

**Carried**

5.5 PHD 05-2019

2019 Public Health Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission

Dr. Mustafa Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health/Acting Commissioner, Public Health, and Diane Vanecko, Director, Organizational and Foundational Standards, provided information respecting the 2019 Public Health Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission. Topics of the presentation included:

- Public Health Accountability Framework
- Annual Service Plan (ASP)
- Development of ASP
- Highlights of Proposed ASP Submission
- 2019 Budget Request

Moved by Councillor Insinna

Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Report PHD 05-2019, dated February 19, 2019, respecting the 2019 Public Health Annual Service Plan and budget submission, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Board of Health/Regional Council **APPROVE** the 2019 Annual Service Plan (ASP) and budget submission to the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care for March 1, 2019.

**Carried**

**6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Heit  
Seconded by Councillor Ip

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

COM 02-2019

Books and Pajamas Event to Support Niagara Children and Youth

COM 07-2019

Senior Services Quality Improvement Report - September to December 2018

**Carried**

**7. OTHER BUSINESS**

**7.1 Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination**

Councillor Ip provided Committee members with information respecting the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination.

Moved by Councillor Ip  
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That Community Services staff **BE DIRECTED** to provide a report for the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting being held on April 17, 2019, investigating the benefits and potential drawbacks of Niagara Region becoming a member of UNESCO's Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and provide recommended actions respecting initiating meaningful work in Niagara.

**Carried**

**7.2 EMS Paramedics and Dispatchers**

Councillor Butters advised committee members that she met with Kevin Smith, Chief/Director Emergency Medical Services, regarding the working conditions and mental wellness of EMS staff and dispatchers and requested an update on the status of the service and plans going forward. Kevin Smith, Chief/Director Emergency Medical Services, advised that a Committee of the Whole meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, March 7, 2019, to provide Councillors with a history of Niagara Emergency Medical Services, current pressures and future plans.

**8. CLOSED SESSION**

There were no closed session items.

9. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

There were no closed session items.

10. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:04 p.m.

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Councillor Chiocchio  
Committee Co-Chair

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Councillor Greenwood  
Committee Co-Chair

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Kelly Lotimer  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk