

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

**PHSSC 3-2019
Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bellows, Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Chiocchio
(Committee Co-Chair), Darte, Gibson, Heit, Insinna, Jordan,
Nicholson, Rigby, Sendzik, Whalen

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Greenwood (Committee Co-Chair), Ip, Villella

Staff: C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community
Engagement, R. Ferron, Deputy Chief/Associate Director,
Emergency Medical Services, Dr. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer
of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, K.
Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, K. Lutz, Commander/Manager
Quality Management & Professional Standards. C. McGrath,
Emergency Management Program Specialist, J. Mulligan,
Manager, Strategic Sourcing, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K.
Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Chiocchio called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations.

4. DELEGATIONS

4.1 Missing Persons - Call for Regionalized Support

Steven Soos, Resident, City of Welland, appeared before Committee with respect to Missing Persons - Call for Regionalized Support. Mr. Soos requested that Niagara Region assist with bringing partners to the table to improve support for missing persons.

Moved by Councillor Jordan
Seconded by Councillor Bellows

That the presentation respecting Missing Persons - Call for Regionalized Support **BE RECEIVED**.

Carried

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 PHD 06-2019

Mutual Assistance Agreement for Emergency Management

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report PHD 06-2019, dated March 19, 2019, respecting Mutual Assistance Agreement for Emergency Management, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** entry into the Mutual Assistance Agreement as an equal partner with the 12 local area municipalities to facilitate necessary assistance required during an emergency situation; and
2. That the Chief Administrative Officer **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute the mutual assistance agreement and any ancillary documents on behalf of The Regional Municipality of Niagara.

Carried

5.2 PHD 07-2019

Niagara Emergency Management Services (EMS)
Response Time Performance Plan

Moved by Councillor Nicholson
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report PHD 07-2019, dated March 19, 2019, respecting EMS Response Time Performance Plan, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **APPROVE** the Response Time Performance Plan (RTPP) changes outlined in Report PHD 07-2019.

Carried

5.3 COM 12-2019

Group Purchasing Services for Food and Related Supplies

Moved by Councillor Heit

Seconded by Councillor Jordan

That Report COM 12-2019, dated March 19, 2019, respecting Group Purchasing Services for Food and Related Supplies, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Complete Purchasing Services Inc. (CPSI) **BE APPROVED** as the single source purchasing agent for group purchasing services for food and related supplies for the dietary programs at the Niagara Region Seniors Services Long-Term Care (LTC) homes for a period of four years; and
2. That the vendors used in conjunction with the Complete Purchasing Services Inc. group purchasing program for food and related supplies for the dietary programs at the Niagara Region Long-Term Care homes **BE APPROVED** as single source vendors.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Insinna

Seconded by Councillor Bellows

That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care requesting an increase in the amount of funding allocated per resident, per day for meals and snacks for those living in Long-Term Care homes.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 COM 10-2019

Homelessness Services System Review

Cathy Cousins, Director, Homelessness & Community Engagement provided information respecting Homelessness Services System Review. Topics of the presentation included:

- Contextual Data
- Reasons for Housing Loss
- Educational Attainment
- Health
- System Interactions

Dr. John Whitesell, Whitesell & Company, provided information respecting Niagara Region Homelessness Services System Review (NRHSS).

Topics of the presentation included:

- NRHSS Survey Response
- NRHSS Review Methodology
- Alignment & Operational Effectiveness
- System 2.0 Implementation

Moved by Councillor Bellows
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report COM 10-2019, dated March 19, 2019, respecting Homelessness Services System Review, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Gibson

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

COM 11-2019

Niagara Prosperity Initiative - 2015/2016 Project Evaluations

COM-C 1-2019

Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care Announcement "New Plan for Health Care Reform"

Carried

6.4 NRH 4-2019

Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report (Q4), October 1 to December 31, 2018

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Butters

That the 2018 budget surplus identified in NRH 4-2019, **BE CONSIDERED** for reallocation to Niagara Regional Housing to be directed towards housing programs identified by Niagara Regional Housing in cooperation with Community Services to ensure all housing programs have access to the funds.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Bellows
Seconded by Councillor Heit

That Report NRH 4-2019, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Quarterly Report (Q4), October 1 to December 31, 2018, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Councillor Chiochio
Committee Co-Chair

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator