

**Minute Item No. 5.1**

**PHD 11-2022**

**A Renewed Call for Paid Sick Leave in Ontario**

That Report PHD 11-2022, dated June 14, 2022, respecting A Renewed Call for Paid Sick Leave in Ontario, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **RECOMMEND** that the Government of Ontario extend the currently temporary three paid sick days in the Employment Standards Act, 2000 (ESA) set to expire July 31, 2022;
2. That Regional Council **RECOMMEND** that the Government of Ontario engage in consultation with local municipalities, employers, and broader communities regarding making permanent the three paid sick days, and increasing the number of paid sick days to be in line with recommendations for adequate sick leave policies; this consultation should seek to understand the challenges to legislating these sick day policies, and identify the supports necessary to enable increasing the number of sick days and making them permanent;
3. That Regional Council **RECOMMEND** that the Government of Ontario review the impacts of the amendments to the Canada Labour Code that provided 10 paid sick days for all federal employees across the country; and
4. That Regional Council **DIRECT** the Regional Chair to communicate the above recommendations to the Premier, relevant Members of provincial Cabinet, Niagara's Members of Provincial Parliament, Niagara's Members of Parliament, and all Ontario Boards of Health.

**Minute Item No. 5.2**

**PHD 10-2022**

**Improving Indoor Air Quality to Sustainably Prevent COVID-19, Improve Health & Keep Society Open for Good**

That Report PHD 10-2022, dated June 14, 2022, respecting Improving Indoor Air Quality to Sustainably Prevent COVID-19, Improve Health & Keep Society Open for Good, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council, as the Board of Health, **DIRECT** the Chair to write to the Provincial Government (Minister of Health; the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing; the Minister of Finance; and the Chief Medical Officer of Health) and the Federal Government (Minister of Health; Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Infrastructure and Communities; Minister of International Trade, Export Promotion, Small Business and Economic Development; Minister of Finance; and the Chief Public Health Officer) requesting that they urgently:

- 1.1 Update building codes to incorporate higher standards of air quality such that respiratory diseases, especially COVID-19 and other emerging infections, can be sustainably prevented in all new buildings, with regular updates to these building codes, as best available evidence evolves; and
  - 1.2 Create a fund to support small business and local organizations to upgrade the ventilation and filtration in their existing buildings, as well as, invest in validated air cleaning/disinfection technologies with demonstrated safety and effectiveness, so that current public spaces and workspaces can be made safer from COVID-19 and other respiratory infections, including future pandemics of a respiratory virus; and
2. That the above correspondence **BE SHARED** with Niagara's Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament, and all Ontario Boards of Health.

**Minute Item No. 5.3**

**PHD 12-2022**

**Approval of the 2021-2022 Public Health and Emergency Services Program Audits**

That Report PHD 12-2022, dated June 14, 2022, respecting Approval of the 2021-2022 Public Health and Emergency Services Program Audits, **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, 2021 (Appendix 1 and 2 to Report PHD 12-2022), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the draft audited schedules of revenue and expenses for the following programs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022, **BE APPROVED**:
  - Ambulance Communication Services (Appendix 3 to Report PHD 12-2022)
  - Community Mental Health Program (Appendix 4 to Report PHD 12-2022)
  - Infant and Child Development Services (ICDS) (Appendix 5 to Report PHD 12-2022)
  - Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) (Appendix 6 to Report PHD 12-2022);
3. That the annual reconciliation return for the Community Mental Health Program for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2022 (Appendix 7 to Report PHD 12-2022), **BE APPROVED**;
4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
5. That Report PHD 12-2022 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Minute Item 5.4**

**COM 17-2022**

**Approval of 2021/2022 Community Services Program Audits**

That Report COM 17-2022, dated June 14, 2022, respecting Approval of 2021/2022 Community Services Program Audits, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the draft audited annual reconciliation return for the Community Support Services Program (Appendix 1 to Report COM 17-2022) for the year ended December 31, 2021, **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the draft audited schedule of Revenue and Expenses for the Reaching Home Program (Appendix 2 to Report COM 17-2022) for the year ended March 31, 2022, **BE APPROVED**;
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to coordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
4. That Report COM 17-2022 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Minute Item No. 5.5**

**COM 19-2022**

**2022 Operating Budget Adjustment due to the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care: Ontario Plan**

That Report COM 19-2022, dated June 14, 2022, respecting 2022 Operating Budget Adjustment due to the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care: Ontario Plan, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an adjustment to the previously adopted 2022 Regional Municipality of Niagara (Niagara Region) operating budget in the amount of \$16,020,176, to be fully funded through Ministry of Education (MEDU), under the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELLC): Ontario Plan, **BE APPROVED**.

**Minute Item No. 6**

**CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

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

PHD-C 3-2022

Ministry of Health Funding Adjustments

PHD-C 4-2022

An Observational Study of Smoking and Vaping on Beaches

COM 20-2022

Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report: January - March 2022

COM 21-2022

Medical Directors Annual Report 2021 - Long Term Care Homes

**Minute Item No. 6.7**

**CWCD 2022-117**

**Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Letter of Support - Response to the Opioid Crisis in Ontario**

That Correspondence Item CWCD 2022-117, being a letter from Windsor-Essex County Health Unit to The Honourable Christine Elliott Minister of Health and Deputy Premier, dated May 6, 2022, respecting Letter of Support – Response to the Opioid Crisis in Ontario, **BE RECEIVED**;

1. That Regional Council as the Board of Health **ENDORSE** the letter from Simcoe-Muskoka District Health Unit to the Hon. Christine Elliott on March 16, 2022 in response to the Opioid Crisis province-wide, advocating for the provincial government to take the following actions:
  - Create a multi-sectoral task force to guide the development of a robust provincial opioid response plan that will ensure necessary resourcing, policy change, and health and social system coordination;
  - Expand access to evidence informed harm reduction programs and practices including lifting the provincial cap of 21 Consumption and Treatment Service (CTS) Sites, funding Urgent Public Health Needs Sites (UPHNS) and scaling up safer supply options;
  - Revise the current CTS model to address the growing trends of opioid poisoning amongst those who are using inhalation methods;
  - Expand access to opioid agonist therapy for opioid use disorder through a range of settings (e.g. mobile outreach, primary care, emergency departments, Rapid Access to Addiction Medicine Clinics), and a variety of medication options;
  - Provide a long-term financial commitment to create more affordable and supportive housing for people in need, including people with substance use disorders;
  - Address the structural stigma and harms that discriminate against people who use drugs, through provincial support and advocacy to the Federal government to decriminalize personal use and possession of substances and ensure increased investments in health and social services at all levels;
  - Increase investments in evidence-informed substance use prevention and mental health promotion initiatives that provide foundational support for the health, safety and well-being of individuals, families, and neighbourhoods, beginning from early childhood;
  - Fund additional and dedicated positions for local public health to support the critical local coordination and leadership of local opioid and substance strategies;

2. That the Regional Chair as the Board of Health Chair **WRITE** to the incoming Minister of Health articulating the above support for these actions, and particularly emphasizing the urgency to take these actions immediately; and
3. That the correspondence **BE SHARED** with the Premier, the Attorney-General of Ontario, the Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions, the Chief Medical Officer of Health, Niagara Members of Provincial Parliament, Niagara Members of Parliament, the Association of Local Public Health Agencies, and all Boards of Health.

**Minute Item No. 6.5**

**COM 22-2022**

**Niagara Prosperity Initiative Path Forward Update**

That Report COM 22-2022, dated June 14, 2022, respecting Niagara Prosperity Initiative Path Forward Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Minute Item No. 6.6**

**COM-C 9-2022**

**Activities related to Niagara's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan for March, April, May 2022**

That Correspondence Item COM-C 9-2022, being a memorandum from A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, dated June 14, 2022, respecting Activities related to Niagara's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan for March, April, May 2022, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Minute Item No. 9.1**

**Confidential COM 18-2022**

**A Matter of Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by the Province of Ontario under section 239(2)(h) of the Municipal Act pertaining to the allocation of provincial funding for the 2022 fiscal year for the Social Services Relief Fund Phase 5**

That Confidential Report COM 18-2022, dated June 14, 2022, respecting A Matter of Information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality by the Province of Ontario under section 239(2)(h) of the Municipal Act, 2001, pertaining to the allocation of provincial funding for the 2022 fiscal year for the Social Services Relief Fund, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.