
MEMORANDUM

COM-C 22-2023

Subject: Councillor Appointment to the Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS) Steering Committee

Date: March 7, 2023

To: Public Health & Social Services Committee

From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

Community Services, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities is seeking a representative from the Public Health and Social Services Committee to participate on a newly formed Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy (NPRS) Steering Committee.

The goal of the NPRS Steering Committee will be to provide input and set direction for the completion and monitoring of a strategy that will address poverty in Niagara. A Regional Council representative is being sought to act as a poverty reduction champion for the Region.

The purpose of the committee is to:

1. Guide the development of a Niagara Poverty Reduction Strategy and the ongoing monitoring of recommendations;
2. Provide a forum for networking among and between government and community representatives engaged in issues related to poverty; and
3. Engage and champion the advancement of strategies/initiatives that build strong partnerships and enhance community capacity to reduce poverty in Niagara.

NPRS will be comprised of 12 to 15 members with representation from municipal staff, community leaders, the private sector and other community partners. Members will be appointed for a four-year term; however, Councillors will only serve for the term of Council. Meetings will be held quarterly for the first year and reassessed in the second year. The creation of the Poverty Reduction Strategy is expected to be completed by the end of 2023.

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk