

Minute Item No. 5.1

COM 24-2023

Budget Adjustment – Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities

That Report COM 24-2023, dated August 8, 2023, respecting Budget Adjustment – Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities , **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an operating adjustment to the previously adopted 2023 Regional Municipality of Niagara (Niagara Region), Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities (SAEO), operating budget in the amount of \$1,287,250 gross and \$0 net, to be fully funded through the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) funding, **BE APPROVED**.
2. That staff **PROVIDE** a report to a future Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting, respecting costs associated with asylum seekers using the Region's shelter system.

Minute Item No. 5.2

COM 28-2023

Child Care and Early Years 2023 Operating Budget Adjustment

That Report COM 28-2023, dated August 8, 2023, respecting Child Care and Early Years 2023 Operating Budget Adjustment, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a gross operating budget adjustment in the amount of \$6,232,181 gross and \$0 net, to be fully funded through the Ministry of Education (MEDU), **BE APPROVED** to support the Canada Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Expansion Plan and the stability of Niagara's child care and EarlyON system; and
2. That the addition of two (2) new permanent full-time Reporting Analyst positions in Children's Services, funded using the new approved MEDU funding, **BE APPROVED**.

Minute Item No. 5.3

COM 31-2023

Homelessness Contract Adjustments – Emergency Shelter

That Report COM 31-2023, dated August 8, 2023, respecting Homelessness Contract Adjustments – Emergency Shelter, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the previously approved Emergency Shelter contracts and purchase orders totaling \$16,720,444.86, **BE INCREASED** by \$300,000 for a total revised value of \$17,020,444.86, comprised of \$200,000 for an interim wage enhancement increase to respond to recommendations of Niagara's shelter capacity review, addressing Niagara emergency shelter workforce retention issues and a \$100,000 food price adjustment responding to the increased food costs for emergency shelter providers;
2. That an additional contingency of \$300,000, **BE APPROVED** should additional adjustments be necessary; and
3. That the Commissioner of Community Services, **BE AUTHORIZED** to negotiate and execute the required amendments to implement contract amendments for service providers within Homelessness Services in a form approved by the Director of Legal Services.

Minute Item No. 5.4

PHD-C 3-2023

Motion respecting Access to Birth Control

WHEREAS universal coverage of contraception enables people to freely decide if or when to become parents and how many children to have, and can also increase gender equality, improve health outcomes, and save on health care costs;

WHEREAS timely access to effective contraception directly influences the rate of unintended pregnancies;

WHEREAS it is estimated that 30-40% of all pregnancies in Canada are unintended with those of lower socioeconomic status being one of the leading vulnerable groups impacted;

WHEREAS Abortion Clinics in Ontario are not fully funded and in contrast to the Health Canada Act by Canada Health which instructed all Provincial and Territory Health Ministers to fully fund private clinics doing medical required procedures, making user fees illegal.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to send a letter of advocacy on behalf of the Board of Health, to the Provincial government encouraging them to cover the cost of birth control for all Ontario residents; and

2. That a copy of the letter **BE CIRCULATED** to aIPHa, other appropriate partners, and local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament.

**Minute Item No. 6.1
Consent Items for Information**

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

COM 27-2023

Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report January to March 2023

COM-C 28-2023

Activities related to Niagara's 10-Year Housing and Homelessness Action Plan for January to March 2023

CWCD 2023-131

Board of Health for Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health unit – 2024

Anticipated Funding Shortfalls

**Minute Item 9.1
Confidential COM 30-2023**

A Matter of Information Explicitly Supplied in Confidence to the Municipality by Canada, a Province or Territory or a Crown Agency or any of them under s. 239(2)(h) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Building Safer Communities Fund & Grant Program Pilot

That Confidential Report COM 30-2023, dated August 8, 2023, respecting A Matter of Information Explicitly Supplied in Confidence to the Municipality by Canada, a Province or Territory or a Crown Agency or any of them under s. 239(2)(h) of the Municipal Act, 2001 - Building Safer Communities Fund & Grant Program Pilot, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein **BE APPROVED**.