

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

PHSSC 9-2023

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

**Council Chamber - In Person and Electronic Meeting
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

- Committee: Bateman, Bradley (Regional Chair)*, Craitor, Diodati*, Easton, Foster*, Insinna, Kaiser*, Morocco (Committee Co-Chair), Siscoe*, Whalen*, Witteveen
- Other Councillors: Ganann*
- Absent/Regrets: Chiochio (Committee Co-Chair), Ip, Jordan, Sorrento
- Staff: C. Banach, Director, Housing Services, A. Basic, Legislative Assistant, D. D'Amboise, Acting Associate Director, Reporting & Analysis, R. Ferron, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services*, Dr. M. M. Hirji, Associate Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health/Commissioner, Public Health and Emergency Services, S. Kearns, Public Health Chief of Staff*, S. Klair, Director, Children's Services, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, S. McElhone, Director, Organizational & Foundational Standards, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities*, D. Woiceshyn, Housing Services Project Consultant
- Others: B. MacCulloch, Chief of Police, Niagara Regional Police Services*

* indicates members who participated electronically, all other members participated in person

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Co-Chair Morocco called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 Niagara's Situation Table Expansion: A Community Safety and Well-Being Initiative

Anahita Jabbari, Situation Table Specialist, and Michelle Johnston, Program Manager, Community Safety and Well-Being, provided information respecting Niagara's Situation Table Expansion: A Community Safety and Well-Being Initiative. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview of Community Safety and Well-Being Planning in Niagara
- The Situation Table model, history and benefits
- Community-led, local approach to expansion

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 COM 34-2023

Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) - 2023-24 Budget Adjustment

Moved by Councillor Bateman
Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report COM 34-2023, dated September 12, 2023, respecting Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) - 2023-24 Budget Adjustment, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an operating adjustment to the previously adopted 2023 Niagara Region Housing Services operating budget in the amount of \$1,859,947 gross and 0\$ net, to be fully funded through the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Canada-Ontario Community Housing Initiative (COCHI) and Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI) funding, **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 PHD-C 4-2023

COVID-19 Evaluation Report

Moved by Councillor Bateman
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Memorandum PHD-C 4-2023, dated September 12, 2023, respecting COVID-19 Evaluation Report, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 COM 33-2023

Licensed Home Child Care

Moved by Councillor Witteveen
Seconded by Councillor Easton

That Report COM 33-2023, dated September 12, 2023, respecting Licensed Home Child Care, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 EMS Offload Delays

Committee members requested an update on EMS offload delays and wait times. Dr. Kasmani, Commissioner, Public Health and Emergency Services, advised that an update would be provided to Councillors in the near future.

7.2 Minister of Health AMO Presentation

Councillor Easton requested that the presentation provided by The Honourable Silvia Jones, Minister of Health, at the 2023 AMO Conference, be distributed to all Regional Councillors.

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Councillor Morocco
Committee Co-Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk