

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

**PHSSC 1-2024  
Tuesday, January 9, 2024  
Council Chamber - In Person and Electronic Meeting  
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West  
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bateman, Bradley (Regional Chair)\*, Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair), Craitor, Diodati, Easton\*, Foster\*, Insinna, Ip, Kaiser\*, Morocco (Committee Co-Chair), Rigby, Seaborn\*, Siscoe, Sorrento\*, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Jordan, Whalen

Staff: C. Banach, Director, Housing Services, A. Basic, Legislative Coordinator, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, R. Ferron, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services\*, R. Hill, Legislative Assistant, Dr. M. Hirji, Associate Medical Officer of Health, Dr. J. Jackman, Associate Medical Officer of Health\*, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, S. Klair, Director, Children's Services, B. Menage, Director, Procurement & Strategic Acquisition\*, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Penca, Manager, Homelessness Services, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development\*, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, P. Varias, Associate Director, Clinical & Support Services, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities

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

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT**

Councillor Bateman read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations.

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 **COM 1-2024**

Approval of the 2022 Long Term Care Home Annual Report Audits

Moved by Councillor Siscoe

Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report COM 1-2024, dated January 9, 2024, respecting Approval of the 2022 Long Term Care Home Annual Report Audits, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2022 draft audited Long-Term Care Home Annual Reports for the year ended December 31, 2022 (Appendices 1-8 to Report COM 1-2024), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
3. That this report **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Carried**

6.2 **COM 2-2024**

Homelessness Services Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) Award Results - Prevention Services and Housing First and Home for Good Supportive Housing Programs

Moved by Councillor Bateman

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report COM 2-2024, dated January 9, 2024, respecting Homelessness Services Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) Award Results - Prevention Services and Housing First and Home for Good Supportive Housing Programs, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the homelessness contracts to Prevention Services successful proponents outlined in Appendix A of Report COM 2-2024 **BE AWARDED** in the amount of \$5,256,707 for the period April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027;

2. That an additional contingency for Prevention Services in the amount of \$250,000 **BE APPROVED** should system adjustments be necessary during the term of the contracts;
3. That the homelessness contract to Gateway Residential and Community Support Services for the delivery of Housing First and Home for Good (HF/HFG) Supportive Housing Programs **BE AWARDED** in the amount of \$6,337,693 for the period April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2027;
4. That an additional contingency for Housing First and Home for Good in the amount of \$500,000 **BE APPROVED** should system adjustments be necessary during the term of the contracts; and
5. That staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute any required agreements and documentation related to the agreements for the service providers.

**Carried**

## 7. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### 7.1 **COM-C 1-2024**

Homelessness Services Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) Award Results 2024-2027 for Assertive Street Outreach, Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing

Moved by Councillor Insinna  
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM-C 1-2024, dated January 9, 2024, respecting Homelessness Services Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) Award Results 2024-2027 for Assertive Street Outreach, Permanent Supportive Housing and Transitional Housing, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Carried**

## 8. **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 8.1 **Long Term Care Facilities Redevelopment Update**

Councillor Witteveen requested an update regarding the St. Catharines and Fort Erie long-term care home redevelopment projects. Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, advised that the project in Fort Erie is scheduled for completion in June and that the Linhaven project is delayed. She noted Committee would receive an update on this project at an upcoming meeting.

8.2 Partnership Update with Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC)

Councillor Witteveen requested an update regarding the progress on the partnership with CMHC. Cameron Banach, Director, Housing Services, advised that both projects through CMHC with Port Cares in Port Colborne and the Women and Children Fleeing Violence through Community Services in Fort Erie are on schedule and on budget.

8.3 Provincial Gap in Funding for Public Health

Councillor Bateman advised that she would be bringing forward a motion to the next meeting respecting the Provincial gap in funding for Public Health.

8.4 Temporary Shelter Project, City of St. Catharines

Councillor Ip requested an update respecting the temporary shelter project in the City of St. Catharines. Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, advised that a large portion of the modular sections for the shelter have been received and are awaiting placement once the site has been prepared which is expected in the next few weeks.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Councillor Chiochio  
Committee Co-Chair

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Councillor Morocco  
Committee Co-Chair

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Azra Basic  
Legislative Coordinator

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Ann-Marie Norio  
Regional Clerk