

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

**PHSSC 05-2019
Tuesday, May 7, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Regional Chair Bradley, Bellows, Butters, Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair), Darte, Gibson, Greenwood (Committee Co-Chair), Heit, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Rigby, Whalen

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Sendzik, Villella

Staff: C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, K. Desharnais, Communications Consultant, D. Edgar, Director, Children's Services, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, R. Ferron, Deputy Chief/Associate Director, Emergency Medical Services, Dr. M. Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, K. Lutz, Commander/Manager Quality Management & Professional Standards, M. Trennum, Deputy Regional Clerk, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Greenwood called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 What Causes Ill Health in Niagara?

Dr. Mustafa Hirji, Acting Medical Officer of Health/Acting Commissioner, Public Health and Emergency Services and Sinéad McElhone, Manager, Public Health Surveillance and Evaluation, Public Health and Emergency Services, provided Committee members with information respecting What Causes Ill Health in Niagara. Topics of the presentation included:

- Top Illnesses & Risk Behaviours
- The Life Course
- Top Illnesses Across the Life Course
- Top Risk Factors Across the Life Course
- Social Determinants of Health
- Top Illnesses Across Social Determinants of Health Gradients

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 COM 20-2019

Ontario Works Caseload

Lori Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities, provided information respecting Ontario Works Caseload. Topics of the presentation included:

- Financial Assistance
- Caseload Size & Profile
- Employment Assistance
- Performance Outcomes
- Innovation
- Provincial Changes
- Client Testimonials

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Gibson

That Report COM 20-2019, dated May 7, 2019, respecting Ontario Works Caseload, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

6.2 COM 14-2019

Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD)

Moved by Councillor Butters
Seconded by Councillor Jordan

That Report COM 14-2019, dated May 7, 2019, respecting Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD), **BE RECEIVED** and **REFERRED** to the Council Strategic Planning Session being held on May 11, 2019, for further discussion.

Carried

6. **CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Heit

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

COM 21- 2019
Ontario Health Teams

COM-C 2-2019
Senior Services Long-Term Care Homes - Summer Celebration Events

CWCD 173-2019
Public Health Modernization

Carried

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Folk Arts Festival

Councillor Heit advised Committee members of the Folk Arts Festival currently taking place in St. Catharines and encouraged members to take part in the festivities.

7.2 Pelham Art Festival Show and Sale

Councillor Greenwood advised Committee members of the Pelham Art Festival Show and Sale that is taking place from May 10 to May 12, 2019, at the Meridian Community Centre in Pelham.

8. **CLOSED SESSION**

There were no closed session items.

9. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

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Councillor Greenwood
Committee Co-Chair

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Councillor Chiocchio
Committee Co-Chair

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Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

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Matthew Trennum
Deputy Regional Clerk