

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

PHSSC 3-2024

Tuesday, March 5, 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*, Insinna, Ip, Kaiser*, Morocco (Committee Co-Chair), Rigby, Seaborn, Siscoe, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Easton, Foster, Jordan, Sorrento, Whalen

Staff: C. Banach, Director, Housing Services, A. Basic, Legislative Coordinator, D. Carnegie, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, A. Chambers, CSWB Program Manager, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, S. Dupuis, Manager, Compliance & Community Engagement, R. Ferron, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services, B. Fordy, Chief of Police, Niagara Regional Police Services, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, S. Kearns, Public Health Chief of Staff*, A. Kirkwood, Manager, Public Health Surveillance & Evaluation, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, R. Skellet, Manager, Planning Evaluation CQI, J. Spratt, Legislative Coordinator, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, D. Vanecko, Director/ Chief Nursing Officer, Organizational & Foundational Standards, L. Watson, Director, Social Assistance and Employment Opportunities

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

Councillor Witteveen read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 **Community Health Status Assessment**

Amanda Kirkwood, Manager, Public Health Surveillance and Evaluation & Rachel Skellet, Manager, Planning Evaluation CQI, provided information respecting Community Health Status Assessment. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background Information
- Summary of Results
- Observed Changes in Wellbeing

5. **DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 **PHD 2-2024**

Public Health 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission.

Diane Vanecko, Director/ Chief Nursing Officer, Organizational & Foundational Standards, provided information respecting the Public Health 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission. Topics of the presentation included:

- Purpose of the Request
- Accountability Framework
- Annual Service Plan 2024
- 2024 ASP and Budget Submission
- Community Needs and Priorities
- Key Partners
- Programs and Interventions
- Food Safety Program Description, Objectives, and Interventions

Moved by Councillor Seaborn
Seconded by Councillor Siscoe

That Report PHD 2-2024, dated March 5, 2024, respecting Public Health 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Board of Health (BOH) **APPROVE** the Public Health 2024 Annual Service Plan and Budget Submission (ASP) to the Ministry of Health for a total gross budget of \$41,266,266.

Carried

6.2 COM 8-2024

Homelessness Prevention Plan Investment Plan 2024-25

Moved by Councillor Witteveen

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 8-2024, dated March 5, 2024, respecting Homelessness Prevention Plan Investment Plan 2024-25, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Ministry mandated Homelessness Prevention Plan (HPP) investment plan for the 2024-25 funding allotment **BE APPROVED**.

Carried

6.3 COM 9 -2024

CSWB 911 Action Table: Findings and Recommendations

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report COM 9-2024, dated March 5, 2024, respecting CSWB 911 Action Table: Findings and Recommendations, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **REQUEST** the Province of Ontario to support investment in:
 - a) A “civilian-led” or alternate / mental health-only response to mental health and addiction crisis calls;
 - b) Providing enhanced and sustainable funding to close the gaps in local mental health and addiction treatment services, as identified in the Niagara Needs-Based Planning Project; and
 - c) Adequate and sustainable funding for core community mental health and addiction services to support the full continuum of treatment and crisis services;
2. That Report COM 9-2024 **BE CIRCULATED** to Ontario Health for consideration; and
3. That Report COM 9-2024 **BE FORWARDED** to the Community Safety and Well-Being Advisory Committee.

The following friendly *amendment* was accepted by the Chair, and the mover and seconder of the motion to add the following clauses:

4. ***That Report COM 9-2024 BE CIRCULATED to Niagara Regional Police Services Board for consideration of endorsement; and***

5. That Canadian Mental Health Association, Niagara Branch, along with the partners they deem appropriate, BE REQUESTED to make a presentation to Public Health and Social Services Committee about an alternative crisis-response model.

The Committee Co-Chair called the vote on the motion as amended.

Recorded Vote:

Yes (12): Bateman, Bradley, Chiocchio, Diodati, Insinna, Ip, Kaiser, Morocco, Rigby, Seaborn, Siscoe, Witteveen.

No (1): Craitor.

Carried

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

Moved by Councillor Bateman
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

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

COM-C 2-2024
Accreditation Report

PHD-C 1-2024
Data Update on Council's Declared States of Emergency

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items of other business.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 p.m.

Councillor Morocco
Committee Co-Chair

Councillor Chiocchio
Committee Co-Chair

Azra Basic
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk