

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

**PHSSC 8-2024**

**Tuesday, September 10, 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\*, Easton, Insinna, Kaiser\*, Morocco (Committee Co-Chair), Rigby, Seaborn\*, Siscoe\*, Sorrento, Whalen\*, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Foster, Ip, Jordan

Staff: C. Banach, Director, Housing Services, A. Basic, Legislative Coordinator, C. Cousins, Director, Homelessness and Community Engagement, R. Hill, Legislative Assistant, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, S. Klair, Director, Children's Services, H. Koning, Director, Senior Services, S. Mota, Senior Program Financial Specialist, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, M. Sergi, Commissioner, Growth Strategy & Economic Development, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer, D. Woiceshyn, Housing Services Project Consultant

\* indicates participants who attended the meeting electronically, all others 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 Witteveen read the Land Acknowledgement Statement.

**3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

4.1 Early Development Instrument 2023 Results for Niagara Region

Satinder Klair, Director, Childrens Services, provided information respecting Early Development Instrument (EDI) 2023 Results for Niagara Region. Topics of the presentation included:

- Background of the Early Development Instrument
- Niagara Region's Results
- Niagara's Approach

**5. DELEGATIONS**

There were no delegations.

**6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

6.1 COM 28-2024

Housing Provider End of Mortgage Strategy - Service Agreements

Donna Woichesyn, Housing Services Project Consultant, provided information respecting Housing Provider End of Mortgage Strategy - Service Agreements. Topics of the presentation included:

- History
- Niagara End of Mortgage Strategy
- Housing Services Financial Model - 20 Years
- Community Housing Investment Opportunities
- Service Agreement Framework

Moved by Councillor Easton

Seconded by Councillor Witteveen

That Report COM 28-2024, dated September 10, 2024, respecting Housing Provider End of Mortgage Strategy – Services Agreements, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Niagara Region Housing Services' End of Mortgage Strategy for Housing Providers, attached as Appendix 1 to Report COM 27-2024, **BE APPROVED** and that the Commissioner of Community Services or designate **BE DELEGATED** the authority to modify the strategy so long as it supports the long-term sustainability of the social housing portfolio at End of Mortgage (EOM) and does not exceed approved budgets; and

2. That the Commissioner of Community Services or designate **BE AUTHORIZED** to enter into service and exit agreements with housing providers, under the Housing Services Act (HSA). S.O. 2011, c. 6, Schedule 1, that have reached or are reaching EOM and execute agreements (including financial plans), in a form satisfactory to the Director of Legal Services.

**Carried**

**Councillor Information Request(s):**

Provide additional information respecting exit agreements and the associated financial plan as part of the 2025 budget process. Councillor Easton.

6.2 COM 25-2024

Budget Adjustment Senior Services

Moved by Councillor Sorrento  
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Report COM 25-2024, dated September 10, 2024, respecting Budget Adjustment Senior Services, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an adjustment to the previously adopted 2024 Regional Municipality of Niagara (Niagara Region) operating budget in the amount of \$5,675,723 to be fully funded through the Ministry of Long-Term Care (MLTC), **BE APPROVED**; and
2. That Regional Council **APPROVE** the addition of 13 permanent Full-Time Equivalents (FTE)'s funded from the Long-Term Care Staffing Increase Funding.

**Carried**

6.3 COM 27-2024

Emergency Social Services - Canadian Red Cross Contract/ Agreement

Moved by Councillor Bateman  
Seconded by Councillor Whalen

That Report COM 27-2024, dated September 10, 2024, respecting Emergency Social Services – Canadian Red Cross Contract/ Agreement, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to execute an agreement with the Canadian Red Cross (CRC) for the provision of Emergency Social Services for a term of three years, effective January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2027, in a form that is satisfactory to the Director of Legal and Court Services.

**Carried**

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

Moved by Councillor Witteveen  
Seconded by Councillor Bateman

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

COM 23-2024

Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Program Directed Growth Priority  
Neighbourhood

COM 26-2024

Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report April-June 2024

**Carried**

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8.1 Provincial Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hubs**

Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, provided a verbal update respecting provincial Homelessness and Addiction Recovery Treatment (HART) Hub applications. Commissioner Jugley advised that meetings with local providers are underway and that there is an intent to apply on behalf of Niagara Region.

### **8.2 Human Rabies**

Dr. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, provided some information respecting the human rabies cases within Ontario. Dr. Kasmani advised that if you have been exposed to a potential rabid or wild animal that it was important to seek out medical advice and that additional information could be found on the Region's website.

### **8.3 Long Term Care Home Update**

Councillor Insinna requested an update on the progress of the long-term care home redevelopments. Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, confirmed that information on the progress of the redevelopments would be provided at a future meeting or through Weekly Correspondence.

**9. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:07 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