

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

**PHSSC 11-2024
Tuesday, December 3, 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*, Whalen, Witteveen

Absent/Regrets: Diodati, Foster, Ip, Jordan, Sorrento

Staff: S. Argiropoulos, Manager, Sexual Health, A. Basic, Legislative Coordinator, D. Carnegie, Acting Commissioner, Corporate Services/Treasurer*, S. Dupuis, Associate Director, Community Strategic Priorities, R. Ferron, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services, R. Hill, Legislative Coordinator, Dr. A. Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, H. Koning, Commissioner, Community Services, E. Liefel, Outreach Services Program Manager, K. Lotimer, Deputy Regional Clerk, B. Plato-Giles, Administrator, Seniors Community Programs, M. Sergi, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, R. Tripp, Chief Administrative Officer

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

3. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

4. PRESENTATIONS

4.1 Niagara Ontario Health Team Strategic Plan

Sabrina Piluso, Executive Director, Niagara Ontario Health Team-Équipe Santé Ontario Niagara (NOHT-ÉSON) provided information respecting the Niagara Ontario Health Team Strategic Plan. Topics of the presentation included:

- Who We Are
- Structure and Governance
- Backbone Support
- Strategic Planning: Collaborative and Inclusive
- Strategic Pillars
- Example Achievements
- Upcoming
- Needed Supports
- Join Our Journey

4.2 Sexual Health Program

Sara Argiropoulos, Manager, Sexual Health, and Kelly Petch, Nurse Supervisor, provided information respecting the Sexual Health Program. Topics of the presentation included:

- Sexual Health Service Delivery Model
- Populations Served
- Sexual Health Program Outlook and Trends
- Sexual Health Team Programming

4.3 Overview of Seniors Community Programs

Beth Plato-Giles, Administrator, Seniors Community Programs, provided information respecting Niagara Region Seniors Community Programs. Topics of the presentation included:

- Overview of Programs and Services
- Healthy, Safe and Strong Exercise
- Seniors Exercise
- South Niagara Health and Wellness Centre Ambulatory Rehab Program
- Wellness Webinars
- Adult Day Program
- Locations
- Respite Companion Program
- Niagara Gatekeepers

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

There were no items for consideration.

7. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

7.1 COM 34-2024

Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report July to September 2024

Moved by Councillor Whalen
Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Report COM 34-2024, dated December 3, 2024, respecting Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report July to September 2024, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

8. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Governor General's Bar for Exemplary Services

Dr. Azim Kasmani, Medical Officer of Health, recognized Richard Ferron, Chief, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), for receiving the Governor General's Bar for Exemplary Services, in recognition of his 30 years of service to Emergency Medical Services.

8.2 Cold Weather Relief Warming Centres

Councillor Bateman requested additional information respecting cold weather relief warming centres specifically, whether these services could be provided prior to the current threshold of -15 degrees Celsius (-20 degrees Celsius with the wind chill). Henriette Koning, Commissioner, Community Services, provided an overview of the Region's cold weather response plan and advised that providing these services prior to temperatures dropping to this threshold would increase the strain on staffing availability and facility safety of these service providers.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Headquarters.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:26 p.m.

Councillor Morocco
Committee Co-Chair

Councillor Chiochio
Committee Co-Chair

Azra Basic
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk