

**Minute Item No. 6.1**

**COM 17-2025**

**Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement Update**

That Report COM 17-2025, dated May 6, 2025, Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement Update, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a gross operating budget adjustment in the amount of \$2,135,544 and \$0 net, fully funded through the Ministry of Education (MEDU), **BE APPROVED** to support Niagara Region's early years and child care system; and
2. That the addition of 6.3 new permanent full time equivalents (FTEs) in Children's Services, one Directly Operated Child Care Specialist position, five (5) Regional Child Care Centre Registered Early Childhood Educators, and a conversion of a part time Child Care Cook to full time FTE (0.3), for a total gross cost of \$673,970 annually, to be accommodated within existing provincial funding **BE APPROVED**, in order to meet provincial requirements for the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) program.

**Minute Item No. 6.2**

**COM-C 12-2025**

**Motion Respecting Alternative Housing Plans and Service Restriction Notifications**

WHEREAS municipalities across the province, including those in the Niagara Region, face growing challenges related to homelessness, including but not limited to tent encampments that affect community health and safety as well as the local economy;

WHEREAS addressing these issues places significant pressures on Local Area Municipalities (LAMs) as the services required to deal with these pressures (created by service gaps of other levels of government) utilize LAM tax levy support;

WHEREAS LAMs are having issues cleaning up encampments in public spaces as some of the individuals in these encampments are restricted from shelter and cannot be moved into an available shelter bed due to these restrictions;

WHEREAS individuals that have service restrictions from shelter and therefore are deemed to be unsafe to be housed in the shelter system, should also be considered to be unsafe to be housed within public spaces in the community; and

WHEREAS it is the Niagara Region's responsibility to deal with homelessness across the Region.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That, when a client is being restricted from Regionally operated or funded shelter, that staff **BE DIRECTED** to develop alternative housing plans for these clients and bring the framework for these clients at the Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting being held on July 8, 2025, for review;

2. That staff **REPORT BACK** on alternative housing plans being uploaded to Homeless Individuals and Families Information System and local area municipalities and Niagara Regional Police being notified about the service restrictions and alternative housing plans for each individual who is restricted; and
3. That staff **PROVIDE** information on the other questions raised on this matter during the meeting.

**Minute Item No. 7**

**Consent Items for Information**

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

COM 15-2025

Seniors Services Quality Improvement Report: January to March 2025

COM 16-2025

2025-2027 Niagara Prosperity Initiative Grant and Awards

COM-C 9-2025

Cost and Benefit of Expanding Street Outreach Service Hours

COM-C 10-2025

Shelter System Data and Trends: 2024 Update

COM-C 11-2025

Cold Weather Advisory Response Programs

PHD-C 2-2025

Health Canada – Emergency Treatment Fund

COM-C 13-2025

Correspondence from City of St. Catharines respecting 320 Geneva Street Bridge Housing Development

NRH 3-2025

Acquisition of Property – 184 Denistoun Street, Welland

**Minute Item No. 10.1**

**Confidential COM 12-2025**

**A Matter of Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations and Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals Pursuant to Sections 239(2)(d)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001: Special Needs Program Update**

That Confidential COM 12-2025, dated April 8, 2025, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations and Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals Pursuant to Sections 239(2)(d)(b) of the Municipal Act, 2001: Special Needs Program Update, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.