

**Minute Item No. 6.1**

**COM 23-2025**

**Approval of Community Services Program Audits**

That Report COM 23-2025, dated July 8, 2025, respecting Approval of Community Services Program Audits, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2023 draft audited Long-Term Care Home Annual Reports for the year ended December 31, 2023 (Appendices 1-8 to Report COM 23-2025), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the draft audited annual reconciliation return for the Community Support Services Program (Appendix 9 to Report COM 23-2025) for the year ended March 31, 2025, **BE APPROVED**;
3. That the draft audited schedule of revenue and expenses for the Reaching Home Program (Appendix 10 to Report COM 23-2025) for the year ended March 31, 2025, **BE APPROVED**;
4. That the draft audited schedule of revenue and expenses for the Unsheltered Homelessness and Encampments Initiative (UHEI) program for the year ended March 31, 2025 (Appendix 11 to Report COM 23-2025), **BE APPROVED**;
5. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
6. That this report **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Minute Item No. 6.2**

**PHD 6-2025**

**Approval of Public Health and Emergency Services Program Audits**

That Report PHD 6-2025, dated July 8, 2025, respecting Approval of Public Health and Emergency Services Program Audits, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the draft audited schedule of revenue and expenses and the annual reconciliation return for the Public Health General Programs for the year ended December 31, 2024 (Appendix 1 and 2 to Report PHD 6-2025), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That the draft audited schedule of revenue and expenses and the annual reconciliation return for the Community Mental Health Program for the year ended March 31, 2025 (Appendix 3 and 4 to Report PHD 6-2025), **BE APPROVED**;
3. That the draft audited schedule of revenue and expenses for the following programs for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2025, **BE APPROVED**:
  - Ambulance Communication Services (Appendix 5 to Report PHD 6-2025)
  - Infant and Child Development Services (ICDS) (Appendix 6 to Report PHD 6-2025)
  - Healthy Babies, Healthy Children (HBHC) (Appendix 7 to Report PHD 6-2025);

4. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
5. That Report PHD 6-2025 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Minute Item No. 7  
Consent Items for Information**

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

COM-C 16-2025  
2025-2026 Homelessness Winter Plan

PHD-C 8-2025  
Warning System Use in Niagara Emergency Medical Services

**Minute Item No. 7.1  
COM-C 17-2025  
Emergency Shelter Service Restrictions**

That Memorandum COM-C 17-2025, dated July 8, 2025, respecting Emergency Shelter Service Restrictions, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**Minute Item No. 8.1  
Emergency Shelter Service Restrictions**

1. That staff **REPORT BACK** on programming, services, and/or partnerships that need to be immediately implemented by Regional staff to ensure that individuals who are restricted from shelter are housed in some fashion, rather than sent to the street;
2. That the report **INCLUDE** financial considerations, analysis, and alternatives reviewed to ensure that individuals who are restricted from shelter are immediately housed in some fashion; and
3. That the report **BE PRESENTED** at the September 9, 2025, Public Health and Social Services Committee meeting.

**Minute Item No. 8.2**

**Motion Respecting Establishment of a High-Level Mental Health and Addiction Treatment Facilities with the Niagara Region - Funded by the Provincial Government**

WHEREAS communities across Ontario, including the Niagara Region, continue to experience a significant rise in individuals suffering from severe mental health issues and substance use disorders;

WHEREAS existing local supports and facilities are under-resourced and are often unable to provide the intensive, wraparound, long-term care needed for individuals with complex or chronic needs;

WHEREAS police services, emergency departments, local shelters, downtown businesses and the broader community are increasingly bearing the burden of responding to crises related to untreated or under-treated mental illness and addictions;

WHEREAS there is a clear and urgent need for a dedicated, professionally staffed facility within the region that can deliver an intensive care for both—comprising medical detox, and long-term residential treatment, psychiatric support, and reintegration services;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

1. That the Council of the Niagara Region, formally **ADVOCATE** for the establishment of an intensive mental health and addiction treatment supportive housing program that includes 24-7 support as well as medication support for clients with complex needs;
2. That Council **CALLS** upon the provincial and federal governments to invest in the planning, funding, and staffing of such facilities to meet the growing needs of vulnerable populations in our community;
3. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to prepare a report identifying potential partnership opportunities with the Ministry of Health, Ontario Health, Niagara Health, community based clinical support services, mental health and addictions service providers, and supportive housing providers; and
4. That a copy of this motion **BE SENT** to Niagara's four MPs; Niagara's four MPPs; the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO); the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); Mayors and Regional Chairs of Ontario (MARCO); Ontario's Big City Mayors (OBCM); and the Ontario and Canadian Associations of Chiefs of Police; The Ontario Ministry of Health, Ontario Health Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing; and Niagara Health.

**Minute Item No. 10.1**

**Confidential COM 24-2025**

**A Matter of Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations and Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals Pursuant to Sections 239(2)(b)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001: Homelessness Services Negotiated Request for Proposal Award Results – 2025-RFP-38-Housing Focused Emergency Shelters**

That Confidential Report COM 24-2025, dated July 8, 2025, respecting A Matter of Labour Relations/Employee Negotiations and Personal Matters about Identifiable Individuals Pursuant to Sections 239(2)(b)(d) of the Municipal Act, 2001: Homelessness Services Negotiated Request for Proposal Award Results – 2025-RFP-38-Housing Focused Emergency Shelters, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations contained therein, **BE APPROVED**.