

Minute Item No. 5.1

PHD-C 06-2019

**Motion Respecting Response to Proposed Provincial Restructuring of Local Public Health Agencies**

1. That Regional Council **THANKS** the Premier and the Minister of Health for responding to feedback by municipalities to delay funding changes to public health and other municipally operated health and social services;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to write a letter to the Minister of Health and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to request that any restructuring or modernization of local Public Health ensure adherence to the following principles:
  - i. That its unique mandate to keep people and our communities healthy, prevent disease and reduce health inequities be maintained;
  - ii. That its focus on the core functions of public health, including population health assessment and surveillance, promotion of health and wellness, disease prevention, health protection, and emergency management and response be continued;
  - iii. That sufficient funding and human resources to fulfill its unique mandate are ensured;
  - iv. That the focus for public health services be maintained at the community level to best serve residents and lead strategic community partnerships with municipalities, school boards, health care organizations, community agencies and residents;
  - v. That there be senior and medical leadership at the local public health level to provide advice on public health issues to municipal councils and to participate in strategic community partnerships;
  - vi. That local public health services be responsive and tailored to the health needs and priorities of each local community, including those of vulnerable groups or those with specific needs such as the indigenous community;
  - vii. That representation of municipalities on any board of health be proportionate to both their population and to the size of the financial contribution of that municipality to the regional Public Health Entity; and
  - viii. That any transition be carried out with attention to good change management, and while ensuring ongoing service delivery;
3. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to work with MARCO/LUMCO and AMO to describe the benefits of Public Health remaining fully integrated with other Niagara Region functions;
4. That the Medical Officer of Health **BE DIRECTED** to continue to report to the Board of Health in a timely manner as any new developments occur;

5. That at a minimum, the Chair of the Board of Health or co-Chair (Public Health) of the Public Health & Social Services Committee **PARTICIPATE** in Ministry consultations with boards of health on public health restructuring, and through the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa); and
6. That this resolution **BE CIRCULATED** to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all municipalities, all Boards of Health, AMO, MARCO/LUMCO, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.

**Minute Item No. 5.2**

**PHD 12-2019**

**Approval of 2018 Public Health Audits**

That Report PHD 12-2019, dated July 9, 2019, respecting Approval of 2018 Public Health Audits, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the draft audited schedule of revenues and expenses and annual reconciliation return for the Public Health General Programs (attached in Appendix 1 and 2 of Report PHD 12-2019), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
3. That this report **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

**Minute Item No. 5.3**

**PHD 13-2019**

**Increasing Capacity for Mental Health Services using External Funding**

That Report PHD 13-2019, dated July 9, 2019, respecting Increasing Capacity for Mental Health Services using External Funding, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Regional Council **APPROVE** creation of two new full time permanent positions in Mental Health, funded using newly approved LHIN funding; and
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to continue to advocate for additional funding for mental health, consistent with the Mental Health & Well-Being objective of Council's new Strategic Plan.

**Minute Item No. 5.4**

**PHD 11-2019**

**Sole Source EMS Interdev Software Support Agreement and Hardware Purchase**

That Report PHD 11-2019, dated July 9, 2019, respecting Sole Source EMS Interdev Software Program Agreement and Hardware Purchase, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Council **AUTHORIZE** staff to proceed with the purchase of Panasonic CF33 laptops and a support and service contract from Interdev as a sole source in accordance with section 18 (a) item (i) of Procurement By-law No. 02-2016, as amended on February 28, 2019, which permits sole source procurement if “compatibility of a Purchase with existing equipment, product standards, facilities or service is paramount consideration.”

**Minute Item No. 5.5**

**COM 29-2019**

**Procurement of Homelessness Services for Period of April 1, 2020- March 31, 2023**

That Report COM 29-2019, dated July 9, 2019, respecting Procurement of Homelessness Services for Period of April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2023, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the Negotiated Request for Proposal (NRFP) process **BE INITIATED** in Q3 2019 and that staff **BE AUTHORIZED** to enter into negotiations with the selected proponents based on the multiple NRFP processes, and award in Q1 2020 based on confirmation of funding; and
2. That the evaluation scoring matrix (Appendix A of Report COM 29-2019), to be used to score NRFP submissions from potential proponents, **BE APPROVED**.

**Minute Item No. 5.6**

**COM 31-2019**

**Budget Adjustment – Children’s Services**

That Report COM 31-2019, dated July 9, 2019, respecting Budget Adjustment – Children’s Services, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That an adjustment to the previously adopted 2019 Regional Municipality of Niagara (Niagara Region) operating budget in the amount of \$2,293,053, to be fully funded through the Ministry of Education (MEDU) grants, **BE APPROVED**.

**Minute Item No. 5.7**

**NRH 8-2019**

**Canada-Ontario Community Housing (COCHI) & Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI)**

That Report NRH 8-2019 respecting Canada-Ontario Community Housing (COCHI) & Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That Niagara Regional Council **APPROVE** the Program and Delivery Fiscal Plan (PDFP) for Year 1-3 under the COCHI and OPHI and **APPROVE** the transfer payment agreement;
2. That the Regional Chair **BE DIRECTED** to demand that the Provincial Government of Ontario provide additional funding for affordable housing programs in Niagara, reinstating the previous funding levels; and
3. That Regional Council **CONSIDER** providing financial compensation for the Provincial funding shortfall to Niagara Regional Housing.

**Minute Item No. 6**

**Consent Items for Information**

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

PHD-C 03-2019

Port Colborne Quarry

PHD-C 04-2019

Mental Health Beds at Niagara Health St. Catharines Site

COM 28-2019

ProKids Program - Providing Recreational/Cultural Opportunities for Children/Youth  
2018 Year End Report

COM 30-2019

School Based Child Care Capital Projects

**Minute Item No. 9.1**

**Confidential Report COM 36-2019**

**A Matter respecting A Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to Any Negotiations Carried on by or on Behalf of the Municipality under s.239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001- Services Transformation**

That Confidential Report COM 36-2019, dated July 9, 2019, respecting A Matter respecting A Position, Plan, Procedure, Criteria or Instruction to be Applied to Any Negotiations Carried on by or on Behalf of the Municipality under s.239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 – Services Transformation, **BE RECEIVED** and the recommendations therein **BE APPROVED**.