

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

**PHSSC 08-2019
Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Council Chamber
Niagara Region Headquarters, Campbell West
1815 Sir Isaac Brock Way, Thorold, ON**

Committee: Bellows, Bradley (Regional Chair), Butters, Chiocchio (Committee Co-Chair), Darte, Foster, Gibson, Greenwood (Committee Co-Chair), Heit, Insinna, Ip, Jordan, Nicholson, Rigby, Sendzik, Villella, Whalen

Absent/Regrets: Diodati

Staff: A. Alfieri-Maiolo, Director, Clinical Services, C. Banach, Manager, Housing Operations, Dr. A. Feller, Associate Medical Officer of Health, A. Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, S. Kearns, Director, Environmental Health, K. Lotimer, Legislative Coordinator, A.-M. Norio, Regional Clerk, K. Smith, Chief/Director, Emergency Medical Services, R. Tripp, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Co-Chair Greenwood called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURES OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest.

3. PRESENTATIONS

3.1 System Transformation Update - Niagara Emergency Medical Services

Kevin Smith, Chief/Director Emergency Medical Services, provided information respecting System Transformation Update - Niagara Emergency Medical Services. Topics of the presentation included:

- Response Time Reliability Performance Results/ Revised Response Times
- System Transformation
- New Clinical Response Plan (CRP)
- Internal Consultations
- Provincial Consultation
- Public Awareness

3.2 Ticks and Lyme Disease

Peter Jekel, Manager, Environmental Health and Kathy Bell, Manager, Infectious Disease, provided information respecting Ticks and Lyme Disease. Topics of the presentation included:

- Ticks
- Lyme Disease
- Surveillance
- Statistics

4. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations.

5. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5.1 COM 35-2019

Approval of the 2018 Long-Term Care Home Annual Reports

Moved by Councillor Insinna

Seconded by Councillor Bellows

That Report COM 35-2019, dated August 6, 2019, respecting Approval of the 2018 Long-Term Care Home Annual Reports, **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendations **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2018 Audited Long-Term Care Home Annual Reports – Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (the Ministry) for the calendar year ended December 31, 2018 (attached in appendices 1 through 8 to Report COM 35-2019), **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.

Carried

5.2 COM-C 3-2019

Niagara Regional Housing Report NRH 9-2019 regarding Approval of Use of 2018 Surplus

Moved by Councillor Sendzik
Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Correspondence Item COM-C 3-2019, being a letter to Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, from Niagara Regional Housing, dated July 19, 2019, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Approval of Use for 2018 Surplus (NRH 9-2019), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That a budget adjustment for Niagara Regional Housing in the amount of \$1,200,000 **BE APPROVED** as follows:
 - a. \$900,000 to be transferred to the Niagara Regional Housing Owned-units Reserve to be used for the proposed 2020 Niagara Falls Multi-Residential Intensification Capital Project; and
 - b. \$300,000 to be transferred to the Homelessness Services 2019 operating budget to allow for an increased number of supportive housing units and associated supports and housing allowances.

Carried

5.3 COM-C 4-2019

Niagara Regional Housing Report NRH 10-2019 regarding Strategic Plan and 2019 Business Plan.

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Villella

That Correspondence Item COM-C 4-2019, being a letter to Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk, from Niagara Regional Housing, dated July 19, 2019, respecting Niagara Regional Housing Strategic Plan and 2019 Business Plan (NRH 10-2019), **BE RECEIVED** and the following recommendation **BE APPROVED**:

1. That the 2019 - 2023 Owned Units Division Strategic Plan and 2019 Business Plan **BE ENDORSED** by Regional Council.

Carried

6. CONSENT ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

6.1 COM 33-2019

Provincial Policy and Funding Changes: Monitoring for Local Community Impacts

Adrienne Jugley, Commissioner, Community Services, provided information respecting Provincial Policy and Funding Changes: Monitoring for Local Community Impacts. Topics of the presentation included policy and funding changes that may impact clients and services in the following divisions:

- Social Assistance & Employment Opportunities
- Children's Services
- Senior's Services
- Homelessness Services

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Nicholson

That Report COM 33-2019, dated August 6, 2019, respecting Provincial Policy and Funding Changes: Monitoring for Local Community Impacts and the associated presentation, **BE RECEIVED** and **BE CIRCULATED** to the local area MPs and MPPs.

Carried

6.2 CWCD 287-2019

Opioid Work Update

Moved by Councillor Ip

Seconded by Councillor Rigby

That Memorandum CWCD 287-2019, dated July 26, 2019, respecting Opioid Work Update, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried

Councillor Information Request(s):

Provide information respecting programs and services related to needle exchange and disposal initiatives. Councillor Ip.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Lyme disease

Moved by Councillor Rigby
Seconded by Councillor Insinna

That Regional Council **REQUEST** the Ontario College of Family Physicians share what is being done to educate and ensure local family physicians follow best practice guidelines with respect to Lyme disease diagnosis and treatment.

Carried

7.2 Rapelje Lodge Family Picnic

Councillor Greenwood advised Committee members of the Rapelje Lodge Family Picnic taking place on Sunday August 11, 2019 at 12:00 p.m.

8. CLOSED SESSION

There were no closed session items.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

Councillor Greenwood
Committee Co-Chair

Councillor Chiocchio
Committee Co-Chair

Kelly Lotimer
Legislative Coordinator

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk