Subject: Approval of the 2018 Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program Schedule of Revenues and Expenses

Report to: Public Health and Social Services Committee

Report date: Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Recommendations

1. That the draft audited schedule of revenues and expenses for the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program for the calendar year ended December 31, 2018 (Appendix 1 to Report PHD 15-2019), **BE APPROVED**;
2. That staff **BE DIRECTED** to co-ordinate with the auditor to finalize the statements as presented; and
3. That Report PHD 15-2019 **BE FORWARDED** to the Region's Audit Committee for information.

Key Facts

- The purpose of this report is to obtain approval of the audited schedule in accordance with the provincial funding requirements.
- The annual Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program questionnaire along with a draft copy of the audited schedule were submitted to the Ministry before the July 31, 2019 deadline.
- Once approved and finalized, the audited schedule for the year ended December 31, 2018 will be submitted to the Ministry.
- In accordance with report AC-C 32-2018 dated June 18, 2018, respecting the Audit Committee Terms of Reference, "other audited financial statements, to include special purpose and compliance-based schedules, are approved by the standing committee with oversight of the program and then referred to Audit Committee for information".

Financial Considerations

The schedule has been prepared in compliance with legislation and in accordance with the requirements and policies stipulated by the Ministry.

A draft copy of the audited schedule for the year ended December 31, 2018 is attached as Appendix 1.

The schedule is prepared specifically for the purpose of meeting the requirements outlined in the service agreement with the Ministry.

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The schedule for Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program is a provincial requirement as noted in the audit report:

"The schedule is prepared to assist the Program in complying with the financial reporting provisions of the agreement dated January 1, 2018 between the Ontario Ministry of Children and Youth Services and the Regional Municipality of Niagara. As a result, the schedule may not be suitable for another purpose."

Analysis

The audited schedule was completed by the Region's external auditors, Deloitte. The auditors have indicated that, based on their review, nothing has come to their attention that causes them to believe that this information is not, in all material respects, in accordance with the Ministry requirements identified.

The approval of the audited schedule rests with the Committee to which the department responsible for the funding reports. In this case, approval by Committee and Council satisfies the Ministry requirement of having approval from the Niagara Region's Board of Health. Upon approval by the Committee, these schedules are referred to Audit Committee for information. Then the department's Commissioner and Treasurer will be authorized to sign the auditor's representation letter to obtain the auditors signed report.

As of December 31, 2018 the Healthy Babies, Healthy Children Program was not in a grant repayable position as all of the funding from the Ministry was spent during 2018.

The schedule is subject to minor wording changes once schedules are finalized.

Alternatives Reviewed

The audited schedule is a Ministry requirement and therefore no alternative is available.

Relationship to Council Strategic Priorities

Not applicable (pending the development of Council Strategic Priorities).

Other Pertinent Reports

None.

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Appendices

Appendix 1   Healthy Babies, Healthy Children – Audited Schedule of Revenues and
Expenses