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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, March 7, 2019 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Present: Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Carter
Councillor Dies
Councillor Roy
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry left at 9:52 AM and came back at 10:19 AM

Absent: Councillor Chapman, Chair

Staff

Present: A. Andrews, Manager, Strategic Partnerships and Initiatives
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Regional Solicitor's Office
A. Bridgeman, Solicitor, Regional Solicitor's Office
J. Dixon, Supervisor, Budgets and Finance
H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services
J. Finlayson, Manager, Corporate Communications
B. Goodwin, Director, Administration
D. Holmes, Director, Business Affairs and Financial Management
S. Howson, Administrative Assistant, Corporate Communications
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
M. Laschuk, Director, Family Services
L. MacDermaid, Director, Long Term Care and Services for Seniors
E. MacDonald, Manager, Social Housing
L. McIntosh, Director, Children's Services
J. Moir, Deputy Chief, RDPS
K. O'Brien, Director, Income and Employment Support
N. Pincombe, Director of Business Planning, Economic Studies & Risk Management, Finance Department
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
S. Rashad, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
T. Tyner Cavanagh, Policy Advisor, Social Services
R. Woon, Solicitor, Regional Solicitor's Office

In the absence of Councillor Chapman, Chair, Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair, assumed the Chair.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(10) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 7, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

5. Presentations

5.1 Dr. Hugh Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services, regarding the 2019 Business Plans and Budget Report for the Social Services Department (2019-SS-3) [Item 7.2B)]

H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services and N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the 2019 Social Services Business Plans and Budget.

N. Taylor provided a brief overview of the Corporate Budget. She stated that the overall property tax impact guideline is 2.2% and identified the following key priorities of the corporate budget:

- Innovate operations and administration
- Respond to ongoing legislative and regulatory changes
- Invest in infrastructure renewal
- Manage the challenges of growth and affordability

Highlights of H. Drouin's PowerPoint Presentation included:

- Corporate Budget Overview
- Social Services Budget Overview
- 2018 Accomplishments
- 2019 Proposed Expenditures & Financing (\$333.7m)

- 2019 Priorities & Highlights
 - Operating
 - Capital
 - Staffing – Children’s Services
 - Staffing – Family Services
 - Staffing – Long Term Care
- 2019 Risks & Uncertainties
- 2019 Initiatives to Modernize & Find Service Efficiencies
- Future Budget Pressures

Staff responded to questions with regards to electronic charting at long term care homes; expanding support and services for issues related to human trafficking; ways to eradicate the long waiting list for child care; the Ontario Works case load; innovative housing networks; allocation of provincial subsidy for child care spaces; initiatives and partnerships in the community; and poverty reduction initiatives.

5.2 Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, regarding the 2019 Business Plans and Budget Report for the Health Department (2019-MOH-1) [Item 6.2 A)]

R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, provided a PowerPoint Presentation regarding the 2019 Public Health and Paramedic Services Business Plans and Budget.

Highlights of the PowerPoint Presentation with regards to Public Health included:

- 2018 Public Health Accomplishments
- 2018 Paramedic Services Accomplishments
- 2019 Proposed Expenditures & Financing – Public Health (\$55.0m)
- 2019 Proposed Expenditures & Financing – Paramedic Services (\$51.0m)
- 2019 Priorities & Highlights – Public Health
- 2019 Priorities & Highlights – Paramedic Services
- 2019 Risks & Uncertainties
- 2019 Initiatives to Modernize & Find Service Efficiencies
- Future Budget Pressures – Public Health
- Future Budget Pressures – Paramedic Services

Staff responded to questions with regards to budget allocation for safe consumption sites; statistics related to treatment centres; impact of changes proposed by the provincial government; whether there are programs funded through the LHIN; increase in paramedic services call volumes; realignment of how call volumes will be handled due to population growth; master plan for ambulance services; possibility of looking at joint facilities for paramedic and fire stations; and fleet numbers and life expectancy of paramedic vehicles.

6. Health

6.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

6.2 Reports

A) 2019 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets (2019-MOH-1)

Moved by Councillor Wotten, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

(11) That we recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

- A) That the 2019 Business Plans and Budgets for Public Health and Paramedic Services divisions of the Health Department be approved;
- B) That a by-law, generally in the form included as Appendix 1 to Report #2019-MOH-1, that amends Regional By-law 18-98 (as amended by By-laws 14-2007 and 01-2016), which establishes a tariff of fees on applications for and issuance of permits under the *Building Code Act, 1992*, effective April 1, 2019 be approved; and
- C) That a by-law, generally in the form included as Appendix 2 to Report #2019-MOH-1, that amends Regional By-law 19-98 (as amended by By-laws 31-98, 15-2007 and 02-2016), which establishes a tariff of fees and charges for certain services provided by the Health Department, under the *Planning Act*, effective April 1, 2019 be approved.

CARRIED

This item will be considered by the Finance and Administration Committee during budget deliberations scheduled to be held March 19 and 20, 2019 and subsequently forwarded to Regional Council.

7. Social Services

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

A) Supply and Service of Food Rethermalization Equipment for the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes (2019-SS-2)

Report #2019-SS-2 from H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(12) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That a sole source contract with Burlodge Canada be negotiated at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$386,000 for a (5) five year period for the supply of the Multigenic brand food rethermalization equipment and the ongoing preventative maintenance and repair services of existing and new Multigenic brand food rethermalization equipment at a cost not to exceed \$120,000 in total for a period of five (5) years at the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes subject to financing being approved in the Long Term Care Homes annual Business Plans and Budgets; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the contract.

CARRIED

B) 2019 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budgets (2019-SS-3)

Report #2019-SS-3 from H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(13) That we recommend to the Finance and Administration Committee for subsequent recommendation to Council:

That the 2019 Business Plans and Budgets of the Social Services Department be approved.

CARRIED

This item will be considered by the Finance and Administration Committee during budget deliberations scheduled to be held March 19 and 20, 2019 and subsequently forwarded to Regional Council.

C) Dissolution of Agreement with the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) and Execution of a New Agreement with Boys and Girls Club of Durham for Youth Trustee Services (2019-SS-4)

Report #2019-SS-4 from H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(14) That we recommend to Council:

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute an agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of Durham for youth trustee services in 2019 for a period of five years.

CARRIED

8. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

9. Confidential Matters

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

10. Other Business

There was no other business to consider.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 4, 2019 at 9:30 AM in the Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(15) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM

Respectfully submitted,

D. Pickles, Vice-Chair

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk