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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 5, 2019

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM

Present: Councillor Chapman, Chair
Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Carter
Councillor Dies
Councillor Roy attended the meeting at 9:40 AM
Councillor Wotten

Absent: Regional Chair Henry was absent due to regional business

Staff

Present: P. Abbey, Director, Oral Health, Dental Health
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services
J. Finlayson, Manager, Corporate Communications
D. Holmes, Director, Business Affairs and Finance Management
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services - IT
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
M. Laschuk, Director, Family Services
L. MacDermaid, Director, Long Term Care and Services for Seniors
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
A. Robins, Director, Housing Services Division

1. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

Chair Chapman introduced and welcomed S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, to the Committee.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(37) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, June 6, 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

There were no presentations to be heard.

6. Health

6.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

6.2 Reports

A) Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) Ambulance/AVL Vehicle Purchases and Standardization (2019-MOH-5)

Report #2019-MOH-5 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(38) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Demers Ambulances Type III Mystere MX164A ambulance with the PRAN AVL system be adopted as the standard for RDPS for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2020; and
- B) That authorization be granted to award a single source agreement to Demers Ambulances for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2020 for the purchase of new ambulances and ongoing parts, pending the approval of the Paramedic Services Business Plans & Budgets.

CARRIED

B) Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) Command and Emergency Response Vehicle Standardization and Upfitting (2019-MOH-6)

Report #2019-MOH-6 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(39) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the General Motors (GM) Chevrolet "Tahoe" be adopted as the standard vehicle for RDPS Command and Emergency Response Vehicles (CERVs) for a further period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2020;
- B) That the current RDPS CERVs custom upfitting package provided by Kerr Industries Limited be adopted as the standard for RDPS for a period of three (3) years effective January 1, 2020; and
- C) That authorization be granted to award a three (3) year extension to the existing agreement with Kerr Industries Limited for the purpose of purchasing custom upfitting packages and/or parts, as approved in the annual Paramedic Services Business Plans and Budgets.

CARRIED

C) Durham Nuclear Health Committee Membership (2019-MOH-7)

Report #2019-MOH-7 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(40) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the following individual be appointed to the Durham Nuclear Health Committee:

Deborah Kryhul, Public Member - Clarington.

CARRIED

D) Provincial Funding for the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (2019-MOH-8)

Report #2019-MOH-8 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received. A revised page (Schedule "A" to Attachment #1 of the Report) was provided as a handout.

Staff responded to questions with regards to whether the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program is for emergency or preventative purposes; and clarification of the location of the underserved areas.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(41) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That annual and permanent unbudgeted 100 per cent Provincial funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health (MOH) in the amount of up to \$1,614,700 (pro-rated at \$1,211,025 for the period April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019) be received as supplementary to the 2019 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets to provide oral health services to eligible low-income seniors as part of the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program;
- B) That approval be granted to increase the Public Health staffing complement to be financed from the annual 100 per cent Provincial funding allocation, as follows:

Two full-time dentists (2.0 FTE)	\$314,892
Two full-time dental hygienists (2.0 FTE)	\$231,478
Three full-time dental assistants (3.0 FTE)	\$258,399
One full-time Clerk 2 (1.0 FTE)	\$78,834
One full-time Administrative Assistant 1 (1.0 FTE)	\$92,053
	\$975,656

- C) That annual increases will be funded entirely from program management costs from the additional 100 per cent Provincial funding allocation.

CARRIED

7. Social Services

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

- A) Summary Report of 2018 Homelessness and Short-Term Rent Support Programs [\(2019-SS-11\)](#)

Report #2019-SS-11 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Staff responded to questions with regards to possible pilot programs to help those living unsheltered better transition to shelter systems; statistics surrounding shelter beds; the importance of modernization of shelters to better meet the needs of those requiring help; and reasons behind why most of the frequent shelter users in 2018 were single males.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(42) That Report #2019-SS-11 of the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information.

CARRIED

B) Connecting Ontario eHealth Agreement for the Region's Four Long-Term Care Homes (2019-SS-12)

Report #2019-SS-12 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(43) That we recommend to Council:

That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to enter into the Connecting Ontario eHealth Agreement and any subsequent agreements, subject to the concurrence of the Regional Solicitor and Commissioner of Finance, unless amended by eHealth Ontario, thereby requiring review and approval by the Health and Social Services Committee and by Regional Council.

CARRIED

C) Unbudgeted funding from the Federal Government of Canada, Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) for a research and innovation project entitled "Rebuilding the village: A novel approach to inclusive early learning and child care environment" (2019-SS-13)

Report #2019-SS-13 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(44) That we recommend to Council:

A) That unbudgeted one-time federal funding in the amount of \$277,625 from Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC) be received as supplementary to the 2019 Business Plans and Budgets to completing a research and innovation project entitled "Rebuilding the village: A novel approach to inclusive early learning and child care environment";

B) That Federal funding in the amount of \$277,625 be expended in accordance with the funding agreement, which includes costs related to, but not limited to: staff wages, project costs, and capital assets; and

- C) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the required agreement related to the additional unbudgeted funding.

CARRIED

- D) Additional Provincial Funding from the 2019 Revised Child Care Allocation, and Fee Subsidy Update (2019-SS-14)

Report #2019-SS-14 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(45) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That additional unbudgeted Provincial funding for child care services from the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$2,114,812 for the Regional Municipality of Durham Children’s Services Division be received as supplementary to the 2019 Business Plans and Budgets and allocated as follows:

Program	Expenditure	Amount \$
Purchased Fee Subsidy Spaces	Fee Subsidy	200,000
General Operating Program – Licensed Home Child Care	Provider Payments	141,450
Special Purpose - Projects	Provider Payments	544,931
Wage Enhancement	Provider Payments Provider Payments – Fee Stabilization (discontinued effective March 31, 2019)	1,051,157 (1,976,485)
Child Care Expansion	Provider Payments Tangible Capital Assets: • Laptops (\$48k); Tablets (\$39k); Desktops (\$3k); Monitors (\$1k); Office Furniture (\$9k).	2,053,759 100,000
Total		<u>2,114,812</u>

- B) That the Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk be authorized to execute the Amended Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement.

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

10.1 Needle Exchange Program

Staff responded to questions of Councillor Carter with regards to details surrounding the funding of the Needle Exchange Program; expectations and desired outcomes of the Program; and whether it would be valuable to have certain guidelines for the Program. Concerns were raised with regards to the alarming number of discarded needles in the City of Oshawa and the need to make the provincial and federal governments aware of the problem. Discussion ensued with regards to the importance of all Mayors to advocate for opportunities to end the problem. It was requested that Dr. Kyle provide further detailed information about the Needle Exchange Program.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(46) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:14 AM

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk