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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 6, 2021

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, May 6, 2021 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:30 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Chapman, Chair  
Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry  
**\*all members of the Committee participated electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Mulcahy  
Councillor Smith  
**\*all visiting Councillors participated electronically**

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health  
J. Nesbitt, Director, Population Health and Chief Nursing Officer  
V. Olmstead, Manager, Population Health, Health Department  
J. Riches, Deputy Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services  
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\*all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

#### 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Roy,  
(19) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 8, 2021, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**5. Delegations**

There were no Delegations to be heard.

**6. Presentations**

**6.1 R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: COVID-19 Update**

R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health provided a PowerPoint Presentation with regards to the COVID-19 Update. A copy of the PowerPoint was provided to members in advance of the meeting.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Current Status
- Variants of Concern
- COVID-19 Vaccinations
- Durham COVID-19 Vaccine Plan
- Provincial Phase 2 Schedule
- Hot Spot Communities
- Hot Spot Area Profiles
- Hot Spot Vaccination Strategy
- DRHD Mass Immunization Clinics
- Hot Spot Pop-Up Clinics – Appointment Only
- Mobile Clinics
- Pharmacies and Primary Care
- Workplace Clinics

R.J. Kyle provided an overview of the current status of the pandemic as well as statistics related to the status of cases and current outbreaks. He stated that as of May 2, 2021, the number of reported COVID-19 cases has been consistently below 200. He provided statistics related to active outbreaks in Long-Term Care Homes, retirement homes and hospitals; schools and childcare; and workplaces and community events.

With regards to vaccinations, R.J. Kyle advised that the total doses of vaccines administered as of May 4<sup>th</sup> is 219,698. He stated that the channels of delivery include community and hospital clinics, mobile clinics, primary care, hot spot popup clinics and hot spot mobile clinics. He further advised that Durham Region is currently in Phase 2 of the provincial plan and provided an overview of the priority groups currently eligible for the first dose of the vaccine.

R.J. Kyle stated that the five hot spot communities in Ajax and Pickering were identified by the province as they have been impacted significantly by COVID-19. In planning for hot spot clinics, he stated that the Health Department considered: community demographics; COVID-19 positivity rates; number of outbreaks and total cases; at-risk determinants; and current vaccination resources. He advised that the hot spot vaccination strategy has 2 components; clinics operated by the Regional Municipality of Durham consisting of mass immunization clinics, pop up rotational clinics and mobile clinics; as well as delivery channels operated by community partners consisting of Durham College/Ontario Tech University Mass Immunization Clinic, pop up fixed clinic at Ajax Community Centre, pharmacies, primary care, and workplace clinics.

R.J. Kyle thanked the Health Department for their efforts during the pandemic.

Staff responded to questions with regards to the possibility of mobile or rotational clinic testing; and the provincial announcement regarding more vaccinations and its effect on Durham Region.

## 7. Health

### 7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

### 7.2 Reports

#### A) Repair and Maintenance of Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) Equipment (2021-MOH-4)

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Report #2021-MOH-4 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,  
(20) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Stryker Pro Care Emergency Care Transport Protect Service Program package be adopted as the standard for a three (3) year term for RDPS to facilitate the repair and annual maintenance of Stryker stretchers, power loaders and stair chairs;

- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to award the sole source purchase agreement of the Stryker Pro Care Emergency Care Transport Protect Service Program for the repair and annual maintenance package for all current Stryker stretchers, power loaders and stair chairs from Stryker Canada ULC at an annual cost of approximately \$135,000 for a term of three (3) years, to be funded from the approved 2021 and annual Paramedic Services Business Plan and Budget; and
- C) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any required agreements.

CARRIED

**8. Social Services**

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

There were no Social Services Reports to consider.

**9. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**10. Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

**11. Other Business**

There was no other business to be considered.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3, 2021 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
(21) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:35 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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B. Chapman, Chair

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N. Prasad, Committee Clerk