



The Regional Municipality of Durham

Health & Social Services Committee Agenda

Council Chambers
Regional Headquarters Building
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

Thursday, June 3, 2021

9:30 AM

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1. Roll Call

2. Declarations of Interest

3. Adoption of Minutes

- A) Health & Social Services Committee meeting – May 6, 2021

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4. Statutory Public Meetings

There are no statutory public meetings

5. Delegations

- 5.1 Lorraine Sunstrum-Mann, Chief Executive Officer, Grandview Kids, re: Sloane's House
- 5.2 Mark Canning, Clarington Resident, re: Rapid Testing in Clarington

6. Presentations

- 6.1 R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health re: COVID-19 Update
- 6.2 Carly Kalish, Executive Director, Victim Services of Durham Region re: Update on Human Trafficking

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

- A) Correspondence from the Municipality of Clarington regarding the resolution passed at the May 25, 2021 Council meeting re: COVID-19 Rapid Testing

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Recommendation: Receive for Information

7.2 Reports

There are no Health Reports to consider

8. Social Services

8.1 Correspondence

8.2 Reports

- A) Approval to Award a Sole Source Contract for Supply and Delivery of Nestle Dysphagia Dietary Products for use by the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes (2021-SS-7)

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9. Advisory Committee Resolutions

There are no advisory committee resolutions to be considered

10. Confidential Matters

There are no confidential matters to be considered

11. Other Business

12. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:30 AM

13. Adjournment

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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 6, 2020

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 4th 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)

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,

B. Chapman, Chair

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk

Clarington

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May 26, 2021

The Honourable Doug Ford, M.P.P.
Premier of Ontario
Via Email: premier@ontario.ca

Dear Premier:

Re: COVID-19 Rapid Testing

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on May 25, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-319-21:

That the delegation of Mark Canning and Gord Gill, Clarington Entertainment Complex, Joey's World 'et al', be received with thanks;

That Clarington Council endorse the COVID-19 Rapid Screening Initiative for small and medium sized businesses and thank the Clarington Board of Trade and Community Services for their support of the program;

That Clarington Council urgently request the Province of Ontario and the Ontario Chamber of Commerce to expand the Rapid Screening Initiative (which screens employees) to include customers and that Clarington is willing to be a pilot project site; and

That a copy of this motion be forwarded to Premier Doug Ford, MPP Lindsey Park, MPP David Piccini, all Durham Municipalities and Durham Region Health Department.

Yours sincerely,



John Paul Newman
Deputy Clerk

JPN/cm

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Mark Canning
Gord Gill



The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

To: Health and Social Services Committee
From: Commissioner of Social Services
Report: #2021-SS-7
Date: June 3, 2021

Subject:

Approval to Award a Sole Source Contract for Supply and Delivery of Nestle Dysphagia Dietary Products for use by the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes

Recommendation:

That the Health and Social Services Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Durham enter into a sole source contract with Nestle Health Sciences at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$240,000 (before applicable taxes) for a three (3) year period for the supply of dysphagia products for the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes to be financed from the 2021 approved and future years' Social Services Business Plans and Budgets; and
 - B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute any necessary documents related to this sole source agreement.
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Report:

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide details and seek approval to award a sole source contract to Nestle Health Sciences for the procurement of dysphagia dietary products for the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes (LTCH) for a three (3) year period.

2. Background

- 2.1 In accordance with the *Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007*, there must be an organized program of nutrition and dietary services for the LTCHs as well as an organized program of hydration for the LTHCs to meet the needs of residents. Every resident must receive food and fluids that are safe, adequate in quantity, nutritious and varied.

- 2.2 Approximately fifteen (15) percent of residents residing in the Region's LTCHs experience swallowing disorders. When eating and drinking become difficult, residents are at risk for choking or aspiration pneumonia, as well as dehydration and malnutrition. Foods and fluids must be thickened with specialized products to be safely consumed.
- 2.3 Since 2011, all four (4) LTCHs have been purchasing dysphagia products from Nestle Health Sciences.

3. Justification for Sole Source

- 3.1 Nestle Food Science has been providing dysphagia dietary products to the four (4) LTCHs for 10 years. The homes are satisfied with the quality of the products.
- 3.2 Any new vendor's product would require extensive time for product evaluation, new recipe development and testing, staff training and education both on the use and clinical record documentation. It is imperative that there is no interruption to service and / or safety to residents requiring dysphagia products.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Region of Durham's Purchasing By-law #16-2020, Section 7 permits the acquisition of goods and services through sole source negotiations. The by-law also requires approval by the standing committee and Council for the award of sole source contracts that exceed \$100,000 in value.
- a. Appendix C, Article 1.1: Permitted if the goods or services can be supplied by a particular supplier and no reasonable alternative or substitute goods or services exist for any of the following reasons: To ensure compatibility with existing goods, or to maintain specialized goods that must be maintained by the manufacturer of those goods or its representative.
- 4.2 The total estimated cost of \$240,000* for a three (3) year term will continue to be included in the annual Business Plans and Budgets for each Long Term Care Home at no additional cost.
- 4.3 As an additional benefit to the Region of Durham, Nestle Health Science is offering an estimated total dollar rebate of approximately \$30,000* to the Region over the three (3) year term.

Note: Dollar amounts followed by an asterisk (*) are before applicable taxes.

5. Relationship to Strategic Plan

- 5.1 This report aligns with/addresses the following strategic goals and priorities in the Durham Region Strategic Plan:

- a. Goal #5 – Service Excellence – Optimize resources and partnerships to deliver exceptional quality services and value.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 It is recommended that authorization be granted to award a three (3) year Contract with Nestle Health Sciences for the supply of dysphagia dietary products for the Region of Durham’s four (4) Long-Term Care Homes.
- 6.2 This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Finance concurs with the financial recommendations.

Prepared by Laura MacDermaid, Director, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors at 905-668-7711, 2704.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou
Commissioner of Social Services

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair
Chief Administrative Officer