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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 3, 2022

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, February 3, 2022, 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 Grant  
Councillor Hight

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services  
J. Gaskin, Manager, Wage Subsidy, Children's Services, Social Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health  
L. McIntosh, Director, Children's Services, Social Services  
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\*all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

## 2. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor Anderson made a declaration of interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act with respect to Report #2022-MOH-1: 2022 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets. He indicated that his daughter is a nurse and a paramedic and is employed by the Region.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

- (1) That the order of the Agenda be altered in order to consider Other Business Item 11. A) at this time.

CARRIED

## 11. **Other Business**

### A) Downtown Oshawa Clean Up Motion

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Discussions ensued regarding the cost of the program, percentage of unsheltered population in Durham Region and specifically in the City of Oshawa, and the requirements if the program requires additional funding.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,

- (2) Whereas the City of Oshawa has experienced a large increase of unsheltered individuals in Oshawa's Downtown and the surrounding areas over the last few years;

And Whereas the issues with unsheltered individuals in Oshawa's Downtown and the surrounding area include the proliferation of waste including food packaging, clothing, sleeping bags and camping equipment, shopping carts, human waste and drug paraphernalia, and other issues including an increase in unlawful behavior, as well as increased mental health and addiction issues;

And Whereas this activity and behavior makes Oshawa's Downtown and the surrounding area unsightly, generates negative feedback from downtown businesses, citizens, and visitors making it extremely difficult to attract new business and retain existing business;

And Whereas on August 30, 2021 the City of Oshawa added extra staff and commenced a program to perform additional cleaning to Oshawa's Downtown and surrounding area including private property, enhanced waste pickup, increased street and sidewalk cleaning and flushing;

And Whereas the City of Oshawa and the Region of Durham entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to share the cost of this enhanced cleaning program including the cost of staffing and equipment for 2021, with the Region of Durham setting an upper limit for cost sharing at \$40,000 for 2021;

And Whereas the MOU between the City of Oshawa and the Region of Durham ended on December 31, 2021, and included the statement that “The Term of this MOU is subject to extension at the Region’s sole discretion for any portion or the entirety of 2022”;

And Whereas the City of Oshawa wishes to continue the enhanced cleaning program for Oshawa’s Downtown and the surrounding area in 2022;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Region of Durham assist with the cost of the enhanced cleaning program for Oshawa’s Downtown and the surrounding area and enter into an MOU with the City of Oshawa for fifty (50) percent of the cost of the program for the calendar year 2022;

And that the Region’s Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the MOU as deemed acceptable by the Region’s Commissioner of Finance and the Regional Solicitor.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY ON THE  
FOLLOWING RECORDED VOTE

Yes

Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Dies  
Regional Chair Henry  
Councillor Pickles  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Wotten  
Councillor Chapman

No

None

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: None

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Dies,  
(3) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 9, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

## 5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

## 6. Presentations

### 6.1 Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: 2022 Health Department Business Plans and Budget (2022-MOH-1) [Item 7.2 A]

R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the 2022 Health Department Business Plans and Budget.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- 2022 Business Plans and Budgets
- 2021 Accomplishments
  - COVID-19 Response Efforts
  - Response to Community Needs
- 2022 Proposed Expenditures & Financing
  - 2022 Proposed Expenditures (millions)
  - 2022 Proposed Funding (millions)
- 2022 Strategic Highlights – Public Health
- 2022 Strategic Highlights – Paramedic Services
- 2022 Business Plans and Budgets
  - Risks and Uncertainties
- Beyond the 2022 Business Plans and Budget
  - Forecasted Pressures

T. Cheseboro responded to questions regarding the recent “Code Zero” calls for ambulances in Durham Region including the factors that went into the delays and plans to mitigate the issues; and, the impact of releasing patients too early from hospital because of the “off-loading” issues which could result in another call to paramedic services a few days later by the same person. T. Cheseboro noted this could be alleviated through the community paramedicine program as a referral could be provided to those patients for a medical follow up through that program.

Chair Chapman requested that going forward, Paramedic Services provide a quarterly update to Committee and Council. It was also requested that Paramedic Services work with Corporate Communications to provide enhanced messaging to Durham Region residents regarding when to call 9-1-1.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(4) That the order of the Agenda be altered in order to consider Report #2022-MOH-1 at this time.

CARRIED

**7. Health**

**7.2 Reports**

**A) 2022 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets (2022-MOH-1)**

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Report #2022-MOH-1 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

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

That the 2022 Business Plans and Budgets of the Health Department be approved.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Carter	None
Councillor Dies	
Regional Chair Henry	
Councillor Pickles	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Chapman	

Members Absent: None

Declarations of Interest: Councillor Anderson

**6. Presentations**

**6.2 Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, re: 2022 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budget (2022-SS-1)**

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S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the 2022 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budgets.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- 2022 Business Plans and Budgets
- 2021 Accomplishments
  - Community Impact
- 2022 Proposed Expenditures & Financing
  - 2022 Proposed Expenditures (millions)

- 2022 Proposed Funding (millions)
- 2022 Strategic Highlights
- 2022 Business Plans and Budgets
  - Risk and Uncertainties
- Beyond the 2022 Business Plans and Budget
  - Forecasted Pressures

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou responded to questions regarding the Durham Region waitlist for housing versus other regions; housing assistance through shelters; an update on the Beaverton Supportive Housing Project as well as the capital budget for the project; the number of residents receiving Ontario Works compared to previous years; expanding the micro home project; and, additional budget pressures for 2022 and beyond.

Councillor Carter requested statistics for Ontario Works recipients in Durham Region compared to other regions in Ontario, and the steps Durham Region can take to lower the number of Ontario Works recipients. Staff advised they would provide that information to Councillor Carter directly.

## **7. Health**

### **7.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

### **7.2 Reports**

#### **A) 2022 Health Department Business Plans and Budgets (2022-MOH-1)**

This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to page 5 of these minutes.

## **8. Social Services**

### **8.1 Correspondence**

There were no communications to consider.

### **8.2 Reports**

#### **A) 2022 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budgets (2022-SS-1)**

Report #2022-SS-1 from Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

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

That the 2022 Business Plans and Budgets of the Social Services Department be approved.

CARRIED ON THE FOLLOWING  
RECORDED VOTE

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Councillor Anderson	None
Councillor Carter	
Councillor Dies	
Regional Chair Henry	
Councillor Roy	
Councillor Wotten	
Councillor Chapman	

Members Absent: Councillor Pickles

Declarations of Interest: None

**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**

11.1 Downtown Oshawa Clean Up Motion

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This item was considered earlier in the meeting. Refer to pages 2 and 3 of these minutes.

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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B. Chapman, Chair

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk