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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, January 12, 2023

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023 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 Roy, Chair
Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter*
Councillor Foster
Councillor Jubb
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also
Present: Councillor Garrod*
Councillor McDougal
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Staff

Present: P. Abbey, Director, Oral Health, Dental Health
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
T. Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services
J. Dixon, Director, Business Affairs and Financial Management, Social Services
L. Fortuna, Director, Health Protection, Environmental Health
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
Z. Jaffer, Director, Administration, Health
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
M. Laschuk, Director, Family Services, Social Services
L. MacDermaid, Director, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors, Social Services
L. McIntosh, Director, Children’s Services, Social Services
P. McTavish, Associate Medical Officer of Health
J. Riches, Deputy Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services
L. Soto Maya, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
J. Svanda, Deputy Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services
C. Taylor, Manager, Budgets & Finance, Social Services

K. Thangaraj, Director, Public Health Department and
T. Tyner Cavanagh, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships
E. Valant, Area Manager, Income & Employment Support, Social Services
A. Wakeford, Senior Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
C. Bandel, Deputy Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
L. Soto Maya, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Dies,
(1) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. **Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. **Presentations**

5.1 Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: Public Health and Paramedic Services Overview

Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Public Health and Paramedic Services Overview.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview
- Public Health in Ontario
- Health Protection and Promotion Act
 - Board of Health
 - Associate/Medical Officer of Health
 - Expenses
 - Agreement
 - Assessment
 - Enforcement
- Paramedic Services in Ontario
- Ambulance Act
- Community Paramedicine
- Health Department
- Locations

- 2022 Paramedic Services Budget
- 2022 Public Health Budget
- Health Programs & Services
- Accountability Framework
- Current & Future Issues
- Resources

5.2 Troy Cheseboro, Director of Paramedic Services, re: Paramedic Services Update

Troy Cheseboro, Director of Paramedic Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Paramedic Services Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Seaton Paramedic Response Station
- Paramedic Services Call Statistics
- Call Statistics – Performance Metrics
 - Call Volumes 2018-current
 - Patient Transports
- Hospital Offload Delay
 - Offload Delay Hours 2022
 - 90th Percentile Offload Delay 2022
 - Offload Delay Hours 2021 vs 2022
 - 90th Percentile Offload Delay 2021 vs 2022
 - Cost 2022
- Offload Delay Cost 2022
- Provincial Update

T. Cheseboro responded to questions of the Committee regarding off load delays and methods employed by other Regional municipalities to address the delays; available resources in Durham Region and how we compare to other municipalities; if changes in emergency room procedures have had a positive impact on off-load delays; and if urgent care closures are impacting paramedic services.

Dr. Kyle responded to questions regarding the possibility of educating councillors with respect to issues with gaps in the health care system and what they need to be advocating for.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

A) Region of Durham Paramedic Services Ambulance Vehicle Purchases and Standardization (2023-MOH-1)

Report #2023-MOH-1 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(2) That we recommend to Council:

- A) The Demers Ambulances Type III Mystere MX164A or replacement model be maintained as the standard for the Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) for a period of five (5) years; and
- B) That authorization be granted to award a sole source agreement to Demers Ambulances for a period of five (5) years, effective January 1, 2023 for the purchase of new ambulances and ongoing parts, pending approval of the Paramedic Services Business Plans & Budgets.

CARRIED

8. **Social Services**

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

A) 2023 Pre-Budget Approval to Establish a Behavioural Supports Ontario (BSO) Virtual Mobile Team Operating out of Fairview Lodge to Support the Central East (CE) Health Region with Funding Provided by the Ministry of Long-Term Care (2023-SS-1)

Report #2023-SS-1 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Jubb,
(3) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That pre-budget approval be granted to increase the Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors Staffing complement by three (3) new full-time positions effective February 1, 2023;
- B) That the following incremental expenditures in 2023 be funded from \$330,848 in additional Provincial funding and a \$28,789 reduction in part time staffing as follows:

- a. One (1) Registered Practical Nurse at an estimated 2023 cost of \$88,537 (annualized cost of \$96,143);
 - b. One (1) Occupational Therapist at an estimated 2023 cost of \$123,170 (annualized cost of \$133,894);
 - c. One (1) Social Worker at an estimated 2023 cost of \$122,930 (annualized cost of \$132,636);
 - d. Start-up costs of \$25,000 for laptops, computer peripheries, cell phones, personal protective equipment, and other miscellaneous costs; and
- C) That the Regional Chair and Regional Clerk be authorized to sign any subsequent amendments to the current Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement (L-SAA) between Ontario Health and The Region of Durham relating to the BSO Virtual Mobile Team funding.

CARRIED

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, February 9, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(4) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 AM

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk