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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 6, 2023

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, April 6, 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 Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter
Councillor Foster
Councillor Jubb* attended for part of the meeting
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also

Present: Councillor Wotten*
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Absent: Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair

Staff

Present: B. Ayodele, Epidemiologist, Health Analytics & Research Team
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services
J. Dixon, Director, Business Affairs and Finance Management, Social Services
J. Gaskin, Director, Children's Services, Social Services
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
R. Jagoe, Program Manager, Housing Services
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, Income & Employment Support, Social Services
P. McTavish, Associate Medical Officer of Health
M. Pietrusiak, Manager, Health Analytics & Research Team
A. Robins, Director, Housing Services, Social Services

- C. Taylor, Manager, Business Affairs and Financial Management, Social Services
- N. Taylor, Commissioner of Finance
- T. Tyner Cavanagh, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships
- E. Valant, Area Manager, Income & Employment Support, Social Services
- N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, 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 Carter, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(14) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 9, 2023, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou introduced J. Gaskin, Director of Children’s Services. She advised that L. McIntosh will assume the role of Director of Income & Employment Support.

5. Presentations

- 5.1 Busola Ayodele, Epidemiologist, Health Analytics & Research Team, and Mary-Anne Pietrusiak, Manager, Health Analytics & Research Team, re: Tools to Inform: Introducing Data Trackers for Population, Cancer and Maternal & Infant Health

Busola Ayodele, Epidemiologist, Health Analytics & Research Team, and Mary-Anne Pietrusiak, Manager, Health Analytics & Research Team, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Tools to Inform: Introducing Data Trackers for Population, Cancer and Maternal & Infant Health.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Overview
- Durham Region Population Data Tracker
 - Snapshot
 - Trends
 - Population Pyramid

- Percentage Change
- Durham Region Population at a Glance
- Durham Region Cancer Data Tracker
- Cancer at a Glance
- Durham Region Maternal and Infant Health Data Tracker
 - Pregnancy & Birth
 - Maternal Health
 - Birth Outcomes
 - Breastfeeding
- Maternal and Infant Health at a Glance
 - Complementary Documents
- When are the Data Trackers updated?
- Collecting Feedback

M. Pietrusiak responded to questions with regards to the importance of providing the information in the data trackers; how the information in the data trackers will be utilized; how the data is gathered; the correlation between the information in the data trackers and services being provided; why cancer diagnoses have decreased; where population statistics are being projected from; how the changes in trends are presented to Council; whether research is conducted to identify why specific cancer diagnoses are increasing; and how Durham residents are identified if diagnosed outside of the region.

5.2 Roberta Jagoe, Program Manager, Housing Services, re: Community Housing – New Legislative Framework

Roberta Jagoe, Program Manager, Housing Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Community Housing – New Legislative Framework.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Community Housing Sustainability
- New Legislative Framework
 - Housing Services Act Change – July 2020
 - Regulatory Changes – July 2022
- Housing Program End Dates
- Projects Reaching End of Operating Agreement (EOA)/End of Mortgage (EOM)
- Service Level Standards
- Capital Needs
- Housing Services Act (HSA) – Part VII.1 Agreements
- Estimated Regional Funding Costs
- Opportunities
- Next Steps

R. Jagoe responded to questions with regards to providing training sessions for Councillors and/or developers for the different programs offered through Durham Region; the incentives being provided to community housing providers to keep organizations in the program; the benefits of the new legislative framework; specific requirements for annual capital requirements; how the service levels standards are set and by whom; when the service levels standards were last updated; whether it would be beneficial to Durham Region if the service level standards were increased; whether there are authoritative changes under the new legislation; and whether limited dividend programs exist or are available in Durham Region.

5.3 Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, re: COVID-19 and Flu Update

Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to COVID-19 and Flu Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Current Status – COVID-19
- COVID-19 Vaccination Administration
- COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage
- Wastewater Surveillance
- Guidance for Cases & Contacts
- Current Status – Flu
- Current Status – Respiratory Outbreaks
- Child Care & School Absenteeism
- Current Masking Requirements
- Current COVID-19 & Flu Vaccine Plans

Discussion ensued with regards to the avian influenza present in birds within Durham Region.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

There were no Health Reports to consider.

8. Social Services

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

A) Supply of Tableware for the Region of Durham's Four (4) Long-Term Care Homes (2023-SS-3)

Report #2023-SS-3 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(15) That we recommend to Council:

That a standardized tableware pattern for dishes and cutlery be approved for a five (5) year period at a cost not to exceed \$358,780 for the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes, with dishes manufactured by Steelite across four (4) Long-Term Care Homes and the following manufacturers for cutlery:

- i) Fairview Lodge – Steelite
- ii) Lakeview Manor – Oneida
- iii) Hillsdale Estates and Hillsdale Terraces – Libbey

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

11.1 Motion re: Need for Partnership with Upper Levels of Government to Address the Growing Homelessness, Mental Health, Opioids, and Other Addictions Crises Impacting Durham Region and Municipalities Across Canada

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
(16) That the rules of procedure be suspended in order to introduce a motion regarding the need for partnership with upper levels of government to address the growing homelessness, mental health opioids and other addictions crises impacting Durham Region and municipalities across Canada.

CARRIED ON A 2/3RDS VOTE

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Brenner,
(17) That we recommend to Regional Council:

Whereas there is a need for partnership with upper levels of government to address the growing homelessness, mental health opioids and other addictions crises impacting Durham Region and municipalities across Canada;

Now therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to develop an engagement plan that encourages the Federal government to declare these crises a national emergency and to work with the provinces to ensure that the proper actions are taken to appropriately address the emergency; and

That staff be directed to report back on the engagement plan at the next Health and Social Services Committee meeting.

CARRIED

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

13. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(18) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:18 AM

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk