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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 7, 2019

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, November 7, 2019 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:32 AM

Present: Councillor Chapman, Chair
Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Carter
Councillor Dies
Councillor Roy
Councillor Wotten
Regional Chair Henry

Staff

Present: A. Andrews, Manager, Strategic Partnerships
E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Corporate Services – Legal Services
Z. Butt, Manager, Health Policy and Equity
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services
J. Finlayson, Manager, Corporate Communications
D. Holmes, Director, Business Affairs and Financial Management
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
J. Jenkins, Manager, Healthy Families
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

1. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(55) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 3, 2019, be adopted.

CARRIED

3. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

4. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

5. Presentations

There were no presentations.

6. Health

6.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

6.2 Reports

A) Extension of Agreement with Intrahealth Canada Ltd. for Continued Use of Public Health Electronic Client Records and Registry Software (2019-MOH-9)

Report #2019-MOH-9 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(56) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That authorization be granted to extend the existing agreement with Intrahealth Canada Ltd. for support and maintenance services for Durham Region Health Department's electronic health record software for a period of three (3) years from March 1, 2020 to February 28, 2023 at an estimated total cost of \$317,000 (inclusive of estimated annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases); and
- B) That the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to execute the negotiated Extension Agreement and all related Amendment Agreements with Intrahealth Canada Ltd.

CARRIED

B) Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) – Standardization and Sole Source of Teleflex Medical Canada Inc.'s EZ-IO Intraosseous Vascular Access Equipment and Supplies (2019-MOH-10)

Report #2019-MOH-10 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Councillor Pickles, Seconded by Councillor Carter,
(57) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That Teleflex Medical Canada Inc.'s EZ-IO intraosseous vascular access equipment be adopted as the standard for the Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) for a period of five (5) years;
- B) That authorization be granted to award a five (5) – year sole source contract to Teleflex Medical Canada Inc. in the total estimated amount of \$425,000 for EZ-IO intraosseous vascular access equipment and supplies, to enable paramedics to initiate intraosseous access in critically ill and injured patients, when intravenous (IV) access is not a viable option; and
- C) That authorization be granted to negotiate and execute the agreement for the purchase of cyclical replacements for 36 IO drivers and the EZ-IO equipment supplies, through a sole source agreement with Teleflex Medical Canada Inc. in the amount of \$14,365, to be financed from the annual operating budgets.

CARRIED

7. Social Services

7.1 Correspondence

- A) Information Report #2019-INFO-73: An Update on the Financial Empowerment Framework/Poverty Reduction efforts underway within the Social Services Department
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Discussion ensued with regards to the various poverty reduction efforts in Durham that are led by the Social Services Department.

Staff responded to questions with regards to additional steps local municipalities can take to focus on poverty; with regards to the 60,000 Durham residents living with low income, whether there is a breakdown of that number by municipality; the possibility of establishing a poverty reduction working group to look at decisions made and how those decisions impact poverty; the importance of creating jobs; and the importance of getting the message out that these services exist.

Staff responded to further questions with regards to how the locations are determined for the Education Savings Week sign up events and the possibility of hosting an event in Bowmanville; whether there are opportunities to work with the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan; and ways to incorporate more into the public libraries so that they can serve as hub communities.

Councillor Wotten requested that staff look into opportunities to partner with Telus on their two initiatives regarding poverty and phones for kids exiting foster care.

Discussion also ensued with regards to the possibility of looking into a pilot for a guaranteed income project, similar to that implemented in California. Councillor Carter requested that staff provide a brief overview on whether there is an opportunity to run a similar small-scale pilot.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(58) That we recommend to Council:

That Report #2019-INFO-73 of the Commissioner of Social Services regarding An Update on the Financial Empowerment Framework/Poverty Reduction efforts underway within the Social Services Department be received for information.

CARRIED

7.2 Reports

A) On Point Pilot Project ([2019-SS-18](#))

Report #2019-SS-18 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received. Staff was requested to look at the need to augment funding from the Region to fill any gaps as opposed to the City of Oshawa.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(59) That we recommend to Council:

That one-time unbudgeted funding in the amount of \$36,400 from the City of Oshawa be received as supplementary to the 2019 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) program to expand the On Point Pilot program budget to \$98,400.

CARRIED

8. **Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

9. **Confidential Matters**

There were no confidential matters to be considered.

10. **Other Business**

10.1 Durham Region Strategic Plan

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(60) That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to introduce a motion regarding the Durham Region Strategic Plan.

CARRIED on a 2/3rds vote

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Pickles,
(61) That staff in the office of the Chief Administrative Officer look into adding to the new Durham Region Strategic Plan, a priority to address poverty reduction.

CARRIED

10.2 Toronto Star Article regarding Lead in the Water

Councillor Carter raised concerns with regards to whether there are issues of lead in the water in Durham Region. The committee was advised that the Commissioner of Works will be putting together a brief of detailed information to provide to Council members with an update of the current programs in place to address lead in pipes.

11. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,
(62) That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 AM

Respectfully submitted,

B. Chapman, Chair

N. Prasad, Committee Clerk