



## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### Health & Social Services Committee Agenda

Council Chambers  
Regional Headquarters Building  
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

**Thursday, October 8, 2020**

**9:30 AM**

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**1. Roll Call**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

- A) Health & Social Services Committee meeting –  
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**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There are no statutory public meetings

**5. Delegations**

There are no delegations

**6. Presentations**

- 6.1 Laura MacDermaid, Director, Long Term Care and Services for Seniors re: Update on the Long Term Care Division

- 6.2 Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services and Alan Robins, Director, Housing Services Division re: Supportive Housing Project – Beaverton

## 7. Health

### 7.1 Correspondence

### 7.2 Reports

There are no Health Reports to consider.

## 8. Social Services

### 8.1 Correspondence

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Recommendation: Motion for Direction

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A copy of the petition has been retained in Legislative Services.

Recommendation: Motion for Direction

- E) Correspondence from Residents of Township of Brock to Region of Durham Council members regarding the Durham Region Social Housing Proposal located in Beaverton 19 - 27

**Pulled from September 11, 2020 Council Information Package by Councillor Joe Neal**

Recommendation: Motion for Direction

**8.2 Reports**

- A) Approval to Award a Sole Source Contract for the Supply and Delivery of SPAN Medical Products Canada Inc.'s Encore High/Low Beds and GEO Mattresses to Cardinal Health, for use by the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes (2020-SS-13) 28 - 30
- B) Mental Health Support Unit Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Service Delivery Agreement (2020-SS-14) 31 - 33

**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, November 5, 2020 at 9:30 AM

**13. Adjournment**

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**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

**MINUTES**

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, September 10, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, September 10, 2020 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 Anderson  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Dies  
Councillor Roy  
Councillor Wotten  
Regional Chair Henry  
**\*all members of the Committee except Councillor Chapman and Regional Chair Henry participated electronically**

Also  
Present: Councillor Bath-Hadden  
Councillor Highet  
Councillor Smith

Absent: Councillor Pickles, Vice-Chair

Staff  
Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health  
Marusia Laschuk, Director, Family Services  
Kelly O'Brien, Director, Income and Employment Support  
E. Valant, Program Manager, Affordable Housing and Homelessness Initiatives, Housing Services  
T. Fraser, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
N. Prasad, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Wotten,  
(27) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 9, 2020, be adopted.  
CARRIED

**4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

**5. Delegations**

**5.1 Karim Mamdani, President and CEO, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences re: Update on Psychiatric Emergency Service Proposal with the Province**

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Karim Mamdani provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Ontario Shores Headstart including Psychiatric Emergency Service (PES) and Ambulatory Services.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Ontario Shores Master Plan
- Substantial Demand for Outpatient Services
- Psychiatric Emergency Service – EmPath First in Canada right here in Ontario
- Need for Psychiatric Emergency Services (PES)
- Key Performance Indicators

K. Mamdani reviewed details of the Ontario Shores Master Plan with regards to inpatient units and the Headstart project recently submitted to the Province. He stated that the demand for outpatient services has increased significantly since 2006 and advised that Headstart will have a number of floors dedicated to outpatient services. He also stated that there has been a substantial increase in virtual services since the COVID-19 pandemic and expects that the demand will continue to grow.

K. Mamdani advised that another service that will be offered with the Headstart project is Psychiatric Emergency Service (EmPath), which is modeled after a similar service that has been successful in the United States. He stated that this service requires a number of innovative processes which Ontario Shores is already a world leader in.

K. Mamdani stated that there is also a huge demand for psychiatric services in an emergency capacity. He advised that from 2013/2014 to 2017/2018, emergency department visits for mental health problems increased by roughly 25 percent and substance misuse visits increased by 40 percent, while visits for other problems increased by 4 percent. He advised that police services are in support of the services as there will be a guarantee in terms of the amount of time for offloading.

K. Mamdani further advised that individuals in crisis are excited about the service as it does not rely on coercive emergency rooms. With regards to key performance indicators, he stated that Ontario Shores is committed to the highest standards possible as achieved in the United States.

K. Mamdani responded to questions of the committee.

Moved by Councillor Roy, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,

(28) That the presentation from K. Mamdani, President and CEO, Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences regarding the Update on Psychiatric Emergency Service Proposal with the Province be endorsed in principle;

and further,

That the presentation from K. Mamdani be presented to Regional Council at the Regional Council meeting on September 30, 2020.

CARRIED

5.2 Randy Straeten, Brock Resident, re: Proposal for Supportive Housing in Beaverton

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Randy Straeten, participating electronically, provided a delegation with regards to the proposal for supportive housing in Beaverton. A copy of Mr. Straeten's correspondence to the committee and petition was provided to committee members.

R. Straeten stated that he is a 25-year resident of Beaverton and a small business owner in the Township of Brock. He stated that the latest census data done in 2016 for the Township of Brock shows a population of 2,822 people, living in 1,311 private dwellings. He stated that since then, the community has had very limited growth in terms of additional bedroom community homes but without the addition of new services or jobs. He also stated that most of the community's residents are either retired, cottagers or commuters. He advised that the community also lacks a hospital, a doctor, police, EMS, social programs, transportation and education services.

R. Straeten stated that at a meeting held on August 20, 2020 at the Township of Brock, the residents of Beaverton learned of the plan to provide 50 modular supportive housing units for unsheltered people dealing with mental illness and addictions. He advised that the residents were not consulted and has gathered more than 1700 signatures on a petition that seeks to support a motion made by the Township of Brock to oppose the location until the Region seeks formal public consultation, input and feedback, as well as formal studies and research be completed to support the location as being the optimal location for supportive housing.

R. Straeten stated that at the August 20, 2020 meeting, experts from Durham Region were unable to answer questions regarding long term financing, full time police presence, emergency medical assistance and other services to be offered to people in need of help. He stated that the residents of Beaverton believe that the location does not provide the residents of the potential project with the means to achieve the main goals of supportive housing which are to support independence, personal growth and dignity. He further stated that the community already lacks many of the services required for the project and the current residents of the Township.

R. Straeten responded to questions of the committee.

5.3 Elizabeth Johnston, Brock Resident, re: Proposal for Supportive Housing in Beaverton

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Elizabeth Johnston, participating electronically, provided a delegation with regards to the proposal for supportive housing in Beaverton. She stated that poverty, unemployment, and lack of affordable housing are commonly recognized causes of homelessness. She stated that these risk factors can be exacerbated by personal vulnerabilities such as mental and substance use disorders, trauma and violence, domestic violence, justice-system involvement, sudden serious illness, divorce, death of a partner, and disabilities. She stated that housing and shelter programs can help address the root causes of homelessness through a range of essential recovery support services. She further stated that there are four essential components for supportive services and programs: health, home, purpose and community and that Beaverton has none of the essential services and programs for its own residents. She advised that there is no doctor, psychologists, trauma center, potential for employment, grocery shopping, transportation, opportunity for community interaction, violence intervention, or police presence.

E. Johnston stated that the Region is approving the placement of already vulnerable people into a vulnerable community that is underfunded and under supported. She stated that the community of Beaverton is asking for transparency, collaborative dialogue, partnership and teamwork in any proposal that impacts the community. She further stated that she would like to see the Feasibility study as well as all other required studies that are required for developments within 300 meters of a railway, and any other studies associated with the proposed development.

E. Johnston stated that the Region should ensure that there is suitable housing for homeless people in a community that already provides the established essential services for its own residents in order to welcome people with greater needs. She stated that solutions need to be found for Beaverton, before considering welcoming people in need.

E. Johnston responded to questions of the committee.

## **6. Presentations**

### **6.1 Kelly O'Brien, Director, Income and Employment Support and Marusia Laschuk, Director, Family Services, re: Life Stabilization: Financial Assistance, Individual and Family Supports**

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Kelly O'Brien and Marusia Laschuk provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Life Stabilization: Financial Assistance, Individual and Family Supports. A copy of the presentation was provided to committee members prior to the meeting via email.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Financial assistance
- Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) Support Provided by Durham Region
  - How much money is left after monthly rent and food costs
- Caseload Profiles
- Region's Ontario Works Caseload over time
- Life Stabilization
  - Case Management Services
  - Employment Support & Workshops
  - In-the-moment support
  - Individual/Family Counselling & Outreach Services
- Individual and Family Counselling
- Outreach Services to Vulnerable Populations:
  - Adult Community Support Services (ACSS)
  - Primary Care Outreach Program (PCOP)

- Specialized Programs:
  - Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence
- Employee & Family Assistance Program:
  - FSEAP
- Covid-19 Counselling & Outreach:
  - Virtual Services

K. O'Brien stated that the Social Services Department, through the Income and Employment Support Division (IESD) administers the Ontario Works (OW) Program which provides funds for basic needs, shelter and basic health benefits. The Income and Employment Support Division also administers employment supports and services as well as discretionary benefits to Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) clients. She advised that other areas where financial assistance is provided include: temporary care assistance; emergency assistance; program benefits for dependent children with children; basic dental for Learning Earning and Parenting (LEAP) clients and 16/17-year-old clients; gift card program; emergency bus tickets; and recreation vouchers.

K. O'Brien advised that the IESP provides program services for ODSP clients including discretionary health benefits, funerals and employment related supports and services.

K. O'Brien further stated that life stabilization is the foundation to the service provided to clients and is about providing support to individuals for coping with personal or systemic barriers. Life stabilization helps address issues of financial hardship and stress; mental health and addiction; homelessness or poor health and is provided in ways such as case management; employment support and workshops. She stated that Case Activity Support Application (CASA), a custom web-based application, will be launched in September 2020 and will assist and support case workers in managing their caseloads in terms of determining specific support needs of clients.

With regards to Individual and Family Counselling, M. Laschuk stated that these services are high quality, barrier free, trauma and wellness support, and are provided to low income, underserved or marginalized populations who are 3 to 4 times more likely to experience poor mental health than higher income groups.

M. Laschuk stated that the two outreach services to vulnerable populations are the Adult Community Support Services which addresses issues of poverty, abuse, housing, legal and medical care needs, and the Primary Care Outreach Program, a specialized mobile unit which provides primary care and social work services to support homeless or at-risk of homelessness populations.

M. Laschuk stated that the Partner Assault Response (PAR) Program provides education and counselling to men and women due to criminal charges involving domestic violence/intimate partner violence. She advised that an average of 560 participants are referred yearly.

M. Laschuk also stated that the Employee and Family Assistance Program focuses on organizational health by building solutions that support mental, physical, social and financial wellbeing of employees. She advised that there is also Covid-19 counselling and outreach services that are available through virtual video or phone to meet client preferences and ensure barrier-free, accessible service.

K. O'Brien responded to questions of the committee with regards to the Ontario Works caseload; why singles without children are the largest caseload profile; whether the guaranteed income program could be part of the solution; whether staff is advocating to the province in regards to a structural change; the time period for recipients on the OW program; whether recipients of OW are required to participate in programs through OW; and what is being done to re-integrate people into the workforce.

Discussion ensued with regards to the importance of structurally changing some programs in order for them to be successful.

6.2 Erin Valant, Program Manager, Affordable Housing and Homelessness Initiatives, Housing Services re: Coordinated Access and the By-Name List

Erin Valant, Program Manager, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Coordinated Access & the By-Name List.

Highlights of the presentation includes:

- Overview
- Built for Zero Model
- Durham Region's By-Name List
- By-Name List, Coordinated Access List & Priority List – What is the Difference?
- Durham's By-Name List Data
- Chronic Homelessness
- Coordinated Access
- Coordinated Access in Durham
- Coordinated Access in Action

E. Valant stated that the Region was invited to join the Built for Zero Canada (BFZ-C) campaign in July 2019, a campaign that is led by the Canadian Alliance to End Homelessness (CAEH) and is a Canada-wide change effort that helps a core group of leading communities work towards ending chronic homelessness.

She advised that the Region is developing a Coordinated Access System that meets CAEH quality standards and once the Coordinated Access System is fully operationalized, the Region will measure month-over-month reductions in the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness.

E. Valant advised that the first milestone for the Coordinated Access System is to operationalize the By-Name List (BNL) which is a real time list of all people experiencing homelessness in Durham and includes specific data points to support prioritization and program matching. She advised that Durham achieved an 11 out of 11 on the BNL Scorecard in June 2020, meaning that Durham has implemented the steps needed to effectively operate the By-Name List. She further advised that the next step is to track the data for three months to ensure the reliability and accuracy. She advised that after three months, staff will be able to set Durham's baseline for chronic homelessness and then move into the Reduce to Zero phase of the Built for Zero Model.

E. Valant stated that the BNL provides data on homeless individuals including:

- why people are becoming homeless
- the needs of people who are actively homeless
- how people are exiting homelessness

E. Valant stated that ending chronic homelessness is the first goal in ending homelessness in Durham. She advised that people experiencing chronic homelessness are often the most vulnerable and need the most support to end their homelessness.

E. Valant advised that the Coordinated Access System (CAS) is the process by which people who are experiencing homelessness or are at-risk of homelessness are directed to access points to service. This model allocates resources to those who can better navigate the support system, not for those who need the services the most. She advised of the following three key steps to Coordinated Access:

- Community Access Points
- Triage and Assessment
- Centralized Referrals for housing supports

E. Valant responded to questions with regards to the importance of understanding the definition of homelessness; the location of the community access points; and the possibility of providing a geographic breakdown of the 250 individuals named on the BNL list.

## **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

8.2 Reports

- A) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Regional Municipality of Durham and Lakeridge Health to provide expertise regarding design enhancements and operational requirements and to consider the Management of a 320-Bed Long Term Care Home on the Ajax-Pickering site of Lakeridge Health (2020-SS-11)
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Report #2020-SS-11 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

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

- A) That the Commissioner of Social Services be authorized on behalf of the Region to execute a non-binding Memorandum of Understanding with Lakeridge Health to the satisfaction of the Director, Legal Services, permitting Regional staff to provide expertise to Lakeridge Health with regard to design enhancements and operational requirements of a 320 bed Long Term Care Home to be owned by Lakeridge Health; and
- B) That the Commissioner of Social Services be authorized to negotiate a management agreement for the operation of that Long Term Care Home subject to Regional Council approval.

CARRIED

- B) Durham's homelessness support system update and next steps (2020-SS-12)

Report #2020-SS-12 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
(30) That Report #2020-SS-12 of the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information.

CARRIED

### Questions to Social Services

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou responded to questions from Councillors Anderson and Wotten with respect to the delegations provided by Randy Straeten and Elizabeth Johnston regarding the Proposal for Supportive Housing in Beaverton, specifically, why there was a lack of consultation with the residents with regards to the project; the reason for the choice of location; details surrounding the facility and the future residents of the facility; and clarification of the benefit of the project to the residents of Beaverton.

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou responded to questions of Councillors Carter and Roy regarding the winding down of the Camp Samac program and was requested to provide a Report on the success of the Camp Samac Program and provide clarification on the terminology and definitions of homelessness, shelters etc.

### **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**

#### **A) Update from Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou re: Council Information Report #2019-INFO-73**

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S. Danos-Papaconstantinou advised that a request was made at the Health and Social Services Committee meeting on November 7, 2019 that staff provide a brief overview on whether there is an opportunity to run a similar small-scale pilot for a guaranteed income project, to that implemented in California.

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou advised that given the constraints on both staff and regional budgets due to the pandemic, exploration of funding a local pilot will not be feasible at this time. She advised that staff will continue to monitor and stay abreast of all ongoing national conversations exploring basic income in Canada and will continue to look for opportunities of advocacy and support.

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou requested that Item 1 on the Council Action Items List regarding Information Report #2019-INFO-73: An Update on the Financial Empowerment Framework/Poverty Reduction efforts underway within the Social Services Department be removed.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
(31) That Item 1 on the Council Action Items List regarding Information Report  
#2019-INFO-73: An Update on the Financial Empowerment  
Framework/Poverty Reduction efforts underway within the Social  
Services Department be removed.

CARRIED

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 9:30 AM in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

Moved by Councillor Wotten, Seconded by Councillor Dies,  
(32) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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B. Chapman, Chair

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N. Prasad, Committee Clerk



The Corporation of  
The Township of Brock  
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September 28, 2020

Mr. Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
Region of Durham  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, Ontario  
L1N 6A3

Dear Sir:

Re: Proposed Supportive Housing - Beaverton

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Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on August 20, 2020, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution Number 2-14

MOVED by Michael Jubb and SECONDED by Walter Schummer that the Township of Brock oppose the location at 133 Main Street for modular housing until the Region of Durham seeks formal public consultation, input, and feedback.

Further, that formal studies and research be completed to support this location as being the optimal location for supportive housing.

Further, this resolution be sent to the Region of Durham, Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP Laurie Scott.

MOTION CARRIED

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

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Becky Jamieson  
Municipal Clerk

BJ: dh

cc. Hon. Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing  
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, Durham Region



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September 29, 2020

Mr. Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
Region of Durham  
605 Rossland Road East  
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Dear Sir:

Re: Proposed Supportive Housing – Beaverton  
Pause and Hold

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Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on September 28, 2020, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution No. 3-10

MOVED by Michael Jubb and SECONDED by Claire Doble That staff explore any avenues or mechanisms available to the Township of Brock to "Pause and hold" the modular housing proposed at 133 Main Street until all requests in the original opposing motion be met by the Region of Durham; and,

Further, that a staff report come forward at the next scheduled council meeting with any available options, if any; and,

Furthermore, that a formal request be sent to Durham Region to pause this housing project while a formal evaluation of risks, gaps, and actions, be conducted by a reputable third party.

MOTION CARRIED

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

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Becky Jamieson  
Municipal Clerk

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September 29, 2020

Mr. Ralph Walton, Regional Clerk/Director of Legislative Services  
Region of Durham  
605 Rossland Road East  
Whitby, Ontario  
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Dear Sir:

Re: Petition – Peter Bornemisa, On Behalf of Citizens of Brock  
Proposed Supportive Housing - Beaverton

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Please be advised that the Council of the Township of Brock, at their meeting held on September 28, 2020, adopted the following resolution with respect to the enclosed petition dated September 9, 2020:

Resolution Number 2-10

MOVED by Michael Jubb and SECONDED by Walter Schummer That the petition to further study supportive housing project in Beaverton submitted by Peter Bornemisa on behalf of Citizens of Brock be received for information and sent to the Region of Durham, MPP Laurie Scott, MP Jamie Schmale, and Premier Doug Ford.

MOTION CARRIED

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

THE TOWNSHIP OF BROCK

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Becky Jamieson'.

Becky Jamieson  
Municipal Clerk

BJ: dh

Encl.

cc. The Honourable Doug Ford, Premier  
Jamie Schmale, MP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock  
Laurie Scott, MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

September 9, 2020

Township of Brock

Date:	14/09/2020
Refer to:	Council
Meeting Date:	September 28, 2020
Action:	null
Notes:	Petition
Copies to:	

My name is Peter Bornemisa and I represent a large group of citizens from Beaverton, in Brock Township.

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, the citizens of Beaverton and many of our town councillors learned of Durham Region's plan to develop a modular supportive housing project of ~50 units and the construction of a ~5,000 square foot ancillary structure on Regional land located at 133 Main St., Beaverton.

There has been a complete lack of consultation with the residents of the Township. 133 Main Street is adjacent to Lakeview Manor (a Regional Long Term Care Facility) and Gillespie Gardens (a Regional Non Profit Housing Complex). In the short time since we were made aware of this resolution, we have gathered more than 1700 signatures (~62% of the population and ~75% of adults) on a petition which seeks to oppose the development at 133 Main Street until the Region of Durham seeks formal public consultation, input and feedback. Further, that formal studies and research be completed to support this location as being the optimal location for supportive housing.

I have attached a copy of our petition for your review and hope that you agree that the Region, Township, and Provincial Governments should be held accountable to provide transparency and public consultation before any further consideration or approval of such project is given.

Based on the limited information that has been provided to our community to date, we believe that this location does not provide residents of this potential project with the means to achieve the main goals of supportive housing: to support independence, personal growth and dignity. Our community already lacks many of the services that are required both for this project and the current residents of the Township, including Hospitals, Doctors, Transportation, Employment, Adult Education and Social Services.

As a group, we are presenting our petition to the Durham Region Health and Social Services Committee, the Committee responsible for bringing this to the Regional Council, The Region of Durham, The Township of Brock and the Province of Ontario. The issue is being covered extensively in social media and traditional media.

We ask for your assistance in ensuring that the Region engages the citizens of the town of Beaverton and that the Provincial government does not fund a project that is on the path of failure.

Sincerely,

Peter Bornemisa  
On behalf of Citizens of Brock

**From:** [Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Lydia Gerritsen](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheryl Bandel](#); [Ralph Walton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Beaverton Supportive Housing Project  
**Date:** September 8, 2020 8:04:22 AM

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Hi Lydia, another CIP...thanks,afreen

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**From:** Michael Jubb [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 7, 2020 3:10 PM  
**To:** Clerks <[Clerks@durham.ca](mailto:Clerks@durham.ca)>; Brock Clerks <[clerks@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:clerks@townshipofbrock.ca)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Beaverton Supportive Housing Project

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**From:** Brett Bloxam [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 7, 2020 2:50:14 PM  
**To:** [Clerks@Brock.ca](mailto:Clerks@Brock.ca) <[clerks@brock.ca](mailto:clerks@brock.ca)>; Council <[council@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:council@townshipofbrock.ca)>  
**Subject:** Beaverton Supportive Housing Project

Include in Council agenda and minutes

I am a resident of Beaverton and have a few questions and concerns on how the proposed Beaverton Supportive Housing project has been handled to date by Brock Township. My concerns relate to,

1. Why did the Brock Mayor and Regional Councillor approve this project at Durham Regional Council without prior knowledge of Brock Councillors and the Beaverton community?
2. Why did the Brock Mayor and Regional Councillor not ask Durham Region staff to prepare a report and presentation to Brock Council and the Brock community prior to approving this project?
3. Why was there no prior consultation with the Beaverton residents and business owners. It is the responsibility of our elected officials to ensure residents and businesses are engaged and consulted with, especially on projects that may have a significant impact on our community.
4. There were no studies provided to Brock Council and the community, that I am aware of, for review and comment to indicate that this site, located between a long term care facility and a retirement home is the most suitable location for this housing project.
5. There was no consultation with residents and businesses on community services, understanding that Beaverton has limited (if any) social, medical, support, transportation, recreation and commercial services. There has been no information

provided related to the resources and budget required to provide the required police, EMS and fire response to support this project. There has been no information provided related to the resources and budget required to operate this facility.

6. I understand there is a homelessness issue in the GTA. There is also an emerging crisis with an aging population and access to long term care facilities. Did Durham staff consult with Brock staff and Council and contemplate the long term needs of our aging population and the ability to expand Lakeview Manor in the future in their haste to get funding and approval for the Beaverton Supportive Housing project. Is there a report or business case that determined the most appropriate short and long term plan for this site?

It is very unfortunate we are in this situation. Residents and businesses in Beaverton were blindsided by this proposed housing development, with no prior consultation and public engagement. I know from projects like the Energy from Waste (EFW) facility and projects at Duffin Creek WPCP, Durham engages the public prior and upfront in a transparent manner. Why was a different approach taken with the residents of Beaverton? As you may be aware, the residents and businesses of Beaverton have spoken loudly to our elected officials and government agencies. We want answers to our questions. This could have been accomplished through a comprehensive consultation process that did not happen. I am disappointed in what has transpired here, and I know Brock Township is better than this. I know you value your residents and businesses and take their comments seriously. What happened here and why didn't the residents and businesses of Beaverton have the opportunity to be part of this project?

Based on what's been voted on at Regional Council and what hasn't happened at Brock council and within the Beaverton and Brock communities, I would like this project to be ceased immediately and Durham staff be asked to follow normal processes of public engagement and consultation prior to any approval being granted. The residents and businesses of Beaverton should be provided the same opportunities as other Durham residents to review and comment on projects as significant as this one to our small community.

I await your response  
Thanks

Brett

Brett Bloxam  
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705-504-0191

**From:** [Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Lydia Gerritsen](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheryl Bandel](#); [Ralph Walton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Durham Affordable Supportive Housing Project  
**Date:** September 8, 2020 12:51:59 PM

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Hi Lydia, CIP please.

Thanks,  
Afreen

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**From:** Michael Jubb <mjubb@townshipofbrock.ca>  
**Sent:** September 8, 2020 12:25 PM  
**To:** Brock Clerks <clerks@townshipofbrock.ca>; Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; chair <chair@durham.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Durham Affordable Supportive Housing Project

As requested by the resident, pls see email to be included in the next agenda. Cheers. Mike.

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**From:** Jane Pattillo [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 8, 2020 11:41:04 AM  
**To:** Council <[council@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:council@townshipofbrock.ca)>  
**Subject:** Durham Affordable Supportive Housing Project

To whomever receives this email, I tried to cc the following 3 email addresses and they did not work. Can you pls forward this email to [clerks@townshipofbrock.ca](mailto:clerks@townshipofbrock.ca) and [clerks@durham.ca](mailto:clerks@durham.ca) and [chair@durham.ca](mailto:chair@durham.ca). I spoke with Katie at the Brock township office and she verified these were correct addresses, but sending my note and cc them did not work for me. Thank you Jane.

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>> Please add this email to the next agenda.

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>> My name is Jane Pattillo and my husband Chuck and I have lived in Beaverton since 1993. We normally do not speak out about community projects but with Beaverton being the chosen site for the Durham Supportive Housing Project, even though Beaverton was not one of the 5 original sites being considered, Beaverton has unknowingly emerged as the best site for the project. I think someone has over sold Beaverton as a good location. This makes no sense to us. The 5 original sites were 2 in Clarrington, 2 in Oshawa, 1 in Pickering. I am certain one of these 5 sites in Durham, if not all 5 sites have more to offer to make the project a success and not waste the Ontario Government money that is helping fund the project. There was no public communication to involve the community for their input and feedback. No details on why Beaverton should be the site of choice that would offer more to the project then the original 5 sites to be considered. The only thing I heard that Beaverton had to offer is surplus cheap land that is already zoned for a project like this. What a crazy reason. Beaverton has no hospital, no walk in clinics, not enough doctors for the current population, no in town grocery store, no public transportation ( no in town bus service, no in town taxi service, pls explain how the folks will get around ), no jobs for the folks and there is no place for

50 jobless people to pan handle in Beaverton. Where in a larger community like Oshawa they could pan handle. I am certain the other 5 sites can offer some if not all the services that Beaverton has none to offer. Was there research or a study created to show why the Beaverton location would make the project a success? Not only was the Beaverton community kept in the dark about this project, also our MPP Laurie Scott's office just recently heard about what is going on and are looking into it. Would also like to know what Beaverton offers over the other 5 sites to be considered.

>> Debbie Bath-Hadden and Ted Smith, you should be ashamed of yourself for not

>> supporting the community and standing with the other 4 Brock councillors

>> to tell the Durham Regional Council why the Beaverton site would make the project a failure and be a waste of the Ontario Government funding for this project.

>> Debbie and Ted, send a letter to the editor of the Brock Citizen to explain all the

>> reasons why you think Beaverton is the best choice. Come out of hiding and communicate with the community and give your reasons why Beaverton. Be honest and do not waste the Ontario Government money by putting the project in the wrong location.

>> This topic would be a great topic on am640 John Oakley talk show. Exactly the topic that he can get teeth into and expose the silliness of the plan.

>> Thank you for reading my email. Jane.

>> Sent from my iPad

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**From:** [Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Lydia Gerritsen](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheryl Bandel](#); [Ralph Walton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Modular housing Proposal in Beaverton  
**Date:** September 8, 2020 8:04:09 AM

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Hi Lydia,

CIP please.

Thanks,

Afreen

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**From:** Michael Jubb <mjubb@townshipofbrock.ca>  
**Sent:** September 7, 2020 1:34 PM  
**To:** Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; Brock Clerks <clerks@townshipofbrock.ca>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Modular housing Proposal in Beaverton

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**From:** beaudoinmartyn [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 7, 2020 12:48:19 PM  
**To:** Council <council@townshipofbrock.ca>  
**Subject:** Modular housing Proposal in Beaverton

Good Morning

The purpose of my email is to ask you to put this subject on your Agenda for the next meeting.

I don't have to tell you how deeply concerned we all are.

Regards,

Liz Martyn

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Please include this email in your minutes.

After careful thought, as a taxpayer and resident, I wish to share my response to your planned housing unit for the homeless in the town of Beaverton. I am thankful to Mike Jubb and other councillors who through their careful stewardship opposed the project and further support an intense investigation into the feasibility of this location. Knowing this town well, I oppose your project anywhere in Beaverton.

Beaverton is completely under serviced to respond to the needs of this incoming proposed population. Regardless of who owns the land adjacent to Gillespie Gardens, it is utterly foolhardy to put such a vulnerable population adjacent to an existing vulnerable seniors residence in a town with a fragile economy. In short, putting this facility anywhere in Beaverton is a big mistake and those who voted to do so also know it is a mistake. In fact, those who made the decision have demonstrated that they are unworthy of holding public office. It is also my belief that there are viable and impactful solutions that must be explored before such a detrimental decision is made.

For consideration, I offer two such alternatives:

1. Homelessness is a systemic problem on a national scale and needs to be addressed seriously. I suggest that the funds allocated for this project be used in a federal/provincial/municipal collaborative program on base within the Canadian Armed Forces. All the services required are present. This would provide a home/ shelter, existing mental, physical and dental health services, counselling along with physical exercise, discipline, camaraderie, routine, employment and more. Further, a mentoring program one to one would help realign values, defeat isolation and despair....the Canadian Armed Forces can assist and turn this around and assist these folks to becoming contributing members of society. Homelessness is a huge crisis and requires multi-level government intervention and support.
2. A more immediate but weaker alternative option is to relocate this project to an environment that has the support system and infrastructure with minimal disruption to the community. Regardless of the ownership of the land adjacent to Gillespie Gardens, you must be aware, this project will never succeed in Beaverton. There is, however, significant land and services in Goodwood/Uxbridge area; to a lesser extent Sunderland, although far greater than in Beaverton.

As elected officials you are compelled to explore all options and protect the community of taxpayers that already have built lives and homes in Beaverton. Consider a structure that would actually rebuild the lives of the homeless and not disturb the wellbeing of the entire community. The liability of your decision rests with each of you and the members of the Beaverton Community hold you accountable.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ellen Empringham

**From:** [Clerks](#)  
**To:** [Lydia Gerritsen](#)  
**Cc:** [Cheryl Bandel](#); [Ralph Walton](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Supportive Housing Project in Beaverton Ontario  
**Date:** September 8, 2020 8:05:51 AM  
**Attachments:** [Letter from PB to Govt.docx](#)

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Hi Lydia, CIP please.

Thanks,

Afreen

**From:** Peter Bornemisa [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** September 5, 2020 11:12 AM  
**To:** Jamie.schmale@parl.gc.ca; laurie.scottco@pc.ola.org; steve.clark@pc.ola.org; Clerks <Clerks@durham.ca>; chair <chair@durham.ca>; Council@durham.ca; Clerks@brock.ca; Council@townshipofbrock.ca  
**Cc:** Peter Bornemisa [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Supportive Housing Project in Beaverton Ontario

To: Premier Ford  
MP Jamie Schmale  
MPP Laurie Scott  
Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark  
Region of Durham Council  
Township of Brock Council

From: Peter Bornemisa  
27 Lakeshore Road  
Beaverton, ON L0K 1A0

Date: September 5, 2020

Subject: Supportive Housing Project in Beaverton

Please add this email and attachment to the next council meeting.

On July 29, 2020 the Regional Council of Durham approved the development of a modular supportive housing project of approximately 50 units and the construction of an approximate 5,000 square foot ancillary structure to provide a combination of support services and congregate living, on Regional land located at 133 Main St., Beaverton at an estimated cost of \$13,552,990 to be funded from the reallocation of the proposed \$5,620,900 in Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative and \$7,932,090 from the Social Housing Reserve Fund.

As a resident of Beaverton (population 2,800) I have numerous concerns with this project notably how the Region of Durham will attract and retain the social services to assist the residents of this project.

The residents of Beaverton have come together to voice our concern and at the latest count 1,614 residents have signed a petition which follows as page 2. The petition and cover letter will follow as a separate communication to all of the recipients listed above and also CBC News, Toronto Star, Toronto Sun and various other media outlets to be determined.

As a taxpayer I am concerned that \$13.6 Million of taxpayer's money is being spent on a project that I feel will not meet its objective as the rural Town of Beaverton will not be able to attract, retain and provide social services to this housing project. I feel that this project should be built on land the Region of Durham owns in the GTA where existing services, transit and infrastructure will enable the residents to recover and prosper.

I appreciate your support to ask the Region of Durham to provide evidence that they have a plan to ensure the success of this \$13.6 Million project.

Please send your thoughts to me at [REDACTED]

Regards,

Peter Bornemisa

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Beaverton, ON L0K 1A0

### **Petition to Further Study Supportive Housing Project in Beaverton**

The Region of Durham has approved an expedited Supportive Housing Project for unsheltered people with addictions and/or mental health concerns to be built at 133 Main Street Beaverton on the lands adjacent to Lakeview Manor and Gillespie Gardens. The project proposes 50 Modular Units plus a 5000 square foot common building.

At this time, the project should be put on hold until the following concerns are addressed:

- Lack of public consultation prior to Regional approval
- Lack of research for the proposed location (Beaverton was not on the list of sites recommended for this type of facility by Durham Region's Housing Task Force)
- Lack of studies demonstrating the need in this area
- Lack of tender for the design, delivery and installation of the 50 housing units
- Lack of priority for North Durham residents
- Lack of access to necessary community services (as outlined in the *Ontario Supportive Housing Best Practices Guide*, March 2017 <http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=15988>) such as:
  - Addiction/treatment facilities
  - Emergency Services
  - Medical Services
  - Transportation
  - Shopping
  - Recreation
  - Employment
  - Social Networks

Please sign this petition to show your support for the following motion passed at Brock Council and to request that our Regional representation, Mayor Debbie Bath-Hadden and Regional Councillor Ted Smith, take our concerns, as outlined above, to the Region of Durham.

***"That the Township of Brock oppose the location at 133 Main Street for Modular housing until the Region of Durham seeks formal public consultation, input and feedback. Further, that formal studies and research be completed to support this location as being the optimal location for***

***supportive housing. Further that this resolution be sent to the Region of Durham, Municipal Affairs and Housing and MPP Laurie Scott.”***

**Motion supported by:**

Ward 1 Councillor Mike Jubb  
Ward 2 Councillor Claire Doble  
Ward 3 Councillor Walter Schummer  
Ward 4 Councillor Cria Pettingill

**Motion opposed by:**

Major Debbie Bath-Hadden  
Regional Councillor Ted Smith  
Ward 5 Councillor Lynn Campbell

**To have your voice heard, please sign the online petition at: [www.tinyurl.com/BeavertonPetition](http://www.tinyurl.com/BeavertonPetition) or scan this QR code:**



# The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Health and Social Services Committee  
From: Commissioner of Social Services  
Report: #2020-SS-13  
Date: October 8, 2020

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**Subject:**

Approval to Award a Sole Source Contract for the Supply and Delivery of SPAN Medical Products Canada Inc.'s Encore High/Low Beds and GEO Mattresses to Cardinal Health, for use by the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes.

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**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 Cardinal Health for the supply and delivery of SPAN Medical Products Canada Inc.'s Encore Beds and the supply of GEO Max mattresses for a term not to exceed five (5) years at an estimated total cost of \$1,346,400\* for use at the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes subject to financing being approved in the Long Term Care Homes annual 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 for Purchasing to negotiate and award a sole source contract to Cardinal Health for the procurement of replacement beds and mattresses for the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes (LTCH) for a five (5) year period.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Utilizing one consistent bed type for all LTCH residents provides a cost effective and safe, resident focused solution. Each home has a bed renewal program in place to replace bed and mattresses as they become outdated. The division is

striving for consistency of product by manufacturer and type. The Encore high/low bed is the product of choice and the division has been replacing beds with Encore for the past several years. The GEO Max mattress has been tested to properly fit the Encore bed frame and meets all bed entrapment compliance testing.

- 2.2 The Encore beds and GEO Max mattresses are manufactured by SPAN Medical Products, Inc., and Cardinal Health is the only Canadian distributor. The LTCHs have been replacing older beds and mattresses with the Encore beds and GEO Max mattresses and wish to continue this as part of the bed and mattress renewal program.

### **3. Sole Source Justification**

- 3.1 One consistent type of bed for all residents is a benefit due to the following:

- a. Staff training - All staff are required to be trained on all equipment used in the home. Having only one type of bed streamlines training. Understanding how the bed operates is essential in the event of an emergency when beds need to be moved or residents need to be evacuated.
- b. Falls prevention – Superior fall prevention features are available on the Encore bed including under bed lighting, a smart stop feature and high/low bed height.
- c. Maintenance – Having one type of bed would allow for consistent parts ordering, repairs and preventative maintenance.

- 3.2 The Encore beds have superior design for infection control and easier disassembly process used for transport and storage.

- 3.3 The manufacturer offers a 1-year defect warranty, a 10-year warranty on electric motors, and a 2-year warranty on hand controls and electronic components.

- 3.4 Bed entrapment is a serious safety risk for residents. Mattresses must pass bed entrapment tests in order to be safely used. The GEO Max mattresses have been tested to properly fit the Encore bed frame and have passed all bed entrapment compliance tests.

### **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.

- 4.2 The total estimated cost of \$1,346,400\* for a five (5) year period is comprised of up to \$904,000\* for the purchase of SPAN Medical Products Canada Inc.'s Encore beds and up to \$442,400\* for the purchase of GEO Max mattresses. The actual number of beds and mattresses will depend on the funding approved annually in the annual Business Plans and Budgets.

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

## **5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 It is recommended that authorization be granted to negotiate and award a five (5) year contract with Cardinal Health for the supply of beds and mattress at the Region of Durham's four (4) Long-Term Care Homes, with the actual number of beds and mattresses determined based on the financing approved in the annual LTC Business Plans and Budgets.
- 5.2 The report has been reviewed by the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Finance concurs with the financial recommendations.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou  
Commissioner of Social Services

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair  
Chief Administrative Officer



## The Regional Municipality of Durham Report

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To: Health and Social Services Committee  
From: Commissioner of Social Services  
Report: #2020-SS-14  
Date: October 8, 2020

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**Subject:**

Mental Health Support Unit Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Service Delivery Agreement

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**Recommendation:**

That the Health and Social Services Committee subject to the approval of the Finance and Administration Committee recommends to Regional Council:

- A) That, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding a Mental Health Support Unit to commence service on January 1, 2021 for a period of one year be executed in order to outline funding arrangements and the expedited recruitment of nurses through Lakeridge Health;
- B) That, subject to successful negotiations under the MOU, a tripartite Service Delivery Agreement (SDA) with Lakeridge Health and Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) that details the objectives, services, service levels, deliverables, and outcomes of the Mental Health Support Unit be authorized;
- C) That, pre-budget approval for the one-year program at a cost up to \$450,000 to expedite the recruitment for a Mental Health Support Unit, be funded from the 2021 Non-Departmental Budget;
- D) The Federal and Provincial governments be requested to provide funding to support expanded mental health services, including those provided by this program; and
- E) The Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to sign the MOU and subsequent agreement, subject to the concurrence of the CAO, Commissioner of Social Services, Legal Services and the Commissioner of Finance.

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**Report:****1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Regional Municipality of Durham to enter into agreements with Lakeridge Health and Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) to expedite recruitment of three nurses for a Mental Health Support Unit that will accompany police in attending to individuals in a mental health crisis across Durham Region.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 On July 29, 2020, Regional Council directed staff to effectively support this critical need, an additional three nurses are required to ensure that this support can be available 24/7. It was also noted that the three additional nurses, as Regional employees, be recommended for inclusion in the 2021 Budget at an estimated cost of \$150,000 (including salary and benefits, etc.) per nurse. However further research indicates that a service delivery agreement with DRPS and Lakeridge would be the most efficient service delivery approach.
- 2.2 There is a growing need for the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) to attend to individuals in a mental health crisis.
- 2.3 Lakeridge Health currently has two nurses that work in conjunction with DRPS when addressing such issues.
- 2.4 To effectively support this critical need, it is estimated that an additional three nurses are required to be available 24/7.
- 2.5 To ensure appropriate oversight and program knowledge, staff are recommending that, Lakeridge Health would recruit the additional nurses, assuming responsibility for labour relations, scheduling and any collective agreement items.
- 2.6 Proactive investment in community social and health services has multiple benefits, including reducing incidence of harm and suicide, easing visits to emergency rooms, reducing time spent in police custody as a place of safety, and contributing to enhanced interaction with citizens.

**3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The required Lakeridge Health services is estimated to cost \$450,000.
- 3.2 Pre-budget approval is required for costs to be funded from the 2021 Non-departmental Business Plan and Budget.

**4. Next Steps**

- 4.1 Regional staff, in consultation with Lakeridge Health and DRPS, to examine a 24/7 model of service, or a comparable flexible 20-hour model based on high demand peak times.
- 4.2 Regional staff be directed to report as part of the 2021 Business Plan and Budget process on actual total program costs and administration required with Lakeridge Health and DRPS and;
- 4.3 Staff will pursue any senior government funding opportunities.

**5. Conclusion**

- 5.1 Regional commitment to a Mental Health Support Unit aligns with the Durham Region Strategic Plan Goal of Community Vitality: enhance community safety and well-being.
- 5.2 The recommendations in this report to authorize the Regional Municipality of Durham to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and Service Delivery Agreement with Lakeridge Health and DRPS will allow for funding and expedited nurse recruitment to provide Durham Region residents with an expanded Mental Health Support Unit.
- 5.3 This report has been reviewed by the Finance Department and the Commissioner of Finance concurs with the recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Original signed by

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Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou  
Commissioner of Social Services

Recommended for Presentation to Committee

Original signed by

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Elaine C. Baxter-Trahair  
Chief Administrative Officer