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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 9, 2023

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, March 9, 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 attended for part of the meeting  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Foster  
Councillor Jubb  
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Councillor Schummer\*  
Councillor Wotten\* attended for part of the meeting  
**\* denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services  
T. Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, Health  
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services  
J. Dixon, Director, Business Affairs and Finance Management, Social Services  
L. Fortuna, Director, Health Protection, Health  
J. Gaskin, Manager, Wage Subsidy, Children's Services, Social Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
Z. Jaffer, Director, Business Affairs, 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  
P. McTavish, Associate Medical Officer of Health  
C. Taylor, Manager, Budgets & Finance, Social Services  
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

**\*all staff except R. Inacio participated electronically**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,  
(9) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 9, 2023, 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: 2023 Health Department Business Plans and Budget

Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the 2023 Health Department Business Plans and Budget.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- 2023 Business Plans and Budget
- 2022 Accomplishments
  - COVID-19 Response Efforts
  - Response to Community Needs
- 2023 Proposed Expenditures & Financing
- 2023 Strategic Highlights – Public Health
- 2023 Strategic Highlights – Paramedic Services
- Risks and Uncertainties
- Beyond the 2023 Business Plans and Budget
  - Forecasted Pressures

R.J. Kyle responded to questions with regards to the opioid response plan; program restoration for mental health and addiction; plans to work with the new Chief of Police to assist with the opioid crisis; any potential additions or exclusions within the budget for 2023; plans to encourage students to join the paramedic services program in college; whether opioid response calls of individuals are

tracked; addiction or mental health supports available to individuals that have repeat calls to paramedic services; and the number of individuals that are treated in the field and released.

5.2 Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, re: 2023 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budget

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Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the 2023 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budget.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- 2022 Accomplishments
  - Community Outreach and Support Services
  - Homelessness Prevention and Housing Services
  - Child Care, Counselling and Long-Term Care Services
- 2023 Proposed Expenditures & Financing
- 2023 Strategic Highlights
- 2023 Business Plans and Budgets
  - Risks and Uncertainties
- Beyond the 2023 Business Plans and Budget
  - Forecasted Pressures
- 2023 Proposed Investments in Housing and Homelessness Supports

S. Danos-Papaconstantinou responded to questions with regards to the operating budget for the micro homes and Beaverton Supportive housing projects; the procurement process when projects come in over budget; staffing positions for new positions identified in the budget; shelter modernization for 2024; funding supports available to households; initiatives to assist with the opioid crisis; impact to the budget with provincial funding being reduced; number of supportive housing units being designated within the budget; any potential additions or exclusions within the budget for 2023; communication initiatives to educate the public on homelessness; and whether Durham Region is receiving assistance from not-for profits and how Durham Region can support them.

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

**7. Health**

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

A) Standing Agreement with Zoll Medical Canada Limited (2023-MOH-2)

Report #2023-MOH-2 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

N. Taylor responded to a question with regards to the policy for sole source agreements.

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Foster,  
(10) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the Zoll X-Series/X-Series Advanced monitor/defibrillator be maintained as the Regional standard for a period of five (5) years;
- B) That authorization be granted to award a sole source agreement to Zoll Medical Canada Limited effective March 1, 2023 for a period of five (5) years for the purchase of new/replacement monitor/defibrillators pending approval of the 2023 Paramedic Services Business Plans and Budget; and
- C) That a Standing Agreement with Zoll Medical Canada Limited be negotiated and awarded to supply the Region of Durham Paramedic Services (RDPS) with non-warranty maintenance and repair service, and reusable and disposable accessory equipment for Zoll X-Series/X-Series Advanced monitor/defibrillators for a five (5) year term at an annual estimated cost of \$500,000.

CARRIED

B) 2023 Health Department Business Plans and Budget (2023-MOH-3)

Report #2023-MOH-3 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

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

That the 2023 Business Plans and Budget of the Health Department be approved.

CARRIED

This item will be considered by the Finance & Administration Committee at their meeting to be held on March 21, 2023.

**8. Social Services**

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

A) 2023 Social Services Department Business Plans and Budget (2023-SS-2)

Report #2023-SS-2 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

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

That the 2023 Business Plans and Budget of the Social Services Department be approved.

CARRIED

This item will be considered by the Finance & Administration Committee at their meeting to be held on March 21, 2023.

**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, April 6, 2023 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,  
(13) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Roy, Chair

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk