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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 9, 2024

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, May 9, 2024 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 Carter  
Councillor Jubb  
Regional Chair Henry

Also

Present: Councillor Crawford  
Councillor Schummer\*  
Councillor Woo\*

**\* denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Absent: Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Foster was absent on municipal business

Staff

Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer  
W. Beales, Area Manager, Family Services Division  
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services  
S. Ciani, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative 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  
A. Harras\*, Director of Legislative Services/Regional Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health  
L. MacDermaid, Director, Long-Term Care and Services for Seniors, Social Services  
L. McIntosh, Director, Income & Employment Support, Social Services  
G. Muller, Director, Affordable Housing Development & Renewal  
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

C. Taylor, Manager, Budgets & Finance, Social Services  
N. Taylor\*, Commissioner of Finance  
K. Thangaraj, Director, Population Health and Chief Nursing Officer, Health  
T. Tyner Cavanagh, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships  
E. Valant, Director, Housing Services  
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
**\* denotes staff participating electronically**

## 2. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

## 3. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Dies,  
(17) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee  
meeting held on Thursday, April 4, 2024, 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: Program Planning, Accountability and Reporting

Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Program Planning, Accountability and Reporting.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Purpose
- Public Health Mandate
- Accountability and Reporting
  - Accreditation
  - Annual Health Plan
  - Annual Performance Report
  - Reports to Regional Council
  - Report to the Ministry of Health (MOH)
- Program Planning
- Program Planning and Reporting Cycle

## 6. Delegations

### 6.1 Vivian Curl, Executive Director, Durham Community Foundation, re: Durham Community Foundation's Vital Signs Report

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Vivian Curl, Executive Director, Durham Communication Foundation, participating virtually, appeared before Committee with regards to Durham Community Foundation's Vital Signs Report.

V. Curl advised that the Vital Signs Report provides stakeholders with information needed based on actual data to ensure the community thrives and guides strategic actions targeting resources for maximum community impact.

V. Curl stated over 18 months have been invested in researching, collaborating and synthesizing data primarily from Statistics Canada and local organizations. It has been found that Durham Region's rate of growth of 7.9% between 2016 and 2021 outpaced Canada and the G7.

V. Curl also stated that the report speaks to what is working and not working, specifically the burden being placed on the 945 registered charities in Durham Region that are experiencing an uptick in demand for their services, and an increase in operational costs and staffing challenges as more than half of the registered charities are reporting a lack of volunteers and a significant reduction in revenue and donations.

V. Curl, on behalf of Durham Community Foundation, is looking for support and recommendation to present the full findings to Regional Council.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Together We Thrive
- Community Vitality
- Overview of Our Rapidly Changing and Growing Community
  - Progress Report
  - Defining Insights
  - Vital Steps We Can All Take
- Message from the Director of Lakeridge Health

V. Curl responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(18) That the delegation from Vivian Curl, Executive Director, Durham Community Foundation, re: Durham Community Foundation's Vital Signs Report, be provided at the May 29, 2024 Regional Council meeting.

CARRIED

**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) Unbudgeted Provincial Funding from the Ministry of Education for the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care System (2024-SS-4)

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Report #2024-SS-4 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

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

That unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$4,351,437, be expended in accordance with the 2024 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Guidelines.

CARRIED

B) Unbudgeted One-Time Provincial Funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care for the Four (4) Regional Municipality of Durham Long Term Care Homes (2024-SS-5)

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Report #2024-SS-5 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Moved by Councillor Jubb, Seconded by Councillor Carter,  
(20) That we recommend to Council:

A) That the one-time unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Long-Term Care in the amount of \$2,153,921, be expended in accordance with the program guidelines; and

- B) That the following unbudgeted capital projects related to the Region's Long-Term Care Homes in the estimated amount of \$2,153,921 be approved and financed from Provincial Subsidy:

| <b>Long-Term Care Homes</b>                   | <b>(\$)</b>             |
|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Flooring Replacement – Hillsdale Estates      | 762,900                 |
| Parking Lot Replacement – Hillsdale Terraces  | 508,600                 |
| 7 Tub Replacements – Fairview Lodge           | 220,000                 |
| Kitchen Renovations – Fairview Lodge          | 200,000                 |
| Combination Oven Replacement – Fairview Lodge | 45,000                  |
| 21 Laundry Cart Replacements – Fairview Lodge | 28,414                  |
| Bariatric Stretcher – Fairview Lodge          | 10,100                  |
| Parking Lot Replacement – Lakeview Manor      | 296,907                 |
| Carpet Tile Replacement – Lakeview Manor      | 50,000                  |
| Main Hall Flooring – Lakeview Manor           | 20,000                  |
| Accessible Walkway – Lakeview Manor           | 12,000                  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | <b><u>2,153,921</u></b> |

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, June 6, 2024 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 Carter,  
(21) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Roy, Chair

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K. Smith, Committee Clerk