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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 3, 2024

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, October 3, 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 Foster
Councillor Jubb*
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also
Present: Councillor Neal*
Councillor Schummer*
Councillor Wotten*
Councillor Woo*
*** denotes visiting Councillors participating electronically**

Absent: Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter

Staff
Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, Chief Administrative Officer
C. Boyd, Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
A. Burgess, Director, Communications & Engagement
A. Di Pietro*, Director, Health Protection, Health
J. Dixon, Director, Business Affairs and Financial Management, Social Services
J. Gaskin, Director, Children’s Services, Social Services
W. Holmes*, Deputy General Manager, Durham Region Transit
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health
M. Laschuk*, Director, Family Services, Social Services
C. Leeder, Manager, Population Health Division
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
R. Mills, Manager, Population Health Division
G. Muller, Director, Affordable Housing Development & Renewal
V. Olmstead, Assistant Director, Population Health
H. Patel, Public Health Resident,
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
K. Smith, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Taylor, Manager, Budgets & Finance, Social Services
T. Tyner Cavanagh, Manager, Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships
E. Valant*, Director, Housing Services
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
C. Wilmot, Manager, Employment Service System, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division
*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(31) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 5, 2024, be adopted.
CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Presentations

5.1 Christa Leeder, Manager, Population Health Division, and Rebekah Mills, Manager, Population Health Division, re: Durham Region Health Department Home Visiting Programs

Christa Leeder, Manager, Population Health Division, and Rebekah Mills, Manager, Population Health Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Durham Region Health Department Home Visiting Programs.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Home Visiting Programs
- Community Collaboration & Service Coordination
- Healthy Babies Healthy Children
 - Objective
 - Services
 - Estimated Reach for 2024

- Infant & Child Development Program
 - Objective
 - Services
 - Estimated Reach for 2024
- What families are saying

Staff responded to questions with regards to whether data is collected to identify if early intervention is an effective method; and the impact on families in the community given the lack of primary healthcare providers available to families.

5.2 Christine Wilmot, Manager, Employment Service System, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, re: Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update (2024-SS-9) [Item 8.2 a.]

Christine Wilmot, Manager, Employment Service System, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background
- Program Evaluation
- Program Design
- Governance Model
- Employment Service Providers in Durham
- System Capacity Improvements
- Current Network Data Overview
- Community Engagement
- Integrated Employment Services
- Key Priorities and Next Steps

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(32) That the agenda be altered to consider Item 8.2 A) Report #2024-SS-9: Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update, next.

CARRIED

8.2 Reports

A) Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update (2024-SS-9)

Report #2024-SS-9 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

C. Wilmot responded to questions with regards to the total number of successful clients becoming employed with assistance through Employment Services; how

priority services are identified within the community; how the Employment Services program is being advertised and offered to those in the community, specifically those unsheltered; and what factors are being gauged to determine if the Employment Services program is providing good outcomes to clients.

Moved by Councillor Foster, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(33) That Report #2024-SS-9 of the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information.

CARRIED

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Foster,
(34) That Christine Wilmot, Manager, Employment Service System, Income, Employment and Homelessness Support Division, provide the PowerPoint presentation with regards to Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update at the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 9, 2024.

CARRIED

6. Delegations

6.1 Colin Barnard, Scugog Resident, re: Striking a Communication Sharing Committee for a Housing Co-op in the Township of Scugog

Colin Barnard, Scugog Resident, was not in attendance.

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence from the City of Pickering, re: Resolution passed at their Council meeting held on June 24, 2024, endorsing the resolution by the Town of Amaranth regarding Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water

Councillor Neal requested that the correspondence from the City of Pickering be endorsed by the Committee and that a copy be sent to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC).

Discussion ensued with regards to endorsing the recommendations in the correspondence from the City of Pickering; and providing information and education to Durham residents to advise that there are no changes happening to water testing services for private drinking water.

Dr. Kyle advised he would prepare a communication plan to Durham Region residents to be made aware there are no changes happening to water testing services for private drinking water.

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Regional Chair Henry,
(35) That the Correspondence from the City of Pickering regarding a resolution passed at their Council meeting held on June 24, 2024,

endorsing the resolution by the Town of Amaranth regarding Water Testing Services for Private Drinking Water, be received for information and that a copy of the correspondence be sent to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee (DAAC).

CARRIED

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) Employment Services Transformation Service System Manager Update (2024-SS-9)

This item was considered earlier in the meeting. [See pages 3 and 4 of these minutes]

B) Unbudgeted Provincial Funding from the Ministry of Education for the Canada-Wide learning and Child Care System (2024-SS-10)

Report #2024-SS-10 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Staff responded to a question with regards to how Durham Region recognizes and thanks the Province when additional unbudgeted funding is received from the Province.

J. Gaskin advised that an information report will be prepared to provide additional information on the new funding formula, and they can provide a presentation to the Committee at that time.

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

That unbudgeted Provincial funding from the Ministry of Education in the amount of \$9,066,415, be expended in accordance with the 2024 Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Guidelines and as further detailed in Section 5 of Report #2024-SS-10 of the Commissioner of Social Services.

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 Transitional Housing for Unsheltered Residents

Discussion ensued with regards to working with the Provincial and Federal levels of government regarding providing transitional housing for unsheltered residents; preparing a communication letter from the Regional Chair's office to the Premier regarding proper distribution of transitional housing across a number of municipalities; and Mayors and Councillors speaking with MPPs to convey the message.

E. Baxter-Trahair advised that at a recent regional and lower tier municipality CAO meeting, there was no discussion regarding a program to help with transitional housing.

Chair Henry advised that in conjunction with Corporate Communications, he will prepare a letter to the Premier regarding the concerns raised by Committee members.

Chair Roy called upon Delegation 6.1, Colin Barnard, Scugog Resident, for a second time. C. Barnard was not in attendance.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Health & Social Services Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2024 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 Foster,
(37) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:36 AM

Respectfully submitted,

E. Roy, Chair

K. Smith, Committee Clerk