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January 31, 2025

The Honourable Sylvia Jones
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Subject: Program of All-inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)

The Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering considered the above matter at a Meeting held on January 25, 2025 and adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the City of Pickering and Durham Region are facing a rapidly aging population with complex health and wellness needs;

And Whereas, caregivers, faced with the inordinate challenge of securing, coordinating and overseeing the care of their loved ones from a multitude of providers, are experiencing burnout and increasing sense of hopelessness;

And Whereas, the vast majority of Ontarians want to age in place in their own home and community, but are challenged finding the supports to do so;

And Whereas, while Durham residents wish to age in place, a lack of resources is pressing residents to institutional care, such as hospitals and long-term care. In the next 10 years, the demand for long-term care in Durham Region is projected to increase by 38%. In Durham Region, the median number of days people are waiting to move into a long-term care home was 260 days – 30% higher than the provincial median;

And Whereas, Community Care Durham has been a long-standing and trusted non-profit health and social services provider in Pickering offering a vast array of services such as Assisted Living, Transportation, Day Programs, Meal and Food Security, Mental Wellness supports, and others;

And Whereas, Community Care Durham is seeking Provincial and Regional support to implement a new program – OneConnect – that is modeled after the United States of America's Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE). This program coordinates comprehensive health and wellness services around high-risk clients (e.g.,

those awaiting placement in long-term care) living in the community in order to help them and their caregivers live optimally at home, in the community;

And Whereas, other Ontario municipalities are looking to support the adoption of PACE like models, including municipalities in Durham Region (Ajax, Scugog, Whitby);

And Whereas, implementation of Community Care Durham's OneConnect program in Pickering would benefit residents, while alleviating demands on local hospitals and related healthcare institutions;

And Whereas, Community Care Durham is publicly funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care through the Central East Local Health Integration Network, requires new funding to implement OneConnect;

Now therefore be it resolved, that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Pickering directs through the Office of the CAO:

1. That Pickering Council supports Community Care Durham's vision for implementing OneConnect in Pickering, and the Region of Durham;
2. That Pickering Council encourages the Government of Ontario to provide the necessary funding to Community Care Durham to implement, evaluate and scale OneConnect to meet the growing needs of the Region of Durham;
3. That staff from the City of Pickering assist the Region of Durham and Community Care Durham to support the expansion of Day Program services, and identification of Pickering neighbourhoods where there are a high proportion of at risk adults that could benefit from this comprehensive model; and,
4. That a copy of this motion be sent to the Honourable Sylvia Jones, Minister of Health, the Honourable Peter Bethlenfalvy, Minister of Finance and MPP for Pickering-Uxbridge, the Honourable Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care, John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO of the Regional Municipality of Durham, Durham Regional Health and Social Services Committee, Durham Regional Local Housing Corporation, all Durham Region lower tier municipalities, Cynthia Davis, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health, Lisa Kitchen, Director of the Durham Ontario Health Team, and Matt Anderson, President & CEO of Ontario Health.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 905.420.4660, extension 2019.

Yours truly



Susan Cassel
City Clerk

SC:am

Copy: The Hon. Natalia Kusendova-Bashta, Minister of Long-Term Care;
The Hon. Peter Bethlenfalvy, MPP Pickering-Uxbridge;
John Henry, Regional Chair & CEO of the Regional Municipality of Durham;
Durham Regional Health and Social Services Committee;
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Cynthia Davis, President and CEO of Lakeridge Health
Lisa Kitchen, Director of the Durham Ontario Health Team
Matt Anderson, President & CEO of Ontario Health;
Jaclyn Grossi, Clerk, Town of Ajax;
June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington;
Chris Harris, Clerk, Town of Whitby;
Fernando Lamanna, Clerk, Township of Brock;
Debbie Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge;
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Blair Labelle, Clerk, Township of Scugog.
Chief Administrative Officer