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The Regional Municipality of Durham

MINUTES

HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 3, 2025

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, April 3, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:31 AM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair
Councillor Anderson
Councillor Brenner
Councillor Carter*
Councillor Jubb*
Councillor Neal*
Regional Chair Henry
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Also
Present: Councillor Woo*
*** denotes Councillors participating electronically**

Absent: Councillor Roy, Chair

Staff

Present: T. Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, Health
S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services
S. Dessureault, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
A. Fitzsimmons, Manager, Business Affairs and Financial Management,
Social Services
J. Gaskin, Director, Children’s Services, Social Services
A. Harras, Director of Legislative Services & Regional Clerk
R. Hirstwood-Judd, Supervisor, Family Services, Social Services
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
K. McDermott, Senior Solicitor, Chief Administrative Office – Legal Services
L. McIntosh, Director, Income & Employment Support, Social Services
P. McTavish, Associate Medical Officer of Health
G. Muller, Director, Affordable Housing Development & Renewal
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, 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
*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(16) That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee
meeting held on Thursday, March 6, 2025, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Statutory Public Meetings

There were no statutory public meetings.

5. Presentations

5.1 Troy Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, re: Region of
Durham Paramedic Services Update

Troy Cheseboro, Chief, Region of Durham Paramedic Services, provided a
PowerPoint presentation with regards to Region of Durham Paramedic Services
Update.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Call Volume Jan to Dec 2024
- Offload Delay 2024
- Offload Delay Lakeridge Health Oshawa (LHO) 2024
- Cost of Offload Delay at LHO 2024
- The Canadian Triage and Acuity Scale (CTAS) Response 2024
Percentage
- Seaton Paramedic Response Station
- Primary Care Outreach Program (PCOP) Overview
- PCOP Overall Program Data
- PCOP 2023 and 2024 Program Data
- Community Programs Vehicles
- Community Programs 2024 Overview
- CP LTC 2023 and 2024 Program Data
- Opioid Update 2024

- Medical Priority Dispatch System (MPDS)

T. Cheseboro responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether the high volume of urgent and life-threatening calls, reported as codes 3 and 4, is indicative of the health of the community; what advancements can be made to improve the offload delay at Lakeridge Health Oshawa; the significant difference in overdose cases occurring in the City of Oshawa compared to the other local area municipalities; approaches that can be taken to reduce the number of overdose calls in the City of Oshawa; whether Suboxone and other treatment options have been considered to treat individuals suffering from severe opioid addictions; the amount of overdose and mental health related calls from individuals who have sought emergency services on multiple occasions, and whether this information is documented; whether future paramedic stations will mimic the design of the Seaton Paramedic Response Station; and whether there is a community paramedicine team that operates out of Enniskillen Fire Station 5 in Clarington.

General discussion ensued with regards to an individuals' right to decline medical attention and how it impacts the healthcare system; and the necessary supports that are required to recover from addiction and mental health issues.

Following a question from Regional Chair Henry with respect to data collection for response calls from individuals dealing with addiction and mental health issues, Dr. Kyle advised that the Mental Health and Addictions Centre of Excellence is developing a data management system and advised that staff will undertake to investigate what data will be collected through this system and report back to the Committee at a later date.

6. Delegations

- 6.1 Michael Braithwaite, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Door, and Adrianna Vanderneut, Director of Quality, Compliance and Evaluation, Blue Door, re: Housing for All Land Trust
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Michael Braithwaite, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Door, and Adrianna Vanderneut, Director of Quality, Compliance and Evaluation, Blue Door, appeared before Committee in-person with regards to Housing for All Land Trust.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Mission / Vision
- What is the Housing for All Land Trust (HALT)?
- Overview
- HALT has the potential to create a lasting impact in the housing system
- We need help from Ontario municipalities to realize our mission

M. Braithwaite responded to questions from the Committee.

Moved by Regional Chair Henry, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(17) That Michael Braithwaite, Chief Executive Officer, Blue Door, and
Adrianna Vanderneut, Director of Quality, Compliance and Evaluation,
Blue Door, be invited to present at the April 9, 2025, Committee of the
Whole meeting with regards to the Housing for All Land Trust.

CARRIED

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

7.2 Reports

A) The Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alPHa) Call for Board of Health Nominations (2025-MOH-3)

Report #2025-MOH-3 from R.J. Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health, was received.

Moved by Councillor Brenner, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,
(18) That we recommend to Council:

- A) That the nomination of Councillor Elizabeth Roy for election to the alPHa Board of Directors for a two-year term to represent the Central East region be endorsed; and
- B) That two members of Regional Council be identified to sponsor the nomination and complete the nomination form.

CARRIED

8. Social Services

8.1 Correspondence

There were no communications to consider.

8.2 Reports

There were no Social Services reports to consider.

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, May 8, 2025 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, (19) That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM

Respectfully submitted,

J. Dies, Vice-Chair

V. Walker, Committee Clerk