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**The Regional Municipality of Durham**  
**Health & Social Services Committee Minutes**

**Thursday, November 6, 2025**

A regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, November 6, 2025 in the Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario. Due to technical issues, the meeting began at 9:46 AM.

Councillor Roy assumed the Chair.

**1. Roll Call**

Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.  
\* indicates individuals who participated electronically.

Members

Present: Councillor Roy, Chair  
Councillor Dies, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Neal\*  
Regional Chair Henry\*

Also

Present: Councillor Pettingill\*

Members

Absent: Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Jubb due to Regional technical issue

Staff Present: E. Baxter-Trahair, C. Boyd, J. Chiu, S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, L. Fleury, S. Gainey, J. Gaskin\*, J. Hunt, R. Inacio, R.J. Kyle, M. Laschuk, L. MacDermaid, L. McIntosh, P. McTavish, G. Muller, N. Prasad, A. Skan\*, K. Smith, C. Taylor, K. Thangaraj, T. Tyner Cavanagh\*, and E. Valant

**2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Motion #36

Moved by Councillor Anderson, Seconded by Councillor Dies,  
That the minutes of the regular Health & Social Services Committee meeting held on Thursday, September 4, 2025, be adopted.

**Carried**

#### **4. Statutory Public Meetings**

There were no statutory public meetings.

#### **5. Presentations**

- 5.1 Shannon Gainey, Manager, Population Health Division, and Jolene Chiu, Assistant Manager, Population Health Division  
Re: Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (STBBIs)
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Shannon Gainey, Manager, Population Health Division, and Jolene Chiu, Assistant Manager, Population Health Division, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted and Blood-Borne Infections (STBBIs).

Highlights of the presentation included:

- STBBI Prevention and Control
- Diseases of Public Health Significance
- Durham Region's STBBI Trends (2014-2024)
- Syphilis Trends (2014-2024)
- Why Are There Increases in STBBIs?
- Overview of Services
- STBBI Case and Contact Management
- Sexual Health Clinics
- Sexual Health Clinic Services
- Community Outreach & Building Capacity
- Summary

#### **6. Delegations**

There were no delegations.

#### **7. Health**

- 7.1 Correspondence

- A) Memorandum from Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health  
Re: External Violence Against Paramedics
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Motion #37

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

- A) That the Regional Municipality of Halton Resolution MO-10-25 calling on the Government of Canada to reintroduce and adopt legislation amending the

Criminal Code to explicitly include paramedics and first responders under Section 423.2 protections, be endorsed; and

- B) That the Prime Minister of Canada, the Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada, Durham's MPs, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Paramedic Chiefs of Canada, Ontario Association of Paramedic Chiefs and the Durham Regional Police Service be so advised.

**Carried on the following Recorded Vote:**

Yes: Councillor Anderson  
Councillor Carter  
Councillor Dies  
Regional Chair Henry  
Councillor Neal  
Councillor Roy, Chair

No: None

Members

Absent: Councillor Brenner  
Councillor Jubb

Declaration  
of Interest: None

- B) Memorandum from Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner and Medical Officer of Health  
Re: Board of Health Self-Evaluations
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Motion #38

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Dies,  
That Memorandum from Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner and Medical  
Officer of Health, regarding Board of Health Self-Evaluations, be received  
for information.

**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) Update on the Regional Municipality of Durham's Transitional Housing Programs (2025-SS-5)

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Report #2025-SS-5 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

E. Valant responded to questions with regards to the difference in annual operating costs for the Oshawa Micro Homes and Beaverton Heights; whether it would be beneficial to have Blue Door operate the Oshawa Micro Homes; and how the tenth unit of the Oshawa Micro Homes is being used.

Motion #39

Moved by Councillor Carter, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,  
That Report #2025-SS-5 of the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information.

**Carried**

B) Daily Rate Increase in Regional Directly Operated Early Learning and Child Care Programs (2025-SS-6)

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Report #2025-SS-6 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services, was received.

Motion #40

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

That approval be granted to increase school-age child care daily rates for Directly Operated Learning and Child Care programs effective January 1, 2026, in accordance with the following table:

Type of Care	Current Daily Rate	Proposed Daily Rate	Difference (5% increase)
School Age - Before School	\$16.00	\$16.80	\$0.80
School Age - After School	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$1.00
School Age - Before and After School	\$26.00	\$27.30	\$1.30
School Age - Full Day	\$37.00	\$38.85	\$1.85

**Carried**

**9. Advisory Committee Resolutions**

There were no advisory committee resolutions to be considered.

**10. Confidential Matters**

10.1 Reports

- A) Confidential Report of the Commissioner of Social Services – Closed Matter with respect to information explicitly supplied in confidence to the municipality of local board by Canada, a province or territory or a Crown agency of any of them, regrading Capital Projects Submitted under the Ontario Priorities Housing Initiative (OPHI)  
(2025-SS-7)
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Confidential Report #2025-SS-7 from S. Danos-Papaconstantinou, Commissioner of Social Services was received.

Motion #41

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

That the recommendations contained in Confidential Report #2025-SS-7 of the Commissioner of Social Services be adopted.

**Carried**

**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, December 4, 2025 at 9:30 AM in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby.

**13. Adjournment**

Motion #42

Moved by Councillor Dies, Seconded by Councillor Anderson,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 AM

Respectfully submitted,

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E. Roy  
Chair

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K. Smith  
Committee Clerk