

**The Regional Municipality of Durham**

**MINUTES**

**HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009**

A Regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee was held on Thursday, February 26, 2009 in the Lower Level Boardroom (LL-C), Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 9:36 a.m.

Present: Councillor Perkins, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Jordan  
Councillor Littley  
Councillor O'Connor

Absent: Councillor Cullen, Chair, with regrets  
Councillor Lutczyk  
Councillor Neal  
Regional Chair Anderson

**Staff**

Present: G. H. Cubitt, Chief Administrative Officer  
H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services, attended the meeting at 9:45 a.m.  
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, left the meeting at 11:05 a.m.  
D. Chappell, Manager, Housing Development and Homelessness, Social Services Department, attended the meeting at 10:08 a.m.  
K. Gorman, Director, Environmental Health, Health Department, attended for part of the meeting  
J. Heffern, Director, Long Term Care & Services for Seniors, Social Services Department, attended the meeting at 10:10 a.m.  
R. Lambert, Director, Children's Services, Social Services Department, attended the meeting at 10:08 a.m.  
S. Munns-Audet, Director, Corporate Communications  
N. Rutherford, Senior Planner, Planning Department, attended for part of the meeting  
J. Taiariol, Communications Officer, Social Services Department  
L. Fleury, Committee Clerk, Clerk's Department

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

1. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillor O'Connor,  
(24) "THAT the minutes of the Regular Health & Social Services  
Committee meeting held on [February 5, 2009](#) be adopted."  
CARRIED

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

There were no presentations to consider.

4. **DELEGATIONS**

a) **JENNIFER ADAMSON AND GARTH RILEY, STICKS AND STONES  
PROJECT RE: BULLYING**

Ms. J. Adamson and Mr. G. Riley spoke to the Committee about the Sticks and Stones Project which is aimed at preventing youth bullying and providing kids with coping tools and mechanisms to deal with bullying. They advised that to date they have done one hundred and fifty-five presentations to approximately thirty thousand students and have over twenty-four thousand exit surveys from students, which indicate an acceptance rate for the Project of eighty-five percent of the students.

Mr. Riley cited other programs that currently exist to educate children, parents and school staff about bullying, but stated that they feel there is a need for a more coordinated approach to the problem of bullying and feel that school staff cannot always facilitate these programs due to competing demands for their time and resources. They also believe that bullying is not just an issue that should be looked at when children are in school, but also after they leave the school grounds and that a full social network is required. They acknowledged that it is difficult to determine which government or private organization should be responsible for implementing a task force to provide bullying educational services, such as those provided by the Sticks and Stones Project, and they believe that further communication is required, as well as funding commitments in order to have someone coordinating this effort full time. They believe that a holistic approach is required and that someone needs to take a lead on developing this. They are willing to facilitate a coordinated approach to anti-bullying initiatives across the Region and are looking for assistance with funding and coordination.

The Committee members provided various suggestions for agencies within the Region who could be approached regarding this initiative. A suggestion was also made to contact the Durham Regional Police Service regarding the Police/School Safety Protocol and ask how the Sticks and Stones Project could fit in with the Protocol. The Committee also suggested that the Sticks and Stones Project investigate becoming incorporated as a not-for-profit agency to assist with accountability requirements when applying for funding.

The Committee asked Ms. Adamson and Mr. Riley to provide statistics about their Program. They also asked that they provide the Committee Clerk with their website address and information regarding the Restorative Justice text that they referred to during their delegation.

The Committee asked G. H. Cubitt, CAO, to comment on the various avenues for advocacy available to the Committee with regard to the Sticks and Stones Project.

The Committee thanked the delegates for appearing. The delegation portion of the agenda concluded and the Committee continued to discuss the Sticks and Stones Project and anti-bullying initiatives.

The Committee discussed various community agencies and government ministries who may be interested in the Sticks and Stones Project and anti-bullying initiatives in general, including: school boards, school advisory committees, Durham Family Court Clinics, the Durham Regional Police Services Board, Eastview Boys and Girls Club, the YWCA, Community Health Centres, the Ministry of Education, and the Ministry of Children and Youth Services. The Committee members also mentioned looking at anti-bullying initiatives for those involved with behaviour management services and child care centres; and how projects such as the Sticks and Stones Project fit in with the establishment of a proposed Community Hub Infrastructure Fund (see Item 10 b) of the Social Services Department portion of the meeting).

The Committee asked that staff contact the Durham Regional Police Service (DRPS) requesting a dialogue between the DRPS and the Sticks and Stones Project coordinators. The Committee also asked that staff investigate potential funding avenues for the Sticks and Stones Project taking into consideration the various community agencies and government ministries mentioned by the Committee members.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(25) "THAT Social Services Department staff investigate any areas where the Sticks and Stones Project can apply for funding and provide the Project coordinators with this information."

CARRIED

5. CORRESPONDENCE – FOR ENDORSEMENT

a) MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER & MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2009 RE: MIDDLESEX-LONDON BOARD OF HEALTH RESOLUTION

MOVED by Councillor Jordan,  
(26) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT the following recommendations of the Middlesex-London Board of Health dated January 15, 2009, with respect to carbon monoxide detectors, be endorsed:

'(THAT the Middlesex-London Board of Health) Endorse the intent of the Private Member's Bill 143 know as The Hawkins Gignac Act (Carbon Monoxide Detectors), 2008 on the understanding that clarification to specific requirements will be addressed as the proposed legislation goes forward; and further;

(THAT the Middlesex-London Board of Health) Send a letter of endorsement to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; and further

(THAT the Middlesex-London Board of Health) Seek support for this endorsement from other Boards of Health and from the Association of Local Public Health Agencies.'; and

- b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Community Safety and Correctional Services, Health and Long-Term Care, Health Promotion, and Municipal Affairs and Housing, Ernie Hardeman, MPP, Durham's MPPs, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, aPHa, and all Ontario Boards of Health be so advised."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR DISCUSSION

b) MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER & MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2009 RE: DURHAM'S HEALTHCARE SYSTEM

A revised page to the memorandum was provided as a handout. The Committee decided to table the discussion on this matter until the next meeting when Chair Cullen will be in attendance.

MOVED by Councillor Jordan,  
(27) "THAT consideration of the Memorandum from Dr. Robert Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health, dated February 26, 2009 regarding Durham's Healthcare System, be tabled until the March 24, 2009 meeting of the Committee."

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION

- c) MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER & MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2009 RE: HEALTH DEPARTMENT RE-ACCREDITATION
- d) LETTER FROM JOHN LEFEBVRE, MANAGER, ROAD SAFETY MARKETING OFFICE, SAFETY POLICY EDUCATION BRANCH, ONTARIO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, DATED DECEMBER 15, 2008 RE: CONTRIBUTION TO ROAD SAFETY
- e) UNAPPROVED MINUTES OF THE DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 16, 2009
- f) REPORT ON DIALOGUE BETWEEN NUCLEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AND DURHAM NUCLEAR HEALTH COMMITTEE, OCTOBER 30, 2008

MOVED by Councillor O'Connor,  
(28) "THAT Correspondence Items c) to f) inclusive be received for information."

CARRIED

6. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION

- a) PROGRAM REPORTS ([2009-MOH-04](#))

Report #2009-MOH-04 from Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health was received. Discussion ensued with regard to the Chronic Disease Prevention objectives as they relate to food security. A question arose with regard to the various Regional groups involved in food security and the level of coordination between them. Staff advised that several departments have a role to play in advancing the food security agenda, and the logistics of the coordination should become clearer once the Durham Region Food Charter is considered by Regional Council and recommendations are made in this regard. Staff offered to

outline the Region's food security related activities in a future report or presentation to the Committee.

The Committee also questioned whether the Program Reports would change as a result of the new Ontario Public Health Standards. Staff advised that the Health Department started aligning the Business Plans and Budgets with the new Standards in July, 2008, so the Program Reports are already aligned with the new Ontario Public Health Standards and should not be changing.

Clarification was requested regarding: the implementation of a plan to assist one health care setting to implement smoking cessation strategies in its organization; the completion of a needs assessment on drug use in Durham Region; and the vector borne disease program and the lower tier municipalities role in this. Staff responded with additional details regarding these initiatives.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(29) "THAT Report #2009-MOH-04 of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health be received for information."  
CARRIED

b) 2008 PERFORMANCE REPORT ([2009-MOH-05](#))

Report #2009-MOH-05 from Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health was received.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(30) "THAT Report #2009-MOH-05 of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health be received for information."  
CARRIED

c) 2009 HEALTH PLAN ([2009-MOH-06](#))

Report #2009-MOH-06 from Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health was received.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(31) "THAT Report #2009-MOH-06 of the Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health be received for information."  
CARRIED

d) 2008 QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN ([2009-MOH-07](#))

Report #2009-MOH-07 from Dr. R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health was received.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(32) "THAT Report #2009-MOH-07 of the Commissioner & Medical  
Officer of Health be received for information."

CARRIED

7. OTHER BUSINESS

a) REPORT #2009-P-17 FROM THE COMMISSIONER OF PLANNING, DATED  
FEBRUARY 24, 2009, RE: FOOD SECURITY POLICY – GROWING DURHAM  
REGIONAL OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT, FILE: D12-05

Report #2009-P-17 from the Commissioner of Planning, was received as a handout. The Committee discussed the possibility of forwarding the Report to the Food Charter Working Group and the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change Committee, along with those groups already listed on the Report for their comments with regard to the proposed policy amendments supporting food security as outlined in the Report.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(33) "THAT Report #2009-P-17 of the Commissioner of Planning be  
received for information;

and further, THAT we recommend to Council:

THAT Part b) of Item # 3 of the Third Report of the Planning Committee to Regional Council, be amended by adding the words: 'the Food Charter Working Group and the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change for their comments, which are to be made available in a further report'; so that it now reads as follows:

THAT a copy of Report #2009-P-17 be forwarded to the Durham Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Durham Federation of Agriculture, the GTA Agricultural Advisory Committee, the Food Charter Working Group and the Durham Region Roundtable on Climate Change for their comments, which are to be made available in a further report."

CARRIED

b) ALPHA FOOD FOR THOUGHT WORKSHOP – AND PUT FOOD IN THE  
BUDGET CAMPAIGN

Councillor Jordan advised that she attended the alpha Food for Thought Workshop on February 5, 2009. She said that the workshop was excellent and encouraged Committee members to review the publication regarding the alpha semi-annual meeting, held on February 5 and 6, 2009. Staff advised that a link to this publication was provided to the Committee in the latest Health Information e-mail update sent out by Dr. Kyle's office.

Discussion ensued with respect to an Ontario-wide campaign called Put Food in the Budget which asks the Government of Ontario to add a \$100.00 per month Healthy Food Supplement to the Basic Needs Allowance as a down-payment on closing the gap between social assistance incomes and the cost of healthy eating.

MOVED by Councillor Jordan,  
(34) "THAT we recommend to Council:

- a) THAT the Region of Durham supports the Put Food in the Budget campaign which calls for the addition of a 100% provincially funded \$100.00 per month Healthy Food Supplement to the Basic Needs Allowance as a down-payment on closing the gap between social assistance incomes and the cost of healthy eating; and
- b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Community and Social Services, Finance, Health and Long-Term Care, and Health Promotion, Durham's MPPs, Acting Chief Medical Officer of Health, the 25 in 5 Network, alPHa, OMSSA, Social Planning Network of Ontario and all Ontario Boards of Health be so advised."

CARRIED

c) DRAFT LAKE SIMCOE PROTECTION PLAN

Councillor O'Connor questioned the impact to private property owners and municipalities as a result of proposed requirements in the Draft Lake Simcoe Protection Plan that recommend having all septic systems and wells tested that are located within a specified setback of the watershed. Staff advised that they will investigate this matter and report back.

d) PICKERING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE QUERIES RE:  
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Councillor Littley advised that at a recent meeting of the Pickering Accessibility Advisory Committee, questions were raised with respect to whether emergency services personnel in the Region have a database indicating which residents have issues of decreased mobility and may require additional assistance in the event of an emergency; and whether there is a dedicated 24/7 telephone information line for all Regional residents to contact in the case of an emergency. The Committee asked that these questions be referred to staff of the Durham Emergency Management Office for their reply.

e) METCALF FOUNDATION REPORT – FOOD CONNECTS US ALL –  
SUSTAINABLE LOCAL FOOD IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO

Councillor Littley provided a copy of the Metcalf Foundation report entitled Food Connects us All – Sustainable Local Food in Southern Ontario. She asked that this report be forwarded to all members of Regional Council in the next handout package.

The Committee recessed at 11:05 a.m. and reconvened at 11:18 a.m.

**SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT MATTERS**

8. PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations to consider.

9. DELEGATIONS

There were no Delegations to consider.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – FOR INFORMATION

a) CE LHIN – (EXCERPT FROM JANUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER) COMMON  
ASSESSMENT IS COMING TO ALL ONTARIO LONG-TERM CARE HOMES

MOVED by Councillor O'Connor,  
(35) "THAT Correspondence Item a) be received for information."  
CARRIED

b) COMMUNITY HUB INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Correspondence Item b) was received as a handout. The Committee discussed the merits of having community hubs to allow municipalities to pull together medical and social services needs in one location. Staff advised that they will correspond with the associations proposing the Community Hub Infrastructure Fund asking what the Committee can do to help support this initiative and will share this correspondence with the Committee.

MOVED by Councillor O'Connor,  
(36) "THAT Correspondence Item b) be received for information."  
CARRIED

11. COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS – FOR DECISION

- a) RENEWAL OF SERVICE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REGION OF DURHAM CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION, DURHAM BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND THE DURHAM REGION CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY (2009-CSD-03)
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Report #2009-CSD-03 from Dr. H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services was received.

MOVED by Councillor Jordan,

(37) "THAT we recommend to Council, subject to the approval of the Finance & Administration Committee:

- a) THAT approval be granted to enter into the three year Purchase of Service Agreement with Durham Children's Aid Society (DCAS) (Attachment to Report #2009-CSD-03) effective April 1, 2009 which will cover 100% of the direct service costs for one full time equivalent Behaviour Consultant position, plus an allowance for travel, supervision and administration and a facility rental charge; and,
- b) THAT approval be granted for the Regional Chair and Clerk to execute the Service Agreement between the Region of Durham Children's Services - Durham Behaviour Management Services and Durham Region Children's Aid Society."

CARRIED

This matter will be considered at a meeting of the Finance & Administration Committee on March 4, 2009 and will be presented to Regional Council on Wednesday, March 11, 2009 as Item #3 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Health & Social Services Committee.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORTS – FOR INFORMATION

- b) CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER STATISTICS 2008 (2009-CSD-04)
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Report #2009-CSD-04 from Dr. H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services was received.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,

(38) "THAT Report #2009-CSD-04 from the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information."

CARRIED

c) REPORT OF THE INCOME SUPPORT DIVISION FOR JANUARY 2009  
(2009-IS-04)

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Report #2009-IS-04 from Dr. H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services was received. The Committee commented on the continuing increases in social service caseloads. Staff advised that they will keep monitoring the situation and report back at each Committee meeting. They will also continue to monitor the number of social service recipients moving to the Region from other jurisdictions. The Committee asked staff to forward data regarding income support variances from year to year and any contributing factors to the office of The Honourable, J. Flaherty, MP, requesting any assistance/advice he can offer on this matter.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(39) "THAT Report #2009-IS-04 from the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information."  
CARRIED

d) LAST ADDRESS OF ONTARIO WORKS APPLICANTS (2009-IS-05)

Report #2009-IS-05 from Dr. H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services was received.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(40) "THAT Report #2009-IS-05 from the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information."  
CARRIED

e) REGULATION OF ONTARIO RETIREMENT HOMES – UPDATE  
(2009-LTC-03)

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Report #2009-LTC-03 from Dr. H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services was received. The Committee asked staff to correspond with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care asking for a timetable advising when the Ministry plans to move forward with the recommendations that were made regarding regulation of Ontario retirement homes and that the local MPPs and appropriate Provincial ministers be copied on this correspondence.

MOVED by Councillor O'Connor,  
(41) "THAT Report #2009-LTC-03 from the Commissioner of Social Services be received for information."  
CARRIED

f) 2008 HOMELESSNESS SERVICE STATISTICS (2009-SH-03)

Report #2009-SH-03 from Dr. H. Drouin, Commissioner of Social Services was received.

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(42) "THAT Report #2009-SH-03 from the Commissioner of Social Services  
be received for information."

CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business to consider.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Health & Social Services Committee is  
scheduled to be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2009, Room 1-A,  
Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Rd. East, Whitby

14. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Littley,  
(43) "THAT the meeting be adjourned."

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

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L. Fleury, Committee Clerk

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A. Cullen, Chair  
Health & Social Services Committee