



HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE Minutes

Monday January 24, 2022
9:30 a.m.
Microsoft Teams meeting

**Present: Councillor Tony Dalimonte (Chair) Councillor Bernie Corbett,
Councillor Ryan Taylor, Councillor Stewart Patterson, Councillor Kim
Huffman,**

**Also Present: Heidi Van Dyk-Ellis, Lori Friesen, Stephanie Rice, Dr. Matt
Strauss, Christina Lounsbury (Recorder)**

Regrets: Councillor Van Paassen

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

2. Additions to Agenda

A. Mental Health and Addictions Services

3. Presentations/Deputations

4. Adoption/Correction of Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

A. Health and Social Services Advisory Committee Meeting
dated November 22, 2021.

The minutes of the Health and Social Services Advisory Committee meeting dated November 22, 2021, having been distributed to all Committee Members and there being no errors reported, they were there upon declared adopted and signed by Chair Dalimonte.

Mover: Councillor Patterson
Secunder: Councillor Corbett

Carried.

5. Update on Reports

A. From the November 22, 2021 Meeting

Heidy VanDyk-Ellis, Acting General Manager, advised that all reports from the November 22, 2021 Advisory Committee Meeting were approved at council as presented.

6. Consent Items

7. Staff Reports

7.1 General Manager

7.2 Public Health

A. Dr. Strauss – Acting Medical Officer of Health – Verbal Update

Dr. Strauss gave a verbal update on the COVID-19 pandemic and Health Unit response. He also advised Committee members that, in response to a deputation from a community member at the Board of Health about the wearing of masks by kindergarten students, he conducted a review of relevant studies and is giving the opinion that masks for kindergarten students should not be required. He will provide this report at the next Board of Health meeting.

7.3 Social Services and Housing

A. Staff Report # HSS 22-01 Service Agreement - Home Comforts Childcare

Mover: Councillor Huffman

Seconder: Councillor Taylor

Carried.

7.4 Quality, Planning, Accountability and Performance

8. Sub-Committee Reports

9. Communications

Heidy VanDyk, Acting General Manager mentions that Norfolk County has completed their levy supported operating budget deliberations. The Health and Social Services budgets were considered and approved. These budgets were reviewed with Haldimand County Senior leadership team prior to Norfolk County council.

10. Other Business

A. Mental Health and Addictions Services

Councillor Corbett asked what is our response is to mental health and substance abuse in the community. Are there any funding resources that the county received and if so, how are they spent?

Heidy VanDyk, Acting General Manager of Health and Social Services states that the funding for these service agencies generated from the province. Social Services and Housing (SS&H) support individuals in how to navigate the system and connect to community services. The Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit operates a program for harm reduction. Housing and Homeless Prevention team provide ongoing support for individuals to obtain housing stability. We work with the community partners that are funded by the province.

11. Closed Session

12. Adjournment

13. Next Meeting – February 28th, 2022

Chair

Secretariat