



COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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### PORT COLBORNE HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

REGULAR MEETING; TUESDAY, MAY 14th, 2019

CITY HALL, 66 CHARLOTTE ST, PORT COLBORNE, COMMITTEE ROOM 3

**ATTENDEES:** Chair Bea Kenny, Director of Community and Economic Development  
Ashley Grigg, Councillor Gary Bruno, Councillor Donna Kalailieff, Connie Butler, ,  
Regional Recruiter Jill Croteau, Staff Joanne Ferraccioli

**Call to Order:** Chair Kenny called the meeting to order at 5:05 PM

#### 1. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Connie Butler

Seconded by: Gary Bruno

That the agenda for the May 14th, 2019 meeting of the Port Colborne Health Services Committee be approved

**CARRIED**

#### 2. Approval of March 18, 2019 Minutes

Moved by: Connie Butler

Seconded by: Donna Kalailieff

That the minutes of the March 18th' 2019 meeting be approved.

**CARRIED**

**3. Delegations, Public Comments/Questions/Concerns:** None

**4. Business Arising from the Minutes:** None

#### 5. Administration

- I. Locum Policy: Ready for Council June 24<sup>th</sup>.

- II. Amalgamation Report: Ready for Council June 24<sup>th</sup>. Discussion ensued about the Amalgamation of Mapleview Medical Clinic and the Port Colborne Family Health Organization and how this will ensure sustainability of the FHO model for Dr. King and Dr. Maracle, as well as being sustainable with Primary Care Reform at the MOHLTC level in 2021; at which time it is believed there will be a minimum of 6 physicians required to be in a FHO. Funds to support this are being requested through the report.
- III. Recruitment of Dr. Joe Fraelic Report: Ready for Council June 24<sup>th</sup>. The report will request incentive that is shared with Fort Erie as the intent is for Dr. Fraelic and Dr. Remington to expand Niagara South Family Medicine into Ridgeway.

## **6. Health Services Report**

- i. Rural Medicine Week: We will be hosting the University of Ottawa May 27-31<sup>st</sup>. The 5 learners arriving are from the Francophone stream. We have been fortunate to have Sherkston Shores donate 2 units side by side with 3 BR's for the males and 2 BR's for the females. The schedule is nearly complete and has been endorsed and approved by ROMP.
- ii. Urgent Care Walk-In for Mental Health: Council approved a \$20000 grant to operate the clinic which will open in June with space provided in-kind by Bridges Community Health Centre.
- iii. Amalgamation Report: we have received approval to move forward by the MOHLTC. Joanne has drafted a letter of intent with all of the physicians and she will host a meeting to proceed as the MOH has directed.
- iv. Niagara South Family Medicine expansion: A report is coming to Council to provide incentive to Dr. Joe Fraelic.
- v. High School Bursaries: Joanne has provided packages to Centennial, Lakeshore, Port High and Jean Vanier with a date of May 31<sup>st</sup> as the final date for submissions. The 2 successful awards will be forwarded to Finance for cheques to be given.
- vi. Meeting with Hospice to discuss enhancing community hospice services in both Port Colborne and Fort Erie. 20 new beds are being sought; 10 in Fort Erie and 10 in Welland as Long Term Care build expansions.

**7. Niagara Regional Program Report:** Jill Croteau advised the committee she has been very busy at career fairs. We will be hosting an evening for our Buffalo Residents who are currently doing their residency in Buffalo but wish to repatriate back to Canada

or must return under their J-1 Visa status. We have a gold sponsor for this event, and will rotate the event between Niagara Falls and Fort Erie. Jill also reported on the CASPR Conference and Joanne advised the committee that Jill was awarded the Leadership Award by CASPR this year. We are all very proud of the commitment that Jill gives to all of her municipalities in her role. She also reported on the Generalism Conference that both Jill and Joanne attended, and noted the importance of Generalism in keeping our Residents in our rural communities.

**8. Correspondence:** None received, but Joanne did report many more requests for a family physician are coming into both of her offices in Port Colborne and Fort Erie, and that Dr. Singh continues to enrol hundreds of Port Colborne residents.

**9. Other Business:** Dr. Debbie Wilkes-Whitehall has been named Niagara's Family Physician of the Year. We will ensure that this is communicated out through both the Mayor's office and the Communications Officer at the City. Joanne will also work on a retirement party for both Dr. Wilkes-Whitehall and Dr. Rungi at Roselawn in the Fall.

**10. Next Meeting: September 16<sup>th</sup>, 5PM, City Hall Committee Room 3.**

**Adjournment:**

That the business of the Port Colborne Health Services Committee having been completed, the meeting adjourned at 6:10PM

Moved by: Connie Butler

Seconded by: Jill Croteau

**CARRIED**

Minutes Recorded by:

*"original signed"*

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Joanne Ferraccioli

Interim Health Services Coordinator