

**Haldimand-Norfolk
Health and Social Services Advisory Committee**

**February 26, 2024
9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers
Norfolk County Administration Building
50 Colborne St. S., Simcoe ON**

Present: Chris Van Paassen, Shelley Bentley, John Metcalfe,
Alan Duthie, Patrick O'Neill

Also Present: Syed Shah, Stephanie Rice, Angela Butcher, Sarah
Page, Lori Friesen, Laura Goyette, Jackie Wood,
Alexis Atkinson, Katie Donovan, Chris Parker, Chris
Gilbert

Absent: Linda Vandendriessche, Dr. Joyce Lock

- 1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
- 2. Additions to Agenda**
- 3. Presentations/Deputations**
- 4. Adoption/Correction of Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes**
 - 4.1 Haldimand-Norfolk Health and Social Services Advisory Committee -
January 22, 2024**

The Minutes of the Health and Social Services Advisory Committee meeting dated January 22, 2024, having been distributed to all Committee Members and there being no errors to report. The minutes have been and signed by Chair Bentley.

Moved By: Chris Van Paassen

Seconded By: John Metcalfe

That the January 22, 2024 Health and Social Services Advisory Committee Minutes be approved.

Carried.

5. Update on Reports

6. Consent Items

7. Staff Reports

7.1 General Manager

7.2 Public Health

7.2.1 Medical Officer of Health - Update

Moved By: John Metcalfe

Seconded By: Councillor A. Duthie

That the Medical Officer of Health Update be received as information.

Carried.

7.2.2 Food Insecurity and the 2023 Ontario Nutritious Food Basket Survey, HSS-24-007

Moved By: Patrick O'Neill

Seconded By: John Metcalfe

That staff report HSS-24-007 be received as information;

And that the Board of Health correspond with the provincial government applauding recent changes to Ontario Disability Support Program that indexed rates to inflation and recommend the same change for Ontario Works recipients. This would ensure that everyone receiving social assistance could afford their basic needs;

And further that the Board of Health write a letter to the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care in support of continued monitoring of food affordability by public health units as part of the revised 2025 Ontario Public Health Standards;

And further that this Staff Report be forwarded to The Association of Local Public Health Agencies and Ontario Boards of Health.

Carried.

7.2.3 Rabies Program Update 2022-2023, HSS-24-006

Moved By: Chris Van Paassen

Seconded By: Alan Duthie

THAT the report HSS-24-006 regarding the be received as information.

Carried.

7.3 Social Services and Housing

7.3.1 Ontario Works Service Plan 2024, HSS-24-004

Moved By: John Metcalfe

Seconded By: Chris Van Paassen

That staff report HSS-24-004 be received as information; and

That Council direct staff to submit the Ontario Works Service Plan for 2024 to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services (MCCSS) for approval.

Carried.

8. Sub-Committee Reports

8.1 HNHU 2023 Q4 Report – BUDGET AMENDMENT, CS-24-025

Moved By: Patrick O'Neill

Seconded By: John Metcalfe

That report CS-24-025 HNHU 2023 Q4 Report – BUDGET AMENDMENT be received as information;

And that the Approved 2023 Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit Operating Budget be amended as outlined in the report;

And further that the Board of Health endorse that COVID-19 programs remain 100% funded by the Ministry of Health.

Carried.

9. Communications

9.1 February alPHa InfoBreak

Moved By: Chris Van Paassen

Seconded By: John Metcalfe

That the Communication Item 9.1 February alPHa InfoBreak be received as information.

Carried.

10. Other Business

11. Closed Session

Moved By: Alan Duthie

Seconded By: John Metcalfe

That the Health and Social Services Advisory Committee enter into Closed Session at 9:59 a.m..

Carried.

Moved By: Chris Van Paassen

Seconded By: John Metcalfe

That the Health and Social Services Advisory Committee resume Open Session at 10:24 a.m..

Carried.

11.1 Verbal Update - Strengthening Public Health

Section 239(2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended as the subject matter pertains to:

(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees;

(d) labour relations or employee negotiations.

Moved By: Alan Duthie

Seconded By: Patrick O'Neill

That the Closed Meeting Update Strengthening Public Health be received as information; and

That staff proceed as directed.

Carried.

12. Next Meeting

12.1 Monday March 25, 2024

13. Adjournment

Moved By: Alan Duthie

Seconded By: John Metcalfe

That the Health and Social Services Committee be adjourned at 10:25 a.m..

Carried.