



AIDS COMMITTEE OF YORK REGION

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Dear York Region Councilor,

The AIDS Committee of York Region would like to invite you to a half day Community Forum on the morning of World AIDS Day called Speaking Out: Health, Housing, Stigma and HIV/AIDS. It is written in the York Region Vision 2026 document that one of the Region's goals is, "to create a community that promotes the health and mental wellbeing of its residents, and listens and is responsive to their needs." The AIDS Committee of York Region would like to give you an opportunity to learn more about some of the local barriers that residents living with HIV/AIDS face in the targeted areas of healthcare, housing, and stigma. Included in the Community Forum will be three guest speakers: The executive Director of Fife House in Toronto will be coming to speak about how they developed an HIV/AIDS specific housing strategy, An HIV Specialist will be speaking on healthcare barriers, and a representative from Rainbow Health Ontario will be speaking on Stigma and living with HIV/AIDS. The forum will also provide a space to receive input and support, in the form of a panel, from a few people who are HIV positive on implementing strategies and resources to combat those barriers.

The AIDS Committee of York Region serves over a hundred client families who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in York Region, many of which find York Region a difficult place to live and be HIV positive. Many York Region residents who become infected and affected by HIV/AIDS end up relocating to Toronto because they find that in York Region there is less awareness of the issue and less accessible services. Point in case, York Region only has one doctor that will treat patients with HIV/AIDS.

By enhancing our strategic partnership we can effectively continue to build a community that enables all its residents to flourish without fear of stigma, have access to their basic needs, and feel like they belong. That is the York Region that we all desire, and that we need to continue to collectively work towards.

Together we can further create an equitable Region in which we can be proud. This World AIDS Day, let's look in our own backyard.

When: December 1st, 2009-09-16

Where: The Newmarket Community Health Centre 194 Eagle St. Newmarket

Time: Registration at 8:30. The forum starts at 9:00am-12:30pm

With Respect,

Mollie Coles Tonn, Volunteer Outreach
The AIDS Committee of York Region

To register or if you have questions call 905-953-9056 ex. 205 or email outreachacyr@bellnet.ca

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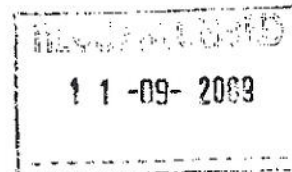


Communication #2

HLTC2976MC-2009-504

SEP 04 2009

Mr. Bill Fisch
Chair, York Regional Board of Health
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1



Dear Mr. Fisch:

On behalf of the McGuinty government, I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for your work in supporting Ontario's public health system.

I am pleased to advise you that in 2009 the province is providing the York Regional Board of Health with \$35,629,901 for the provision of mandatory and related public health programs in your community. This amount includes funding previously announced for an Infection Prevention and Control Nurse for each public health unit and the Small Drinking Water Systems Program.

Even in times of considerable fiscal constraint, this government continues to make significant investments to support the public health system. In 2009, for mandatory and related programs, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care and the Ministry of Health Promotion are investing an additional \$23.8 million over 2008 for a total of \$553 million. Since 2003, funding has more than doubled, including both uploaded costs and increased investments in public health capacity.

As in 2008, the government will allocate 5% growth funding for mandatory programs to boards of health utilizing a funding approach that is more responsive to local needs. The 5% growth funding will be provided as an across-the-board increase of 3% for common cost drivers as well as 2% in targeted funding for population growth and low income populations. Within the approved funding, each local board of health is expected to deliver programs and services that meet the Ontario Public Health Standards and other requirements of the *Health Protection and Promotion Act*.

You will receive correspondence shortly from Allison J. Stuart, Assistant Deputy Minister (A), Public Health Division that will include specific information regarding your 2009 allocations for mandatory and related programs.

In closing, please accept my appreciation for the ongoing contributions you and your staff make as we endeavour to provide a public health system that will best protect and promote the health of Ontarians.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Caplan".

David Caplan
Minister of Health and Long-Term Care

- c: Hon. Margaret R. Best, Minister of Health Promotion
Hon. Deborah Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services
Hon. Jim Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Hon. Michael Chan, MPP, Markham-Unionville
Frank Klees, MPP, Newmarket-Aurora
Helena Jaczek, MPP, Oak Ridges-Markham
Reza Moridi, MPP, Richmond Hill
Peter Shurman, MPP, Thornhill
Greg Sorbara, MPP, Vaughan
Julia Munro, MPP, York-Simcoe
Dr. Karim Kurji, Medical Officer of Health, York Region Public Health Services Department
Valerie Sterling, President, Association of Local Public Health Agencies
Carol Timmings, President, Ontario Public Health Association
Peter Hume, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario

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SEP 14 2009

Mr. Bill Fisch
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
The Regional Municipality of York
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Newmarket, Ontario
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Dear Mr. ~~Fisch~~ ^{Bill}:

Thank you for your letter regarding Best Start funding for child care and for sharing your staff report titled *Update on Best Start Child Care Funding*. I appreciate the opportunity to respond and provide you with some information.

Our government was pleased to announce a one-time investment of \$18 million to sustain Best Start child care spaces through the school year and into the summer for 2010–11. We continue to advocate for the federal government to reinstate funding for early learning and child care. I appreciate you writing to the federal government regarding this issue and it's my hope that our combined efforts will strengthen our appeal.

You mention Dr. Charles Pascal's report *With Our Best Future in Mind: Implementing Early Learning in Ontario*. Dr. Pascal's ambitious report paints an exciting future for early learning in Ontario. We intend to reflect on Dr. Pascal's recommendations carefully in the context of our ongoing work to build on and strengthen our relationships with municipalities.

There's a lot for the government to consider in the report, including the important role of municipalities in the early learning system. Municipalities are key partners in the delivery of services for Ontario's families.

We plan to continue to work closely with leaders in education, child care, early years programs and municipal sectors in the coming weeks. We want to make sure that the approach we take will ensure stable, quality and affordable services that produce real results for our children and our province.

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I applaud your success in implementing Best Start and expanding access to services for children and families in York Region. We look forward to continuing to work with you as we move forward with implementation of full-day learning.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns and your staff report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deb Matthews". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Deb Matthews
Minister

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HLTC2965H-2009-637

SEP 18 2009

Mr. Bill Fisch
Chair
The Regional Municipality of York
P.O. Box 147, 17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Fisch:

The McGuinty government has unveiled an ambitious health reform plan. I would like to thank you for your continuing effort and co-operation in working with the ministry to improve Ontario's health care system.

I am pleased to advise you that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has approved annualized base funding up to \$2,376 and one-time funding up to \$24,123 for 2009-10 to assist with the implementation of mobile computers and Global Positioning System (GPS) / Automatic Vehicle Locator (AVL) hardware in emergency medical service vehicles to provide digital mapping technology.

Under separate cover, Dawn Ogram, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care will provide you with the administrative details of this funding approval.

Thank you for your commitment to improving ambulance services in Ontario.

Yours sincerely,

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David Caplan
Minister

- c: Honourable Michael Chan, MPP, Markham-Unionville
Laura Albanese, MPP, York South - Weston
Helena Jaczek, MPP, Oak Ridges-Markham
Frank Klees, MPP, Newmarket-Aurora
Monte Kwinter, MPP, York Centre
Julia Munro, MPP, York-Simcoe
Reza Moridi, MPP, Richmond Hill
Mario Sergio, MPP, York West
Peter Shurman, MPP, Thornhill
Greg Sorbara, MPP, Vaughan
Kenneth A. Morrison, Chair, Central LHIN



September 25, 2009

Communication #5

The Honourable Dalton McGuinty
Premier and Minister of Research and Innovation
Room 281, Main Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto ON M7A 1A1

REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. -

**RE: MEMORANDUM FROM DR. ROBERT KYLE, COMMISSIONER &
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH, DATED SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
RE: REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL RESOLUTION
OUR FILE: F16-02**

The Regional
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Pat M. Madill, A.M.C.T., CMMI
Regional Clerk

Honourable Sir, please be advised the Health & Social Services Committee of Regional Council considered the above matter and at a meeting held on September 23, 2009 Council adopted the following recommendations of the Committee:

"a) THAT the following resolution of the Municipality of Peel dated June 4, 2009, with respect to the funding gap in health and social services in the Greater Toronto Area/905, be endorsed:

WHEREAS, Ontarians believe in the principle of fairness, that fairness defines who we are and how we live;

AND WHEREAS, the high growth communities in Ontario grow at more than twice the rate of the provincial population growth rate and are aging at twice the provincial rate;

AND WHEREAS, population growth in these regions will further intensify due to Ontario's 25-year growth plan, Places to Grow;

AND WHEREAS, as of 2008/09 Ontarian's residing in the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) within high growth communities are receiving \$255 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to residents in other LHINs in Ontario, which translates into a \$1.4 billion annual operating funding gap for local hospital services – and these provincial funding gaps are worsening each year;

AND WHEREAS, residents of the Region of Peel as part of the Mississauga-Halton LHIN and Central West LHIN are receiving \$272 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a \$272 million annual operating funding gap for local hospital services;



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AND WHEREAS, Ontarians living in high growth communities of the GTA/905 are receiving \$193 less per resident for provincially funded local social services when compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a \$641.9 million annual operating funding gap for local provincially funded social services – and these provincial funding inequities also worsening each year;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has acknowledged the growing funding gaps for hospital services in high growth communities by committing during the 2007 provincial election to provide \$100 million in additional annual operating funding to high growth hospitals;

AND WHEREAS, the provision of \$30 million in hospital growth funding for 2008/09 still means that the provincial funding gap for hospital care continues to widen in high growth communities;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has announced that it is developing and will implement a new Health Based Allocation Model (HBAM) to allocate new health care resources to Local Health Integration Networks based on patient care needs and to address health care funding inequities in Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, the Government of Ontario has successfully secured from the federal government greater fairness for Ontario resulting in additional funding for Ontario through the Canada Health Transfer;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in order to improve timely and local access to health and social services in the Region of Peel and across high growth communities in Ontario, the Council of the Region of Peel asks the Government of Ontario to:

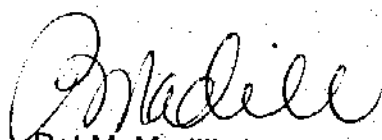
1. Speed up implementation of the \$100m hospital growth funding commitment ensuring the growth funding is targeted to high growth hospitals and provide growth funding for social services;
2. Quickly implement "Health Based Allocation Model" (HBAM) i.e., population-needs-based funding for provincial hospital and health care services and develop a population-needs-based funding formula for social services, and;

September 25, 2009

3. Develop a health and social services growth plan for Ontario high growth communities to complement Places to Grow.

AND FURTHER, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Finance, and Peel-area MPPs, High Growth Communities Mayors and Chairs, and the Mississauga-Halton LHIN and Central West LHIN; and

- b) THAT the Premier of Ontario, Ministers of Children and Youth Services, Community and Social Services, Finance, Health and Long-Term Care, Health Promotion, Municipal Affairs and Housing, Durham's MPPs and municipalities, Central East LHIN, Chief Medical Officer of Health, alPHA, the Regional Municipalities of Halton, Peel and York, the County of Simcoe and the City of Welland be so advised."



Pat M. Madill, AMCT, CMM III
Regional Clerk

PMM/lf

- c: The Honourable D. Matthews, Minister of Children and Youth Services
The Honourable M. Meilleur, Minister of Community & Social Services
The Honourable D. Duncan, Minister of Finance
The Honourable D. Caplan, Minister of Health & Long-Term Care
The Honourable M. Best, Minister of Health Promotion
The Honourable J. Watson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
R. Johnson, MPP (Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock)
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J. Ouellette, MPP (Oshawa)
J. Dickson, MPP (Ajax/Pickering)
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T. Gettinby, Clerk, Township of Brock
P. L. Barrie, Clerk, Municipality of Clarington
S. Kranc, Clerk, City of Oshawa
D. Wilcox, Clerk, City of Pickering

c. cont.:

K. Coates, Clerk, Township of Scugog
D. Leroux, Clerk, Township of Uxbridge
P. Jones, Clerk, Town of Whitby
F. Loucks, Chair, Central East LHIN
A. King, Chief Medical Officer of Health
L. Stewart, Executive Director, alpha
S. Lathan, Regional Clerk & Director of Council Services,
Regional Municipality of Halton
C. Gravlev, Regional Clerk, Region of Peel
D. Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York
G. Knox, County Clerk, County of Simcoe
B. Gallaccio, City Clerk, City of Welland
R.J. Kyle, Commissioner & Medical Officer of Health

September 28, 2009

Resolution No. 2009-919

Lindsey Reed
Chief Executive Director
Social Housing Services Corporation
390 Bay Street, Suite 710
Toronto, ON M5H 2Y2



COPY

Dear Ms. Reed:

Subject: Nomination for Social Housing Services Corporation Board of Directors

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on September 17, 2009:

That Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner, Halton Social and Community Services, be endorsed to serve on the board of directors of the Social Housing Services Corporation, as set out in the report of the Commissioner of Human Services, dated August 27, 2009, titled "Nomination for Social Housing Services Corporation Board of Directors";

And further, that a copy of the subject report be forwarded to the board of directors of the Social Housing Services Corporation, for their consideration and the Councils of the Regional Municipalities of Durham, Halton, Peel and York.

On behalf of Regional Council, I request that you give consideration to the above resolution. A copy of the Council Minutes is attached for your information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Payne".

Jeff Payne
Deputy Clerk and Acting Director of Clerk's

JP:tr

c: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services
Lisa Duarte, Acting Director, Human Services

Encls.

Also sent to:

Roger Maloney, Chair, Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC)
Colin Gage, Vice-Chair, Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC)
Roger Anderson, Regional Chair and CEO, Regional Municipality of Durham
P.M. Madill, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Durham
Hugh Drouin, Commissioner, Social Services Department, Regional Municipality of Durham
Gary Carr, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Halton
Susan Lathan, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of Halton
Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner Social and Community Services Department, Regional Municipality of Halton
Bill Fisch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Regional Municipality of York
Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York
Joann Simmons, Commissioner Community Services, Housing & Health Services, Regional Municipality of York
Emil Kolb, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Peel

DATE: August 27, 2009

REPORT TITLE: **NOMINATION FOR SOCIAL HOUSING SERVICES CORPORATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

FROM: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner, Halton Social and Community Services, be endorsed to serve on the board of directors of the Social Housing Services Corporation, as set out in the report of the Commissioner of Human Services, dated August 27, 2009, titled "Nomination for Social Housing Services Corporation Board of Directors";

And further, that the subject report be forwarded to the board of directors of the Social Housing Services Corporation, for their consideration and the Councils of the Regional Municipalities of Durham, Halton, Peel and York.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- The Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC) was created out of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* (SHRA) to provide social housing-related services for municipal service managers and social housing providers across Ontario.
- Some aspects of SHSC's operating environment are set out in legislation, including the composition of the SHSC board of directors.
- SHSC is governed by a 15-member board. Legislation states the SHSC board of directors must include: one person selected by the Councils of the regional municipalities of Durham, Halton, Peel and York; and one person selected by the Council of the City of Toronto.
- In January 2007, SHSC issued a Call for Nominations from service managers' staff persons to serve on the SHSC board of directors for a two and a half-year term starting June 30, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009.
- Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner of Social Services in Halton, was endorsed by the Councils of Durham, Halton, Peel and York and her term is ending at the end of this year.
- Commissioner Urbanski has expressed a desire to continue on the board and the Commissioners of the four municipalities support her continuation, as she has done an excellent job in representing the 905 GTA interests.

August 27, 2009

NOMINATION FOR SOCIAL HOUSING SERVICES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DISCUSSION

1. Overview of the Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC)

The Social Housing Services Corporation (SHSC) was created in January 2002 and officially began its mandate on May 1, 2002. SHSC as an independent organization created out of the *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* (SHRA). The mandate is to provide social housing-related services for municipal service managers and social housing providers across Ontario.

Under legislation, the Corporation has responsibility for four services:

- i) Research and Best Practices (e.g., offers a registered consultants' directory of individuals and firms providing housing-related services for municipal service managers and social housing providers);
- ii) Bulk purchasing (e.g., natural gas);
- iii) Investing Social Housing Providers' Pooled Capital Reserve Funds; and
- iv) Group Insurance.

2. Composition of SHSC Board of Directors

SHSC is governed by a 15-member board with eight service managers, five housing providers, and two provincial representatives. Thirteen of the fifteen board members are chosen by their peers. Currently, the municipal service manager representatives on the board are made up of a mix of both elected officials and senior housing staff.

In the case of the Region of Peel, the SHRA states the SHSC board of directors must include: one person selected by the Councils of the regional municipalities of Durham, Halton, Peel and York; and one person selected by the Council of the City of Toronto.

3. SHSC Process for Filling Municipal Service Manager Board Vacancies

In January 2007, SHSC issued a Call for Nominations from municipal service managers to serve on the board of directors for a two and a half-year term, starting June 30, 2007 and ending December 31, 2009.

Legislation requires that the municipal service manager representatives on the board must be selected by the Councils of their respective municipality. Based on a recommendation by the SHSC board of directors that this process be managed through each municipality's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), this Call for Nominations was circulated and discussed among the CAOs of the City of Toronto, and Durham, Halton, Peel and York Regions. This discussion resulted in Adelina Urbanski, Commissioner, Halton Social and Community Services being put forward and confirmed on the board.

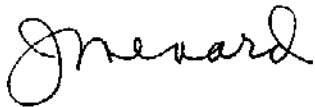
As the board term is coming to an end in December 2009, Commissioner Urbanski has expressed her desire to continue on the board. The respective Regional Municipal CAO's have been polled and support her continued involvement. Companion reports to this report will be presented to each of those Councils for endorsement in time for reconstitution of the new board, in 2010.

August 27, 2009

NOMINATION FOR SOCIAL HOUSING SERVICES CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

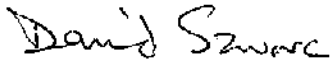
CONCLUSION

The SHSC board of directors plays an important role in determining how SHSC supports municipal service managers, including the Region of Peel, and social housing providers. Adelina Urbanski has extensive experience and knowledge in the area of social housing, has served the 905 GTA extremely well in this role and has the continued support of the CAOs of Durham, Halton, Peel and York. As such, Council is requested to endorse the nominee proposed in this report.



Janet Menard
Commissioner of Human Services

Approved for Submission:



D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer

*For further information regarding this report, please contact
Janet Menard at extension 4939 or via email at janet/menard@peelregion.ca*

c. Legislative Services

**COUNCIL OF
THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF PEEL
September 17, 2009**

Regional Chair Kolb called the meeting of Regional Council to order at 10:16 a.m. in the Council Chamber, Regional Administrative Headquarters, 10 Peel Centre Drive, Brampton.

1. PRAYER AND ROLL CALL

Councillor Mullin recited the prayer.

Members: E. Adams, G. Carlson, C. Corbasson, F. Dale; G. Gibson, A. Groves, N. Iannicca, E. Kolb, K. Mahoney, H. McCallion, S. McFadden, G. Miles, E. Moore, P. Mullin, C. Parrish, M. Prentice, P. Saito, J. Sanderson, A. Thompson, R. Whitehead

Members Absent: S. Fennell, M. Morrison, due to illness; P. Palleschi, due to a personal matter; R. Paterak, due to other municipal business; J. Sprovieri

Also Present: D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer; K. Hale, Acting Commissioner of Employee and Business Services; D. Labrecque, Commissioner of Environment, Transportation and Planning Services; N. Trim, Chief Financial Officer and Commissioner of Corporate Services; J. MacCrae, Acting Commissioner of Human Services; J. Smith, Commissioner of Health Services; Dr. D. Mowat, Medical Officer of Health; P. O'Connor, Regional Solicitor and Director, Legal and Risk Management; J. Payne, Deputy Clerk; C. Thomson, Legislative Specialist

* See text for arrivals

♦ See text for departures

2. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST - Nil

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) July 9, 2009, Regional Council Meeting

Moved by Councillor Prentice,
Seconded by Councillor Thompson;

That the minutes of the Regional Council meeting held on July 9, 2009 be approved.

Carried 2009-872

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Whitehead,
Seconded by Councillor Sanderson;

That the agenda for the September 17, 2009 Regional Council meeting be approved.

Carried 2009-873

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

- a) **Chezlie Alexander, Director of Client Services, Bramalea Community Health Centre (BCHC)**, Highlighting the Work of the BCHC to Increase Community Capacity to Build Health in Local Neighbourhoods

Received 2009-874

- b) **Russ Ford, Executive Director, LAMP Community Health Centre and Nicole Ghanie-Opondo, Health Promotion and Community Relations Coordinator, East Mississauga Satellite Community Health Centre**, Highlighting the Work and Partnerships of the Community Health Centre

Received 2009-875

ITEMS RELATED HUMAN SERVICES

HS-C. HOUSING

HS-C1. Nomination for Social Housing Services Corporation Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION GC-141-2009:

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Approved 2009-919



Community and Health Services Department
Office of the Commissioner

MEMORANDUM

TO: Community and Health Services Committee Members

FROM: Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community and Health Services

DATE: October 14, 2009

RE: **Service Indicators for Social Assistance and Housing**

Attached are the most current statistics for social assistance and housing that show the service pressures on these program areas and reflect the changing needs of our residents as they experience the effects of the current economic situation.

For September, 2009:

- The Ontario Works caseload had a 0.8% increase in September over the previous month and a 23.3% increase since November 2008.
- Net Ontario Works Allowance and Benefit expenditures exceed the 2009 year-to-date budget by approximately \$300,000. This will be closely monitored as the year progresses. September expenditures are estimated.
- The number of households on the rent-geared-to-income waiting list increased by 0.2% over the previous month, which is a 13.3% increase over September 2008.

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Joann Simmons
Commissioner of Community and Health Services

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Attachment - 1

Chart 1

Ontario Works Monthly Average Caseload

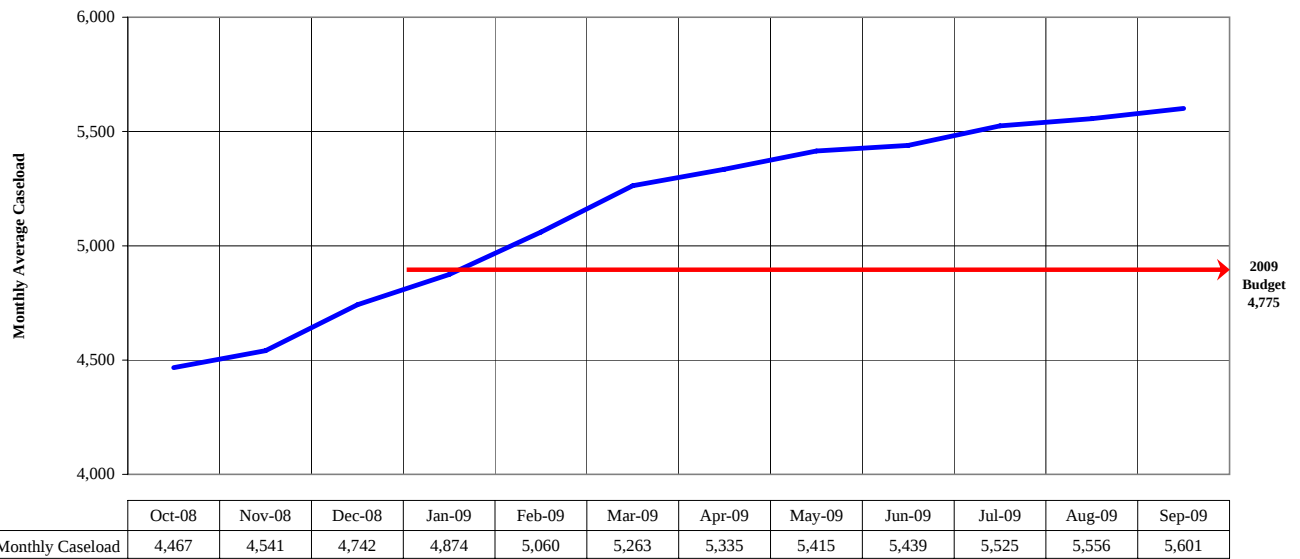


Chart 2

Net Monthly Cost - Ontario Works Allowances and Benefits

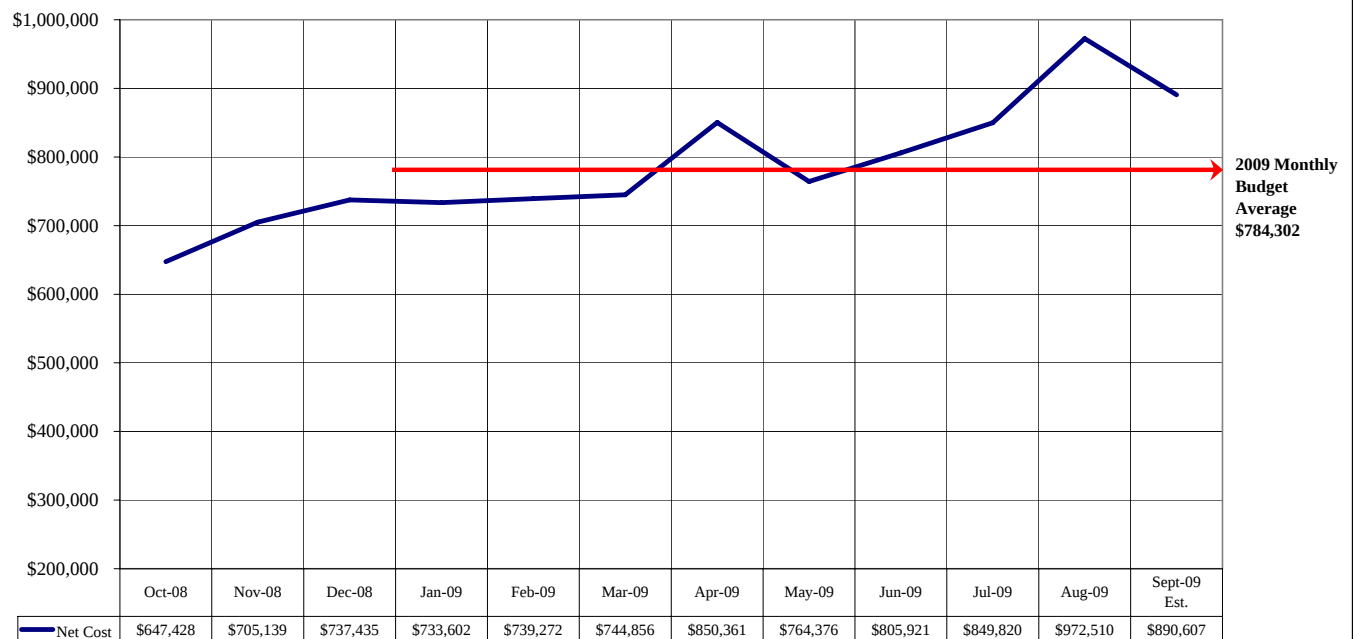


Chart 3

Cases Entering and Leaving Ontario Works

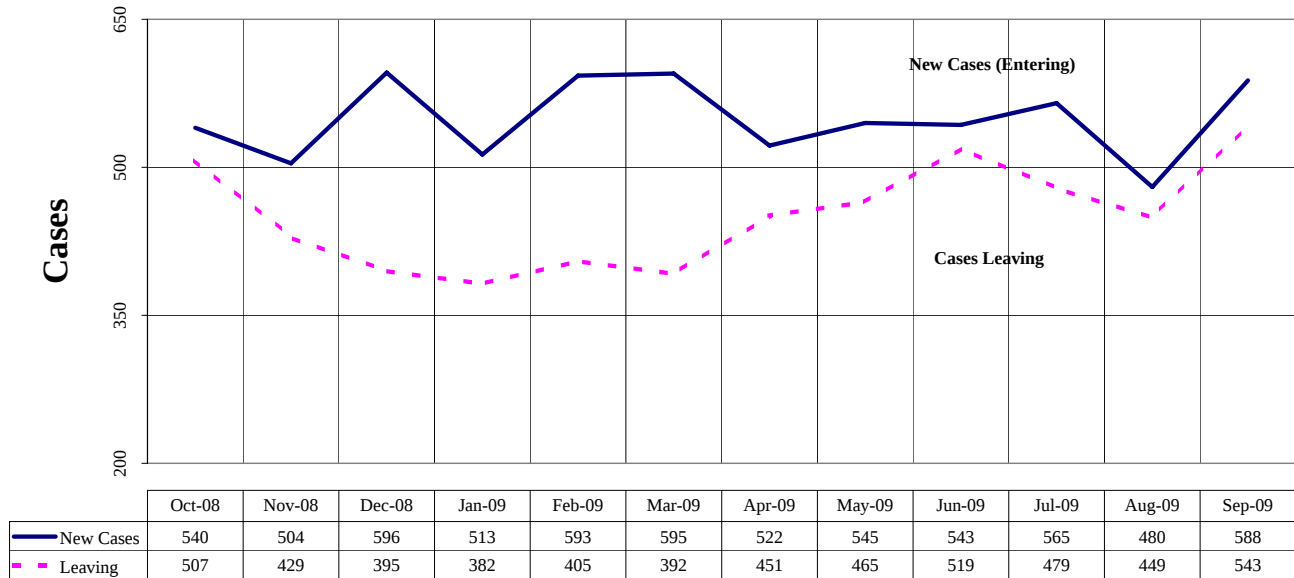


Chart 4

**Ontario Works Caseload
Monthly and Year-over-Year Comparisons**

	2007			2008			2009		
	Caseload	Change over previous month	% change over previous month	Caseload	Change over previous month	% change over previous month	Caseload	Change over previous month	% change over previous month
January	4,693	160	3.5%	4,651	180	4.0%	4,874	132	2.8%
February	4,683	(10)	(0.2%)	4,639	(12)	(0.3%)	5,060	186	3.8%
March	4,691	8	0.2%	4,536	(103)	(2.2%)	5,263	203	4.0%
April	4,616	(75)	(1.6%)	4,560	24	0.5%	5,335	72	1.4%
May	4,582	(34)	(0.7%)	4,496	(64)	(1.4%)	5,415	80	1.5%
June	4,482	(100)	(2.2%)	4,407	(89)	(2.0%)	5,439	24	0.4%
July	4,472	(10)	(0.2%)	4,432	25	0.6%	5,525	86	1.6%
August	4,475	3	0.1%	4,514	82	1.9%	5,556	31	0.6%
September	4,454	(21)	(0.5%)	4,433	(81)	(1.8%)	5,601	45	0.8%
October	4,409	(45)	(1.0%)	4,467	34	0.8%			
November	4,461	52	1.2%	4,541	74	1.7%			
December	4,471	10	0.2%	4,742	201	4.4%			
2008 Average Monthly Caseload	4,541			4,535			5,341	Budget Variance Over/(Under)	
						2009 Monthly Budget Caseload	4,775	566	11.9%

Chart 5

Total Eligible Households on Housing Services Waiting List

