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NEWMARKET AND MAPLE HEALTH CENTRES MEDICAL DIRECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2008

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report dated March 27, 2009, from the Commissioner of Community and Health Services.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. This report be received for information.

2. PURPOSE

This report is provided to Regional Council, as the governing body of the Regional Long Term Care Facility Program, to meet their legislated responsibility under Section 26(3) of Regulation 637 of the *Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act* for ensuring that the Newmarket Health Centre and Maple Health Centre are in compliance with applicable legislation and standards for the provision of long term care.

3. BACKGROUND

Medical Director reports to governing body

Legislation governing the operation of municipal long term care facilities dictates that the Medical Director must report to the governing body of the facility on an annual basis. The report is to summarize the general health condition of the residents; the medical, nursing, activation and other therapeutic services provided to them; and include any recommendations considered necessary to ensure proper conditions of health and an adequate state of well-being for all residents.

The Medical Director's Annual Report 2008 (*see Attachment 1*) for the Newmarket and Maple Health Centres supports Council's responsibility to ensure that a quality management system is developed and implemented for monitoring, evaluating and improving the quality of care and services provided to the residents.

The Medical Director, Dr. Catherine Meunier, is a Medical Doctor. Dr. Meunier has her Masters in Science in Experimental Medicine and a Bachelor's degree in Biology. She is certified by the Canadian College of Family Physicians as well as The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The quality of care at the Newmarket and Maple Health Centres remains high

The Medical Director's Annual Report indicates that the quality of care provided in the Region's Long Term Care Facility Program continues to be at a high level. The Medical Director has concluded that the care, programs, and services provided at the Newmarket Health Centre and Maple Health Centre continue to be in compliance with the requirements of legislation and regulations.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local municipal implications for this report.

7. CONCLUSION

The Medical Director's Annual Report provides confirmation that the Community and Health Services Department, Housing and Long Term Care Branch continues to deliver high-quality long term care services for the residents of all local municipalities.

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The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the April 9, 2009 meeting.)