

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

REPORT NO. 3 OF THE REGIONAL HEALTH AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 9, 2009

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on April 23, 2009**

Chair: Regional Councillor J. Heath

Members: Regional Councillor J. Frustaglio, Vice-Chair
Regional Councillor B. Hogg
Mayor P. Morris
Regional Councillor J. Taylor
Regional Chair B. Fisch, ex-officio

Staff Present: C. Abankwa-Harris, N. Barrette, L. Bigioni, P. Casey, J. Davidson, K. Kurji, B. Macgregor, J. Mitchell, S. Neill, D. Norton, S. Patterson, L. Russell, J. Simmons

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee began its meeting at 2:00 p.m. on April 9, 2009.

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The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee advises Council of the following matters having been considered by Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee with the following action:

DEPUTATION

1. Tariq Asmil, Executive Director, Growing Communities Healthcare Alliance, regarding funding for health and social services for municipalities in the 905/GTA.
Receive and recommend the following resolution:

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

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;

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

Whereas as of 2008/09 Ontarian's residing in the Local Health Integration Networks (LHINs) with 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;

Whereas residents of York Region as part of the Central LHIN are receiving \$226 less per resident in provincial funding for local hospital services compared to the average Ontarian, which translates into a \$282 million annual operating funding gap for local hospital services;

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;

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;

Whereas the provision of \$30 million in hospital growth funding for 2008/09 still meant that the provincial funding gap for hospital care continued to widen in high growth communities;

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;

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;

Be it resolved that in order to improve timely and local access to hospital care in York Region and across high growth communities in Ontario, Regional Council asks the Government of Ontario to:

- 1. Speed up implementation of the \$100m hospital growth funding commitment ensuring that 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,**
- 3. Develop a health care and social services growth plan for Ontario high growth communities to complement *Places to Grow*,**

And that this resolution is forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, the Minister of Finance, the MPPs for York Region, High Growth Communities Mayors and Chairs, and the Central and Central West LHINs.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Gary Carr, Regional Chair, Regional Municipality of Halton, dated January 23, 2009, regarding Growing Communities Health Alliance. **Received.**
2. Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, dated March 11, 2009, regarding 2009 Federal Budget Highlights for Community and Health Services. **Received.**
3. Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community and Health Services, dated April 9, 2009, regarding Ontario Poverty Reduction Strategy Update – Preliminary Review. **Received.**
4. Donna L. McLarty, Town Clerk, Town of Richmond Hill, dated January 23, 2009, regarding information relating to a Right-to-Know By-Law. **Received with direction that Community and Health Services Department staff respond to the Town of Richmond Hill advising of recent Provincial government action regarding this issue.**
5. David Butler-Jones, MD, Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada, dated February 4, 2009, regarding A Balanced Scorecard for York Region Public Health 2007. **Received.**
6. David Butler-Jones, MD, Chief Public Health Officer, Public Health Agency of Canada, dated March 16, 2009, regarding York Region's Contribution to Applied Public Health Research. **Received.**
7. Dr. Karim Kurji, Medical Officer of Health, dated April 9, 2009, regarding Fluoridation of Water. **Received.**

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**April 9, 2009
Newmarket, Ontario**

**J. Heath
Chair**

(Report No. 3 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee was adopted without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on April 23, 2009.)

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