

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 4
OF THE REGIONAL
HEALTH AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JUNE 7, 2007**

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on June 21, 2007**

Chair: Regional Councillor J. Frustaglio

Members: Regional Councillor J. Heath, Vice-Chair
Regional Councillor B. Hogg
Mayor P. Morris
Regional Councillor J. Taylor
Regional Councillor T. Wong

Staff Present: K. Kurji, B. Macgregor, B. Meekin, J. Mitchell, S. Neill, J. Simmons, S. Turner, M. Woolhead

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee began its meeting at 2:07 p.m. on June 7, 2007.

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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:

DEPUTATIONS

1. Bruce Harber, President and CEO and Dave Weldon, Board Chair, York Central Hospital regarding the hospital's future plans in the Region. **Received with thanks and that the following resolution be recommended to Regional Council for approval:**

WHEREAS Southwest York Region has the fewest beds per 100,000 people served in the Province of Ontario; and

WHEREAS York Region has a growth rate for seniors (age weighted population) that is almost double the Provincial rate; and

WHEREAS support of Phase II of the York Central Hospital redevelopment would help to reduce ambulance off load times, reduce pressure on response time, enhance service to the public as well as save significant costs to the Region; and

WHEREAS there is ongoing shortage of Alternate Level of Care (ALC) beds that is directly impacting the availability of acute care beds across the Region; and

WHEREAS York Central Hospital will complete Phase 1 of its redevelopment in early 2009 and needs the Province's support to ensure that construction on Phase II begins as soon as possible thereafter in 2010 or 2011;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Regional Municipality of York supports the request by York Central Hospital to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care that Phase II of York Central Hospital's Redevelopment Plan be added to the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal's 5-year capital program list; and

THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care, the Minister of Public Infrastructure Renewal, the Minister of Finance, the Central Local Health Integration Network and all York Region M.P.P.'s.

2. Sara Lawson, Community Development Coordinator - GTA and John Scaini, Volunteer, Parkinson Society Canada. **Received with thanks and that the following resolution be recommended to Regional Council for approval:**

WHEREAS there are approximately 100,000 people living with Parkinson's disease in Canada and approximately 3000 in York Region, and this number is expected to increase as our population ages and as the Region's population continues to expand; and

WHEREAS people living with Parkinson's and other movement disorders face unique challenges associated with their disease, including medical, social and economic burdens; and

WHEREAS there is a lack of services available to people with movement disorders in York Region, with only one centre available in York Region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Central Local Health Integration Network be asked to explore the feasibility of establishing a movement disorder clinic in south-west York Region and the Region as a whole; and

THAT the Community Services and Housing and Health Services Departments work together to explore how services for people affected by movement disorders could be enhanced; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the Federal Minister of Health, the Provincial Minister of Health and Long-Term Care; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be sent to the area municipalities for information.

COMMUNICATIONS

3. J.D. Leach, Clerk, City of Vaughan, May 11, 2007 regarding New Hospital Services in Vaughan. **Received and recommended to Regional Council for endorsement as follows:**

WHEREAS the Ontario government has announced its decision to support planning for new hospital services in the City of Vaughan; and

WHEREAS the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) will be working in conjunction with the Vaughan Health Centre Foundation to conduct planning for health care services in Vaughan, and

WHEREAS the City of Vaughan is a founding member of the Vaughan Health Care Foundation and continues to support its vision and activities and other community initiatives; and

WHEREAS Vaughan Council has proposed a major health care facility in the City of Vaughan and endorses the Vaughan Health Campus of Care needs assessment report; and

WHEREAS the City of Vaughan is the largest city in Canada without its own hospital; and

WHEREAS accessibility to local health care services is essential to a growing and healthy community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan is strongly supportive of the provincial government initiatives to work with the Vaughan Health Care Foundation and the community to plan expanded health care services in the City of Vaughan.

4. Norm Barrette, Director, Operations, York Region EMS, May 10, 2007, regarding Donation of Decommissioned Ambulance. **Received.**
5. Janice L. St-Denis, Donor Relations Coordinator, Medecins Sans Frontieres/Doctors Without Borders, May 15, 2007, regarding Official Response Letter from Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF). **Received.**
6. Sue Fusco, S.T.O.P. Community Group, June 4, 2007, regarding high voltage transmission lines. **Received and referred to staff for review and report back at the September Committee meeting.**

OTHER BUSINESS

7. Committee requested the Committee Chair to invite the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) to make a presentation at a future Committee meeting.
8. Staff provided a verbal report on Bill 171 – *Health System Improvements Act, 2007* and will be reporting back with further details as they become available.

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**June 7, 2007
Newmarket, Ontario**

**J. Frustaglio
Chair**

(Report No. 4 of the Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee was adopted, without amendment, by Regional Council at its meeting held on June 21, 2007.)