



**The Corporation of the County of Northumberland
Community Health Committee
Minutes**

**July 30, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
Council Chambers
555 Courthouse Road, Cobourg, ON K9A 5J6
Hybrid Meeting (In-Person and Virtual)**

Members Present: Chair Olena Hankivsky
Warden Brian Ostrander
Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Council Members Present (Non-Voting): Councillor John Logel (*attended virtually*)
Councillor Mandy Martin (*attended virtually*)

1. Notices

1.a Accessible Format

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1.b Meeting Format

This Committee Meeting was held using a hybrid meeting model. The public were invited to attend in Council Chambers, or view the meeting via the live stream, or join online or by phone using Zoom Conference Technology.

2. Call to Order

Chair Olena Hankivsky called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2.a Territorial Land Acknowledgement

3. Approval of the Agenda

Committee Resolution 2024-07-30-470

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Chair Olena Hankivsky

"**That** the agenda for the July 30, 2024 Community Health Committee be approved."

Carried

4. Disclosures of Interest

[Councillor Cleveland arrived to the meeting at 9:04 a.m.]

- No disclosures

5. Delegations

**5.a Delegation, Ontario Health Team of Northumberland (OHT-N)
'Proposal for a County-Wide Physician Recruitment Plan'**

Andrea Groff, Executive Lead

Dr. Fraser Cameron, Primary Care Lead Physician

Committee Resolution 2024-07-30-471

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

"**That** the Community Health Committee, having considered the delegation from the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland (OHT-N) regarding a 'Proposal for a County-Wide Physician Recruitment Plan', recommend that County Council approve funding a shared project resource for the development of a County-wide physician recruitment plan, with the County's one time contribution being up to \$45,000, noting that funds will be drawn from the 2024 budget, and noting that an additional proposal regarding physician recruitment will be brought forward to a future Committee/ Council meeting after the completion of the initial County-wide physician recruitment plan."

Carried

6. **Business Arising from Last Meeting**

N/A

7. **Communications**

7.a **Correspondence, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) & Ontario Medical Association (OMA) 'Joint Health Resolution Campaign'**

Committee Resolution 2024-07-30-472

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

“Whereas the state of health care in Ontario is in crisis, with 2.3 million Ontarians lacking access to a family doctor, emergency room closures across the province, patients being de-rostered and 40% of family doctors considering retirement over the next five years; and

Whereas it has becoming increasingly challenging to attract and retain an adequate healthcare workforce throughout the health sector across Ontario; and

Whereas Ontario municipal governments play an integral role in the health care system through responsibilities in public health, long-term care, paramedicine, and other investments; and

Whereas the percentage of family physicians practicing comprehensive family medicine has declined from 77 in 2008 to 65 percent in 2022; and

Whereas per capita health-care spending in Ontario is the lowest of all provinces in Canada, and

Whereas a robust workforce developed through a provincial, sector-wide health human resources strategy would significantly improve access to health services across the province;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Community Health Committee, having considered the correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Ontario Medical Association (OMA), recommend that County Council support this correspondence and urge the Province of Ontario to recognize the physician shortage in Northumberland County and Ontario, to fund health care appropriately, and ensure every Ontarian has access to physician care; and

Further Be It Resolved That the Community Health Committee recommend that County Council direct staff to send a copy of this resolution to key stakeholders, including the Honourable Doug Ford (Premier of Ontario), the Honourable Sylvia Jones (Deputy Premier and Minister of Health), the Honourable Paul Calandra (Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing), the Honourable David Piccini (Minister of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development and MPP for Northumberland - Peterborough South), AMO, OMA, the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland, and Northumberland County's seven Member Municipalities; and

Further Be It Resolved That the Community Health Committee recommend that County Council endorse the fast tracking of foreign trained doctors in Ontario / Canada."

Carried

8. Staff Reports

8.a Golden Plough Lodge - Quarter 2, 2024 Financial Analysis

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer

8.b Northumberland Paramedics - Quarter 2, 2024 Financial Analysis

Matthew Nitsch, Director Finance / Treasurer

Committee Resolution 2024-07-30-473

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

"**That** the Community Health Committee receive the Quarter 2, 2024 Financial Analyses of the Golden Plough Lodge and Northumberland Paramedics Departments for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive the Quarter 2, 2024 Financial Analyses for information."

Carried

8.c Report 2024-085, 'Northumberland Paramedics - 2024 Semi-annual Report'

Susan Brown, Chief Northumberland Paramedics
Keith Barrett, Deputy Chief of Operations

Committee Resolution 2024-07-30-474

Moved by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

Seconded by Warden Brian Ostrander

“**That** the Community Health Committee receive Report 2024-085 'Northumberland Paramedics - 2024 Semi-annual Report' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this report for information.”

Carried

8.d Report 2024-086, 'Northumberland Community Paramedics - 2024 Semi-annual Report'

Kim Wilkinson, Community Paramedic Coordinator
Susan Brown, Chief Northumberland Paramedics

Committee Resolution 2024-07-30-475

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

“**That** the Community Health Committee receive Report 2024-086 'Northumberland Community Paramedic - 2024 Semi-annual Report' for information; and

Further That the Committee recommend that County Council receive this report for information.”

Carried

Committee Resolution 2024-07-30-476

Moved by Warden Brian Ostrander

Seconded by Councillor Lucas Cleveland

“**That** the Community Health Committee defer the remaining agenda items to the August 14, 2024 County Council meeting (direct to Council).”

8.e Report 2024-087 '2024 Ministry of Long-Term Care Inspection Reports Update'

[Item deferred to the August 14, 2024 County Council meeting]

9. Other Matters Considered by Committee

9.a Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge (HKPR) District Health Unit - Board of Directors' Minutes

[Item deferred to the August 14, 2024 County Council meeting]

10. Media Questions

11. Closed Session

11. Matters pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations regarding 'OPSEU / SEFPO Local 381 – 2024 Collective Agreement Update (Northumberland Paramedics)

Municipal Act Section 239. (2.d)

[Item deferred to the August 14, 2024 County Council meeting]

12. Motion to Rise and Results from Closed Session

N/A

13. Next Meeting - Tuesday, September 3, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

14. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.