

Community Services Committee Agenda 21 May 1998

## **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

# That the Community Services Committee confirm the Confidential Minute of the meeting of 2 April (as amended) and 16 April 1998, and the Minute of the meeting of 23 April 1998.

The Confidential Minutes have been previously distributed.

#### **INQUIRIES**

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### **REGULAR ITEMS**

1. <u>PRIORITIES FOR HEALTH GRANTS FUNDING</u> - Medical Officer of Health report dated 21 April 1998

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- 1. That Community Services Committee approve the following recommended funding priorities for the 1999-2003 Health Grants. It is recommended that funding priority be given to proposals emphasizing:
  - a) Strategies that improve health by reducing risk-taking behaviours among young people (for example: unsafe sex, excessive alcohol use, tobacco use, and exposure to safety hazards), and;
  - b) Strategies that address self-care or health enhancement behaviours among children and adults (for example: physical activity, nutrition, medication use, and reduced exposure to second-hand smoke).
- 2. That Community Services Committee approve the coordination of the Health Grants priority setting process with the departmental strategic planning cycle, in order to consolidate an element of departmental planning and provide coordinated public consultation.

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2. <u>APPOINTMENT: ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY GROUP</u> A/Co-ordinator, Community Services Committee report dated 7 May 1998

That the Community Services Committee recommend that Council approve the appointment of Councillor D. Holmes to the Environmental Health Advisory Group.

### **RESPONSES TO INQUIRIES/MOTIONS**

3. RESPONSE TO INQUIRY CSC NO. 06(98): THE PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACT OF CASINO GAMBLING AND EXPANDED GAMING AND THE ABILITY OF PROGRAMS TO RESPOND TO THE HEALTH <u>CONSEQUENCES OF ADDICTION TO GAMBLING</u> - Medical Officer of Healthreport dated 16 April 1998

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That Community Services Committee recommend that Regional Council approve the following recommendations:

- 1. That this report be forwarded to the Minister of Health, the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations, and Management Board Secretariat;
- 2. That the Minister of Consumer and Commercial Relations increase the number of Alcohol and Gaming Commission inspectors in Ottawa-Carleton from four to six;
- 3. That the Management Board Secretariat amend the Alcohol, Gaming and Charity Funding Public Interest Act so that slot machines and video lottery terminals are only allowed in casinos and other controlled casino-like settings;
- 4. That the Ministry of Health undertake a public awareness and education strategy as an important first step in helping people understand and talk about the addictive nature of gambling and the potential consequences, and;
- 5. That the Ministry of Health permanently fund counseling positions and allocate additional financial resources for treatment and prevention as the availability of gambling increases.

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# INFORMATION PREVIOUSLY DISTRIBUTED

- <u>Results of the Redistribution of Subsidized Spaces</u>
   Social Services Commissioner memorandum dated 6 April 98
- 2. <u>Accreditation Award</u>
  Medical Officer of Health memorandum dated 21 April 98
- <u>1998 Beach Recommendations</u>
   Medical Officer of Health memorandum dated 27 April 98
- 4. <u>Proposed Satellite Sexual Health Centre in Osgoode Township</u> - Medical Officer of Health memorandum dated 28 April 1998
- 5. <u>Clean Up Days in the Community for Discarded Needles</u>
   Manager, HIV Prevention Program memorandum dated 29 April 98

## NEXT MEETING

4 June 1998