

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 18, 2011
CIVIC SQUARE, COUNCIL ANTE ROOM & COUNCIL CHAMBERS
60 East Main Street

The Health Care Committee met at 6:25 p.m. on the above date with the following in attendance:

Members Present:	F. Campion, Chair	Councillors Present:	P. Chiochio
	D. Fortier		B. Wright
	B. Sharpe		D. McLeod
	R. Letourneau		M. Petrachenko
			T. DiMarco
			D. McLeod (6:43)
			M. Carl (6:49)

Staff Present: C. Mintoff, City Clerk

- 1. Chair Campion called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.**
- 2. Approval of minutes of previous meeting – Minutes unavailable**
- 3. Additions or Deletions**

Addition: 5(a) – Jill Croteau – Regional Physician Recruiter information
(b) – Extended Health Care Beds Update

4. Report from the Chair – Update re: Meeting with Dr. Smith, NHS Supervisor

Chair and Mayor met with Dr. Smith, who seems to be very open to hearing what the HCC has to say. Mr. Smith has done a cursory review of the Dr.'s Report and he has met with the Doctors. Human reasons/costs for keeping some services in Welland were discussed as opposed to the clinical reasons being pursued. Major reasons there is opposition to moving services is access to those services and that physicians move if the services move. Discussions halted with respect to the HIP however, services that have been stopped will not be resumed at this time. NHS is not looking for the cheapest solution, but the most cost effective solution. They will be looking at the whole NHS system not just the medical issues. Meeting with Dr. Smith was very preliminary and more meetings will be held.

5. Where do we go from here?

Chair to keep in touch with Mr. Smith and ministry representatives in order to continue to gather information to bring back to the HCC.

Additions:

a) – Jill Croteau – Regional Physician Recruiter information

Mayor Sharpe introduced the new Physician Recruiter at the Region. The HCC asked Mr. Mayor to contact Ms. Croteau and ask if she would present at a future HCC meeting.

(b) – Extended Health Care Beds Update

Dr. Smith is not aware of what is happening with LTC beds – may be a topic for a future meeting. Councillor Chiochio asked to be included in any future meetings that include LTC beds.

6. Next Meeting Date

Call of the Chair.

7. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.