

HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 28, 2015

Civic Square, Council Ante Room
60 East Main Street

The Health Care Committee met at 4:47 p.m. on the above date with the following in attendance:

Members Present:	F. Campion, Chair	Councillors Present:	B. Fokkens
	M.A. Grimaldi, Co Chair		L. Van Vliet
	P. Chiocchio		J. Mastroianni (5:51 p.m.)
	R. Letourneau		
	M. Carl (4:51 p.m.)		
Staff Present:	T. Stephens, Acting Deputy Clerk		

1. **Chair Campion called the meeting to order at 4:47 p.m.**

2. **Approval of minutes of previous meetings**

Moved by Letourneau

THAT THE HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE approves the minutes of January 13, 2015, as circulated.

CARRIED

3. **Additions/Deletions – Nil**

4. **Chair's Report**

The Chair outlined the importance of bringing the committee back together to discuss Provincial and Niagara Health System changes.

5. **Presentation by Dr. T. N. Estall**

Dr. Estall provided a brief history of his career in the medical field and the reasons why he supports the actions of the HCC. Dr. Estall offered advice and information to the committee in moving forward with their efforts to save the Welland Hospital. Dr. Estall outlined for the committee that he has met with Mayor's in the Niagara Region and 10 out of 12 support his efforts. There are two problem areas in the Niagara Region that need to be address, which is the cooperation of the 12 municipalities and the involvement of medical professionals.

The committee thanked Dr. Estall for presenting to the HCC. The committee raised some points and questions to Dr. Estall to provide further information and clarity on how to proceed.

6. **Discussion on expansion of the Health Care Committee/Update by Mayor Campion, Chair**

The Chair suggested a sub-committee and/or advisory committee be created to assist with the efforts of the HCC. The committee would consist of community representatives, doctors, and residents. The purpose of the committee would be to bring forward recommendations to the HCC.

No members were opposed to the suggestion.

7. **Update on Save the Welland Hospital Committee**

Co-chair M.A. Grimaldi discussed the concern of residents regarding access to transit services for transportation to hospitals. It is suggested that the Transit Steering Committee provide suggestions to correct this concern.

8. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

9. Adjournment

There being no other business, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.