

Date: September 3, 2025
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Committee Room 3-City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

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City of Port Colborne
Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2025
Time: 3:00 pm
Location: Committee Room 3-City Hall
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne, Ontario, L3K 3C8

Members Present: M. Lallouet
T. Triano (exited at 5:12 p.m.)
S. McDowell
P. McGarry
A. Aquilina, Councillor (non-voting) (entered at 4:19 p.m.)
W. Steele, Mayor (non-voting) (entered at 5:06 p.m.)

Member(s) Absent: C. Tamas
R. Bodner, Councillor (non-voting)

Staff Present: J. Beaupre, Deputy Clerk
G. Bisson, Senior Community Engagement Advisor
B. Boles, Chief Administrative Officer

Others Present: C. Lafleur - Chief Executive Officer, Port Cares
D. Salanki - DC, Chiropractic Associates of Port Colborne
J. Remington - MD, CCFP(EM), FCFP, Niagara South Family Medicine
T. Galitz - Executive Director, Niagara Ontario Team - Equipe Sante Ontario Niagara

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By P. McGarry
Seconded By M. Lallouet

That the Healthcare Advisory Committee Agenda, dated August 20, 2025, be approved.

Carried

3. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

4. Approval of the Minutes

4.1 Healthcare Advisory Committee - August 6, 2025

Moved By P. McGarry

Seconded By T. Triano

That the Healthcare Advisory Committee minutes, dated August 6, 2025, be approved.

Carried

5. Presentations

5.1 Christine Lafleur - Chief Executive Officer, Port Cares

Christine Lafleur, Chief Executive Officer at Port Cares, presented to the Committee on the social determinants of health in Port Colborne.

5.2 Dr. David Salanki, DC, Chiropractic Associates of Port Colborne

Dr. Salanki, DC at Chiropractic Associates of Port Colborne, presented to the Committee on the scope and work of chiropractic care and the impacts of urgent care center closures on chiropractic patients.

6. New Business

**6.1 Question and Answer Session with Dr. Jeff Remington, MD
CCFP(EM), FCFP, Niagara South Family Medicine - Urgent Care
Centres**

The Committee engaged in a question-and-answer period with Dr. Remington.

**6.2 Update from Tara Galitz, Executive Director, Niagara Ontario Health
Team-Équipe Santé Ontario Niagara**

Tara Galitz, Executive Director at Niagara Ontario Health Team-Équipe Santé Ontario Niagara, presented a verbal update to the Committee.

7. Information Package 5

There were no questions on information package 5.

8. Adjournment

The next meeting is on August 27, 2025, at 5 p.m. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:28 p.m.

Sydney McDowell, Chair

Jessica Beaupre, Deputy Clerk

CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATES OF PORT COLBORNE

D. G. Salanki, D.C., Doctor of Chiropractic

August 23, 2025

To the Members of the Port Colborne Healthcare Committee,

Re: Ensuring Equitable Care Post-UCC Transition – A Role for Chiropractic Integration

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to present to your team earlier this week. I appreciated the chance to share my perspectives regarding the impending closure of the Port Colborne Urgent Care Centre (UCC), particularly as it relates to the chiropractic patient population and our local healthcare landscape.

As highlighted in our discussion, many of Port Colborne's residents—particularly those of lower income—rely on chiropractic care as a front-line option for musculoskeletal complaints. However, access remains uneven. In the current fee-for-service model, patients without extended health coverage or the financial means to pay privately are often left without viable alternatives. As a result, musculoskeletal issues frequently overflow into emergency departments or go unaddressed altogether.

This transition period presents a timely opportunity to **reimagine care delivery** through a community-based, **publicly funded off-hours health facility**. I strongly encourage the committee to explore the inclusion of chiropractic care within such a model. This could include:

- **On-site diagnostics and musculoskeletal triage** to reduce ER burden;
- **Chiropractors operating under a salaried model**, aligned with provincial integration goals;
- **Equitable access** based on income thresholds to avoid undercutting local clinics;
- **Referral pathways** to and from existing private chiropractic practices to support continuity of care.

Additionally, it has come to my attention that **certain Family Health Teams (FHTs) in the area may be contemplating the inclusion of chiropractic care within their own structures**. While well-intentioned, this type of embedded access risks creating a two-tiered system where only **"Rostered"** patients benefit, without addressing the broader community's needs. It could also create unintended tensions between public and private care pathways at a time when our community would benefit more from **cooperation than competition**.

By contrast, a **neutral, municipally supported facility** would serve all residents regardless of enrollment status—enhancing access, system efficiency, and alignment with Ontario Health's interdisciplinary care strategy. It would also create a **model for other communities**, blending public accountability with collaborative care.

I remain committed to supporting the committee in this work. Should you wish to explore operational frameworks, funding mechanisms, or policy alignment strategies (e.g., with the Ontario Chiropractic Association or Ontario Health Teams), I would be pleased to contribute.

Thank you again for your leadership in rethinking how Port Colborne meets its healthcare needs. Please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

Dr. David G. Salanki, DC

Clinic Director

Chiropractic Associates of Port Colborne