



**Date:** June 15, 2026  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

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1. Call to Order
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Presentation by Tracy Sparkes, RECE, Manager of the EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Christina McNicoll, RECE, RC, IAIM, Early Years Specialist and Chandra Hardeen, Executive Director of Port Cares.
6. New Business
  - 6.1 Update on community engagement, survey, mention of upcoming Open Houses
  - 6.2 Overview of the tour of the Cowan Community Health Hub
  - 6.3 Discussion regarding a staff recommendation to Council to adjust HAC Terms of Reference to reflect Indigenous Representation
  - 6.4 Meeting Dates
7. Adjournment



## City of Port Colborne

### Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Monday, April 20, 2026  
**Time:** 6:00 pm  
**Location:** Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall  
66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne

**Members Present:** C. Tamas  
M. Lallouet  
T. Triano  
P. McGarry (Vice Chair)  
W. Steele, Mayor (Non-voting member)  
M. Aquilina, Councillor (Non-voting member)  
R. Bodner, Councillor (Non-voting member)

**Member(s) Absent:** S. McDowell (Chair)

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

**Others Present:** C. Cleary, RN, Ernst & Young  
E. van Daalen, Physician and Chief of Staff, St. Thomas Elgin Hospital

#### 1. Call to Order

The Chair was absent. The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. Adoption of the Agenda

Moved By C. Tamas  
Seconded By T. Triano

That the Healthcare Advisory Committee Agenda, dated April 20, 2026, be approved.

Carried

**3. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

**4. Approval of the Minutes**

**4.1 Healthcare Advisory Committee Meeting - March 23, 2026**

Moved By M. Lallouet

Seconded By C. Tamas

That the Healthcare Advisory Committee minutes dated March 23, 2026, be approved.

Carried

**5. Presentations**

**5.1 Presentation from Dr. Erica van Daalen, Chief of Staff, St. Thomas Elgin Hospital and Connor Cleary, RN on the Elgin Neighbourhood Health Home Model.**

Connor Cleary, RN and Dr. Erica van Daalen presented to the Committee on the Elgin Neighborhood Health Home Model.

**6. New Business**

**6.1 Community Health & Wellness Plan**

Renée Bisson, Senior Health Advisor, presented the first draft of the Community Health and Wellness Plan to the Committee.

**7. Closed Session**

Moved By C. Tamas

Seconded By T. Triano

That the Healthcare Advisory Committee do now proceed to meet in Closed Session at 8:00 p.m. under the *Municipal Act, 2001* subsection 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

**7.1 Legal Opinion on Healthcare**

**8. Back to Open Session**

Moved By C. Tamas  
Seconded By M. Lallouet

That the Healthcare Advisory Committee rise and reconvene from Closed Session at 8:22 p.m. without report.

Carried

**9. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:23 p.m.

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Dr. Philip McGarry, Vice Chair

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Jessica Beaupre, Deputy Clerk



# PortCares

## EarlyON Child and Family Centres

# INTRODUCTIONS



Child and Family Centre

**Tracy Sparkes, RECE**

**Christina McNicoll, RECE, RC, IAIM**

# WELCOME TO EARLYON



**Welcome to EarlyON**  
Niagara Region

## There are EarlyON centres across Niagara

[niagararegion.ca](http://niagararegion.ca)

**EarlyON**  
Child and Family Centre

Niagara Region | Ontario

and see what's happening this week. Watch on YouTube

# WHAT IS AN EARLYON CENTRE?



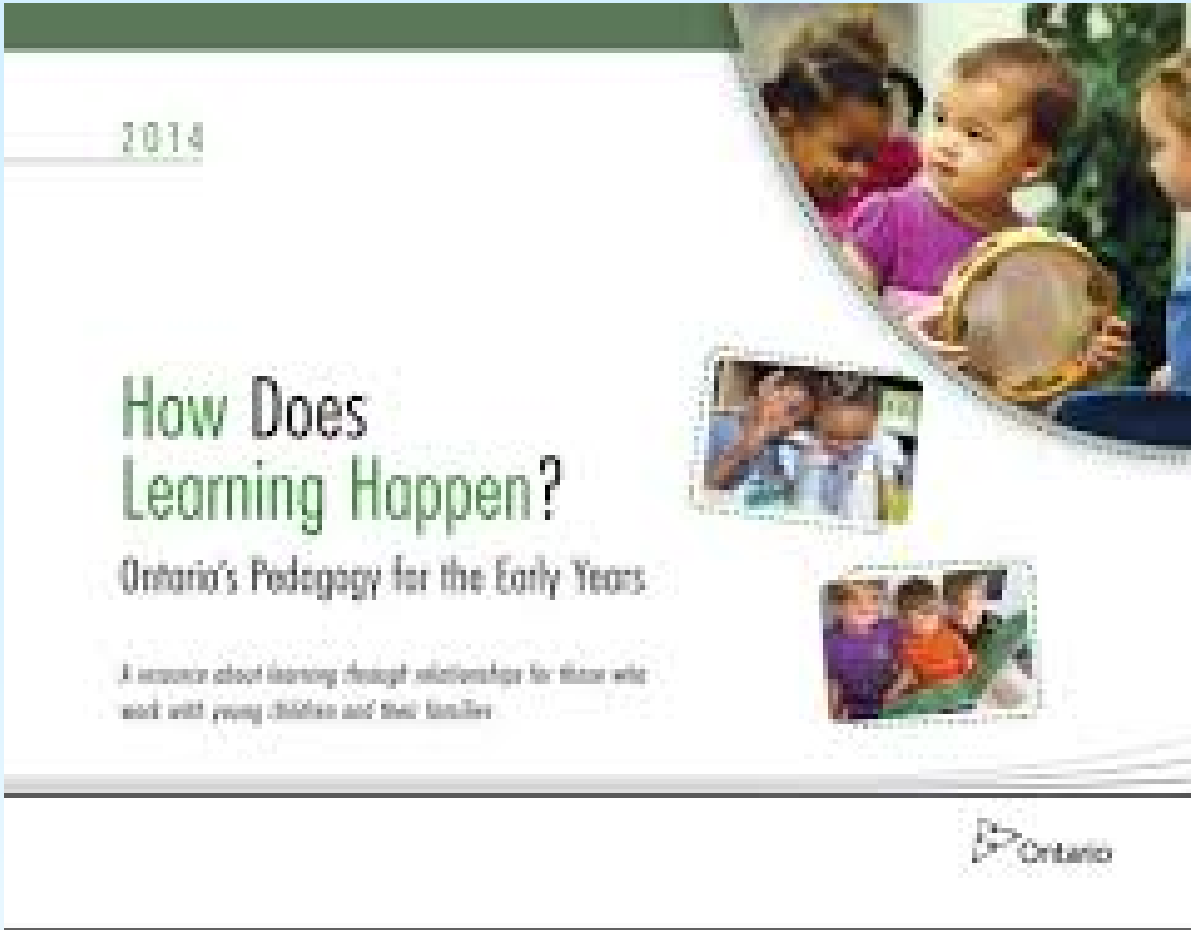
## PORT CARES EARLYON LOCATIONS:

- Lincoln
- West Lincoln
- Pelham
- Welland
- Port Colborne
- Crystal Beach
- Fort Erie

# HOW DO WE EXIST?



# OUR FRAMEWORK



# PLAY\*LEARN\*CONNECT

- Supporting early learning and development,

- Engaging parents/guardians and caregivers, and

- Making connections for families.



# PLAY\*LEARN\*CONNECT



# THE DATA

## Port Cares EarlyON Visits 2025

Adult 23,424 Unique 5966

Children 28,353 Unique 7998

## Port Colborne Site ONLY

Adults 3,242 Unique 607

Children 4512 Unique 814

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT CORE SERVICE DELIVERY

NIAGARA CHILDREN'S CENTRE,  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
DENTAL BUS  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
PATHSTONES  
BRIDGES



# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS TO SUPPORT CORE SERVICE DELIVERY



## INTERGENERATIONAL PROGRAMMING WITH NORTHLAND POINTE SENIORS

# OUTREACH



# INTEGRATED SERVICES



**pc WORKS**  
BRIDGING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



# INTEGRATED SERVICES



# THE BRIDGE



# CHALLENGES & BARRIERS

## Transportation



## Information & Navigation

# CHALLENGES & BARRIERS



**Food Insecurities**



**Respite Care**

# TRUST

# CHALLENGES & BARRIERS



**IT TAKES A  
VILLAGE- CHOSEN  
VILLAGE**



**FAMILY-CENTRED  
CARE**

# TESTIMONIAL



# LET'S RECAP



- **Bridge Closure**
- **New Parents**
- **System information and Navigation**
- **Housing**
- **Mental Health & Well-being**
- **Growing Need**

**THANK YOU FROM  
ALL OF US AT**



**PortCares**

**THANK YOU!**