

CHAPTER 14

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES POLICY

The provision of Health and Social Services to the residents of the Planning Area is primarily the responsibility of other levels of government and their agencies. In many cases, the services provided are augmented and supported by volunteer organizations.

The Township involvement in the supply of these services is restricted almost exclusively to one of recommending and bringing to the attention of those authorities having responsibility such additions, amendments or improvements in the delivery of these services as appear desirable to better serve the needs of the residents. With regard to those Health and Social Services provided at the Regional level, the Township can through its representation on Regional Council and on the various bodies supplying and administering these services, influence programs and decisions which will best serve the residents.

The Township adopts the following policies relative to Health and Social Services:

- 14.1 The Township will continue to monitor the health and social services provided and will make representation and recommendation to the supplying agency of any addition, amendment or improvement, which would improve the service provided to Township residents.
- 14.2 The Township will continually strive through its representation on Regional Council and its Boards and Commissions to maintain a high standard of Health and Social Services available to the Township residents.
- 14.3 The Township will attempt through its representation on Regional Council to assure that adequate budgets are made available to support necessary Health and Social Services within reasonable budget constraints and at the same time carefully examine and evaluate budget requests to assure that maximum benefit is derived from monies spent.
- 14.4 The Township will consider within the Housing Policies of this Plan the need for the provision of housing, particularly for the elderly, and will utilize Federal, Provincial and Regional government programs to provide such housing when and where deemed necessary.
- 14.5 The Township will support and encourage the location of Health and Social Service facilities within the Township and will, encourage the expansion of these services as population and demand increase.