

Social Services Committee

April 9, 2014 – 10:00 AM

The Social Services Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Dwight Burley; Councillors Terry McKay, Paul McQueen, Kathi Maskell, Francis Richardson, Deborah Haswell, Ellen Anderson and John Bell; and Warden Brian Milne

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Jennifer Cornell, Long-Term Care Administrator; Debbie Pegelo, Ontario Works Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Social Services Committee minutes dated March 12, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted as presented by Grey County Council on April 1, 2014.

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-05-14 Ontario Works Participant Profile

Debbie Pegelo presented the above report, providing information about the programs and services the County provides and a summary profile of Ontario Works households as of December 31, 2013. Ms. Pegelo detailed the changes in caseloads from 2009-2013, the caseload composition, costs, employment data, and a summary of funeral costs.

SSC32-14 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor McKay

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-05-14 regarding the Ontario Works Participant Profile be received for information only.

Carried

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-08-14 Request for Donations for Home Enhancements – Grey Gables

Jennifer Cornell addressed the Committee on the above report, requesting \$10,000 be transferred from the Grey Gables Donation Account to continue with resident enhancements. The proposed enhancements include garden improvements and updates to the sitting room on Valley View to provide residents with a gathering area for activities.

SSC33-14 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

WHEREAS the continued enhancements at Grey Gables will improve the quality of life for the people who live there;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-08-14 regarding the use of donation funds to complete such enhancements be received;

AND THAT \$10,000.00 required to complete the following projects be allocated from the Grey Gables Donation Account:

- **Garden Improvements**
- **Updates and Furnishings for the Sitting Room on Valley View**

Carried

LTCR-SS-09-14 HVAC Replacement – Grey Gables

Jennifer Cornell presented the above report, requesting authorization to proceed with replacing and refurbishing four Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) units at Grey Gables in 2014. The building condition assessment recommended that the replacement of the units begin in 2015, however a number of breakdowns have been experienced recently and staff wish to prevent further breakdowns. The anticipated cost is \$22,500 for 2014 and staff are proposing it be funded from the Grey Gables Reserve.

SSC34-14 Moved by: Councillor Maskell Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

WHEREAS the Building Condition Assessment identified the life cycle replacement for the heating and cooling units at Grey Gables be initiated in 2015;

AND WHEREAS the home is starting to experience costly breakdowns with some of the units;

AND WHEREAS all purchasing policies and protocols will be adhered to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-09-14 regarding HVAC Replacement at Grey Gables be received;

AND THAT the procurement of the HVAC units at Grey Gables proceed in 2014 in order that these units will be replaced in 2014;

AND THAT \$22,500 in funds be transferred from Grey Gables Reserves to fund this project in 2014.

Carried

LTCR-SS-10-14 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 1 of 2014

Lynne Johnson and Rod Wyatt addressed the above report, noting the purchases in Quarter 1 of 2014 which require reporting under the purchasing policy.

SSC35-14 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT Report LTCR-SS-10-14 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 1 of 2014 for the Long-Term Care and Housing Departments be received for information.

Carried

Correspondence

Hydro One Networks Billing Issues March 2014

SSC36-14 Moved by: Warden Milne Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the correspondence from Hydro One Networks regarding billing issues be received for information.

Carried

The Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation – Investment in Affordable Housing Program

Councillor Anderson spoke to the difficulties experienced in attempting to find solutions to making housing more affordable.

The letter received from the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation spoke to the higher than average housing prices and how the program tends to exclude those wishing to pursue home ownership within the Blue Mountains and requested that the qualification levels for the program be changed for the Blue Mountains area.

The Committee spoke to the ways to implement affordable housing at the local level, including requiring developers to provide a specific number of affordable housing units. The Committee also expressed concerns with differing treatment among municipalities within the region and the limits on available funding for the program.

The possibility for more outreach to real estate brokers was cited.

SSC37-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT the correspondence from the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation regarding the Investment in Affordable Housing Program be received;

AND THAT staff send a letter of response to the Blue Mountains Attainable Housing Corporation detailing the Committee's discussions on the matter.

Carried

*2013 Central East Regional Media Release March 18, 2014; Grey Bruce
Poverty Task Force April 2014 Newsletter*

Barb Fedy addressed the Committee on the above correspondence and noted the positive benefits of 211 Community Connection and the assistance it has provided residents. Mrs. Fedy also provided an update on the Grey Bruce Poverty Task Force open house held in January and spoke to the goals of the Task Force.

SSC38-14 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor McQueen

**THAT the 2013 Central East Regional Media Release and the Grey
Bruce Poverty Task Force April 2014 Newsletter be received for
information.**

Carried

Other Business

Chair Burley noted that Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing, will be retiring from the County and wished him the best in his retirement and thanked him for his many years of service with the County.

Next Meeting Dates

May 14, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Bell, the meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair