



Grey
County

Committee Minutes

Social Services Committee

September 10, 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

Regrets: Warden Brian Milne

Staff

Present: Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care and Acting CAO; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Michael Kelly, Director of Transportation Services; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance and Kathie Nunno, 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 August 13, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on September 2, 2014.

Deputations

David Nathan, Project Manager and Grafton Pinheiro, Chair – Georgian Bay Treatment Centre for Youth

David Nathan and Grafton Pinheiro addressed the Committee on the Georgian Bay Treatment Centre for Youth and provided an overview of the organization. The centre will develop and operate a regionally-based addictions and concurrent mental health treatment program for youth aged 14 to 22 years in a rural-based residential facility. Programs include conventional and alternative therapy, schooling, equine therapy, gardening, animal husbandry and sporting activities. The Georgian Bay Treatment Centre for Youth currently has a two-year lease at Two Rivers Centre, near Paisley, commencing December 1, 2014 with option to purchase.

The Centre will be able to support 20 to 24 students in the first year, expand to 36 in the second year, and reach a full capacity of 50 residents thereafter. Admission is only on a voluntary basis and follows detoxification. Admission at the onset will need to be private pay; however, once the centre is licensed, referrals will be accepted from government agencies. Post discharge, the Centre will implement a relapse prevention program.

SSC63-14 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

THAT the activities of the Georgian Bay Treatment Centre for Youth to assist youth with addictions and mental health issues be supported in principle;

AND THAT a letter be provided to the Centre expressing this support.

Carried

Ms. Fedy added information regarding a training opportunity by the Grey Bruce Task Force on Crystal Meth and Other Drugs. The workshop provides opportunity to learn about practical strategies and awareness for helping professionals and educators working with people with addictions. Staff was directed to forward this information to Council.

*Steve Lough, Founding Partner of Lough Barnes Consulting Group –
Update on the Coordinated Rural Transportation Project*

Ms. Fedy introduced Steve Lough who provided an update to the Committee regarding the Coordinated Rural Transportation Project. Mr. Lough was accompanied by Tony Yu who also fielded questions and comments.

Opportunities and obstacles were identified and discussed briefly, among which was the necessity to comply with eligibility criteria in order to access services.

Next steps include liaising with community providers following which a presentation will be made by Lough Barnes Consulting Group at the October session of Grey County Council. Ms. Fedy mentioned that the Rural Ontario Institute and others have been working on similar initiatives to improve community transportation.

The Chair called for a short recess following which the meeting resumed.

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-14-14 Investment in Affordable Housing 2014 Extension Agreement and Program Delivery Plan

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above report regarding an Investment in Affordable Housing Program (IAH) extension agreement and delivery plan and provided an outline of the program, which aims to assist with the creation and repair of affordable housing.

Ms. Shaw noted that \$519,100 has been released to Grey County under the program and staff requested authorization for the Warden and Clerk to execute a Municipal Funding Agreement with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the extension of the IAH and for the funds to be spent in 2014.

SSC64-14 Amended by Grey County Council Resolution CC134-14 October 7, 2014:

THAT the last clause of resolution SSC64-14 regarding the Investment in Affordable Housing 2014 Extension Agreement and Program Delivery Plan be amended to delete “approved to be expensed in 2014” and add “be received and expensed as per the Municipal Funding Agreement.”

SSC64-14 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS an agreement for the Investment of Affordable Housing Program 2014 Extension has been received from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey has been allotted funds in the amount of \$519,100 for the first year of the program to be committed by January 30, 2015, with future years funding to be determined by the Province at a later date;

AND WHEREAS the Program Delivery Plan is endorsed by Council and included as part of the agreement for the Investment in Affordable Housing Program 2014 Extension;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report HDR-SS-14-14 be received;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the Municipal Funding Agreement between the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the County of Grey for

the Investment in Affordable Housing Program 2014 Extension;

AND THAT the unbudgeted funding of \$519,100 for the Investment in Affordable Housing Program be approved to be expensed in 2014.

Carried

Correspondence

Celebrating Milestones and Beginnings for Full Day Kindergarten – Letter from Jim Grieve, Assistant Deputy Minister – Early Years Division

The Committee considered the above correspondence which was introduced by Ms. Fedy.

SSC65-14 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

THAT the correspondence received from the Assistant Deputy Minister, Early Years Division regarding full day kindergarten, be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Anne Marie Shaw provided an update on the recent housing fire and the impact on the residents affected.

Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Bell, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair