
Committee of Management

November 21, 2019 – 10:00 AM

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

Present: Chair Dwight Burley; Councillors Christine Robinson, Scott Mackey, John Woodbury; and Warden Selwyn Hicks

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Karen Kraus, Executive Director; Heather Morrison, Clerk; Kevin Weppler, Director of Corporate Services; Mary Lou Spicer and Joanna Alpajaro, Deputy Treasurers and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Agenda Amendment

CM61-19 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That the agenda be amended to include a closed session regarding a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality (*Rockwood Terrace*).

Carried

The Chair received the required two-thirds vote necessary to amend the agenda.

Reports

LTCCR-CM-45-19 Confirmation of Beds for Grey Gables Redevelopment

Heather Morrison noted that there are two current resolutions pertaining to direction for staff to apply for long-term care beds, one being from January 24, 2019 and the second from October 24, 2019. If Council wishes to deviate from the direction previously given, being to apply for 96 beds, Council would be required to go through the reconsideration process. The deadline for applications is January 17, 2020. If Council wishes to change the previous direction of 96 beds and meet the timeframes for the current bed intake, it is staff's recommendation for Council to waive Section 21.12 of the Procedural By-law surrounding the requirements for reconsideration of the number of beds in order to adhere to the timelines. Typically, the County's reconsideration process takes three meetings to achieve.

Kim Wingrove noted that report LTCCR-CM-45-19 is based on the conversations from the November 14th, 2019 Council meeting and staff's work on the redevelopment assumptions and scenarios. The recommendation before Committee today is to proceed with a 128 bed new build at Grey Gables which would see an application for 62 new beds (instead of the current direction to apply for 96 beds) and the current 66 beds at Grey Gables incorporated into the new building. The existing Grey Gables building would then be available to be put to a different use.

The Committee then discussed the rationale for the 128 bed build as opposed to the other scenarios. It was noted that this is anticipated to be the least expensive option, and a 128 bed facility could be operated more efficiently than a 160 bed home. 96 new beds does not offer a campus of care option because it would trigger an addition to the current building and not a new build. A 128 bed new build would allow for a campus of care opportunity if desired.

Should Committee recommend to Council to proceed with a 62 bed application and waive the requirement of the reconsideration process, it is staff's recommendation that a 2/3rd's vote be achieved in order to move forward with a change to the number of beds to be applied for. This higher standard is recommended because previous notice of the reconsideration was not provided.

A 2/3rd's vote is required to waive any part of the Procedural By-law as per Section 2.1 and this would remain in effect, in addition to the 2/3rd vote required as noted above.

Staff clarified that the wording of the recommendation only allows for the number of beds being applied for to remain at 96 or change to 62. Resolutions CW27-19 and CC87-19 do not get reopened in their entirety through this process.

There was an inquiry as to whether there is opportunity to negotiate the building's completion date requirement with the Province. Ms. Wingrove noted she could look into this.

Concerns were expressed with undertaking two significant building projects at the same time. It is important to take time to come up with a plan for Grey Gables and to build consensus around the decision. Lessons from the Rockwood Terrace project could be valuable. Rockwood Terrace redevelopment is time sensitive because it must be upgraded to a Class A home in order to meet licensing requirements.

It was noted that the application process is open and Council has decided it would like to see more beds applied for. It is the Committee's responsibility to recommend to Council the appropriate number of beds.

Discussions are being based on an assumption that the County will receive beds, however it is possible no additional beds will be received.

There was an inquiry as to whether there will be a second application intake and whether conversations can take place around a second intake. Staff indicated that at this time, there has been no indication of a second intake.

CM62-19 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That Report LTCR-CM-45-19 be received and the Committee of Management recommend to County Council that Grey County apply for 62 beds for Grey Gables to allow for a new 128 bed facility to be built and that Resolutions CW27-19 (as adopted by Council per Resolution CC15-19), and CC87-19 be reconsidered only to the extent necessary to amend them to give effect to this recommendation;

That the Committee of Management recommend that County Council consider the above recommendation at its November 28, 2019 meeting; and

That the Committee of Management recommend to County Council that, pursuant to Section 2.1 of the Procedural By-law, it waive the application of Section 21.12 of the Procedural By-law in respect of considering that recommendation.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

CM63-19 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the Long-Term Care Committee of Management does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended, to discuss

- i. A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board (*Rockwood Terrace*); and**

That all staff remain in attendance.

Carried

Committee proceeded into closed session at 11:00 AM.

Committee returned to open session at 11:16 AM.

Other Business

Kevin Wepler noted that staff will be bringing forward the proposed long-term care budget at the December meeting.

Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 9:30 AM at the Grey County Administration Building.

On motion by Councillors Woodbury and Mackey, the meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM.