



# Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

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## **Social Services Committee Minutes August 15, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.**

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

**Present:** Vice Chair Dwight Burley; Councillors John Bell, Wayne Fitzgerald, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Kathi Maskell, Terry McKay and Warden Duncan McKinlay

**Regrets:** Councillors Ellen Anderson and Brian Milne

### **Staff**

**Present:** Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Rick Moore, Housing Manager and Patti McNabb, Recording Secretary.

### **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There was none.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

*Social Services Committee minutes dated July 11, 2012 and July 26, 2012*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on August 7, 2012.

### **Closed Meeting Matters**

There was no closed meeting matters.

Warden McKinlay joined the meeting.

### **Reports - Financial Matters**

*FR-SS-28-12 Social Services Financial Report to June 30, 2012*

Mrs. Fedy presented the financial report to June 30, 2012. Based on an analysis of trends to date, the year-end projection for the Social Services budget is a surplus of \$254,000.

**SSC61-12** Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT REPORT FR-SS-28-12 regarding the Social Services financial update as of June 30, 2012 be received.**

Carried

*FR-SS-29-12 Housing Financial Report to June 30, 2012*

Ms Spicer presented the Housing financial report to June 30, 2012 which was followed by general discussion. The projected year-end position will be a \$72,500 shortfall.

**SSC62-12** Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**THAT the Social Services Committee receive Report FR-SS-29-12 regarding a Budget to Actual overview to June 30, 2012 and a projection of actual to year end for the Housing Department budget.**

Carried

*FR-SS-30-12 Long-Term Care Financial Report to June 30, 2012*

Ms Spicer also presented Report FR-SS-30-12. The projected year-end estimates that the net Long-Term Care department position will be a surplus of \$166,500.

**SSC63-12** Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**THAT the Social Services Committee receive Report FR-SS-30-12 regarding a Budget to Actual overview to June 20, 2012 and a projection of actual to year end for the Long-Term Care Department budgets.**

Carried

## **Reports – Social Services**

*SSR-SS-22-12 – Ontario Works Caseload Report to July 31, 2012*

Mrs. Fedy presented the Ontario Works Caseload report to July 31, 2012 for information.

**SSC64-12** Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**THAT report SSR-SS-22-12 regarding the Ontario Works Caseload to July 31, 2012 be received for information.**

Carried

*SSR-SS-23-12 – Ontario Works Caseload Composition Report to June 30, 2012*

Mrs. Fedy also presented the Ontario Works Caseload Composition to June 30, 2012 for information.

**SSC65-12** Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT report SSR-SS-23-12 regarding the Ontario Works Caseload Composition to June 30, 2012 be received for information.**

Carried

## Reports – Housing

*HDR-SS-30-12 Housing Manager’s Report*

Mr. Moore provided an overview and progress of recent fires at housing units within Grey County Housing.

There was discussion regarding the pending review of the Residential Tenancy Act (formerly Landlord and Tenant Act) by the Province. Mr. Wyatt provided an overview of the current interpretation of the Act. There was discussion regarding the benefits of providing concerns on behalf of the County in consideration to the pending review.

**SSC66-12** Moved by: Warden McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

**THAT report HDR-SS-30-12 be received for information.**

Carried

*HDR-SS-31-12 Director’s Report Fire Safety*

Mr. Wyatt presented Report HDR-SS-31-12 regarding fire safety and recommendations from the Blue Mountains Fire Department following a recent fire at a Grey County Housing complex in Thornbury. Implementation of the recommendations would have a significant financial impact on the County.

**SSC67-12** Moved by: Councillor Maskell

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT REPORT HDR-SS-31-12 regarding fire safety be received for information.**

Carried

## Reports – Long-Term Care

*LTCR-SS-18-12 Long-Term Care 2012-2014 Departmental Work Plan*

Ms Johnson presented Report LTCR-SS-18-12 updating on the status of the Long-Term Care Departmental Work Plan for information.

**SSC68-12** Moved by: Councillor Greenfield                      Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**WHEREAS departmental work plans have been implemented to identify strategic projects within each Department that align with the Corporate Operating Plan approved by Council;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report LTCR-SS-18-12, which provides a status update on the strategic projects identified in the Long-Term Care Departmental Work Plan for 2012-2014, be received for information purposes.**

Carried

*LTCR-SS-19-12 Long-Term Care Administrators' Report*

Ms Johnson presented Long-Term Care Administrator' Report LTCR-SS-19-12 for information.

**SSC69-12** Moved by: Councillor Haswell                      Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT report LTCR-SS-19-12 be received for information.**

Carried

**Correspondence**

*Memorandum from the Blue Mountains regarding fire incidents at Grey County Housing*

**SSC70-12** Moved by: Warden McKinlay                      Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**THAT the correspondence from the Blue Mountains be received for information.**

Carried

**Other Business**

*CAOR-SS-15-12 Changes to Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP) Coverage*

Ms Johnson provided insight on report CAOR-SS-15-12 regarding changes to the Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP) coverage. There was general discussion regarding the importance of receiving additional insight from the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit.

**SSC71-12** Moved by: Councillor Bell                      Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

**THAT the resolution from the City of Cambridge dated June 18, 2012 concerning changes to the Ontario Health Insurance Program (OHIP) coverage for certain**

**health care services, as well as changes to OHIP funding for out-of-country procedures be received;**

**AND THAT this correspondence be forwarded to the Grey Bruce Health Unit for comment with requested follow up to the Social Services.**

Carried

*2-1-1 Board Membership Notification*

Mrs. Fedy advised that notification has been received for 2-1-1 Board Membership. The deadline for applications is August 25, 2012. Direction was given to staff to consult with the Clerk's Department regarding dissemination of this opportunity to members of council.

*Bed Bug Update*

Mr. Moore provided an update on the status of bed bugs within Grey County Housing projects. New method for the removal of bed bug infestations is thermal heat remediation. There was discussion regarding the potential to work with private operators to heat treat belongings of prospective tenants prior to entry into Grey County Housing as a proactive practice to reduce and eliminate re-occurrences of bed bugs.

**Next Meeting Dates**

August 30, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. (if needed)

September 12, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Councillor Greenfield, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Dwight Burley, Vice Chair