



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Social Services Committee Minutes

September 12, 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: Chair Brian Milne; Councillors John Bell, Dwight Burley, Wayne Fitzgerald, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Kathi Maskell, Terry McKay and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillor Ellen Anderson

Staff

Present: Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager; Rick Moore, Housing Manager; Larry Turpin, Technical Supervisor; Wendy Henderson, Marcia Smith, Ontario Works' Managers; Sandra Manser, Accounting Supervisor; Karen Kraus, Long-Term Care Administrator and Patti Gardiner, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Milne called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Searching in Grey Docs

Mrs. Vokes provided a tutorial to members of the Committee on searching for documents in Grey Docs through the intranet.

Minutes of Meetings

Social Services Committee minutes dated September 4, 2012

The Social Services Committee minutes dated September 4, 2012 were reviewed.

SSC74-12 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated September 4, 2012 be approved as presented.

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Minutes of Social Services Committee meeting dated August 15, 2012

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted as presented by Grey County Council on September 4, 2012.

Delegation

Nathan Rhody, President of Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association was a delegation to the Committee regarding funding allocations for indigent funerals provided on behalf of members of the Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association. Mr. Rhody requested an increase be considered within the 2013 budget deliberations. Mr. Rhody noted no increase has been granted for the provision of indigent funerals since 2009.

Mr. Rhody was thanked for his presentation and left the meeting.

Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-24-12 Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association Rate Increase Request

Mrs. Fedy presented Report SSR-SS-24-12 proposing a cost of living increase of 2.2% to the base rate for indigent funerals paid to members of the Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association. Mrs. Fedy provided an informal survey of funeral rates established by other service managers of Ontario for comparison purposes.

SSC75-12 Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS a letter of request was received from the Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association to the County of Grey Social Services Committee for an increase to indigent funeral services from the base rate established in 2009 of \$3944.00 to \$4975.00 for the budget year of 2013, to reflect the membership average of the association;

AND WHEREAS no increase for indigent funeral services has been approved since 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-24-12 be received;

AND THAT the letter of request for funding be received as correspondence;

AND FURTHER THAT the request for an increase for indigent funeral services be included as a budgetary deliberation item for the 2013 budget process, with a recommendation from staff that a cost of living increase of 2.2%, which is based on the Consumer Price Index for Ontario for the period of July 2011 to August 2012, be considered for a 2013 base rate of \$4030.77 for indigent funeral services in the County of Grey.

Carried

SSR-SS-25-12 Indigent Funeral and Burial Fee Schedule Changes

Mrs. Smith presented Report SSR-SS-25-12 proposing a change to the indigent funeral and burial fee schedule to allow flexibility for allocated funds to be used at the funeral service providers' discretion and not prescribed within the former schedule.

SSC76-12 Moved by: Councillor Maskell

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the current Grey County Social Services Indigent Funeral and Burial Fee Schedule designates amounts to various aspects of the funeral service which are not to exceed \$3944.00;

AND WHEREAS the proposed Grey County Social Services Indigent Funeral and Burial Fee Schedule would limit the funeral cost to \$3944.00 but provide flexibility to the funeral home directors and families;

AND WHEREAS the July 2012 revision to the Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002 – Ontario Regulation 184/12 – Care and Maintenance Exemptions and Miscellaneous Charges limits the amount a cemetery can charge for opening and closing plots for an assisted burial;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the new Grey County Social Services Indigent Funeral and Burial Fee Schedule be received and accepted;

AND THAT the Social Services Committee be advised of the new \$1300.00 cap on grave sites which has been incorporated in the new Indigent Funeral and Burial Fee Schedule.

Carried

Mr. Bell commended staff for collaboratively strengthening partnerships with members of the Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association.

SSR-SS-26-12 Request for Funding to Assist with Victorious Living Centre (VLC) Shelter Reopening

Mrs. Fedy presented Report SSR-SS-26-12 proposing approval of one time financial assistance to the Victorious Living Centre (VLC) for items associated with reopening its shelter. The shelter operated by VLC is not connected to or associated with The Space, which is operated by Safe 'n Sound, although referrals are made when appropriate. Councillor Haswell highlighted the scheduled visit to Woodstock to consult with members of Operation Sharing, which is a faith-based collaborative approach to food service and support that has been successfully operating for a number of decades.

SSC77-12 Moved by: Councillor Haswell

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS a letter of request was received by email from Pastor Randy Kennedy on Wednesday, August 29, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the request is for Grey County to assist with expenses required to reopen the Victorious Living Centre (VLC) Shelter for September 1, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the request includes funding for expenses such as supplies, four mattresses and utility assistance;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-26-12 be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to pursue funding options available through surplus of any savings realized in the approved 2012 Social Services budget, or if insufficient savings exist, that approval be granted to fund through the One Time Social Services Reserve, up to a maximum dollar value of \$3000.00;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to make payments directly to applicable vendors.

Carried

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-34-12 – Housing Manager's Report

Mr. Moore presented an overview of report HDR-SS-34-12. Mr. Turpin confirmed that remedial repairs at the Alpha Street complex will be made in accordance with the Ontario Building Code.

SSC78-12 Moved by: Councillor Haswell

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT Report HDR-SS-34-12 be received for information.

Carried

HDR-SS-35-12 – Owen Sound Housing Corporation: Frank Smith Apartments

Mr. Wyatt presented report HDR-SS-35-12 requesting removal of the Frank Smith Apartments from Section 68 of the Housing Services Act, 2011. General discussion followed.

SSC79-12 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

WHEREAS the Frank Smith Apartments are currently listed as a designated housing project under Section 68 of the Housing Services Act, 2011;

AND WHEREAS the Service Manager must make a formal request to have the project removed in order for Owen Sound Municipal Housing Corporation to start the process or remortgaging the property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Grey request that the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing remove the Frank Smith Apartments from Section 68 of the Housing Services Act, 2011 as a designated project of the County of Grey.

Carried

Emergency Roof Replacement –Maple Villa Apartments, 81 Bruce Street, Thornbury

Mr. Wyatt advised the Committee of an urgent capital project for roof replacement at a 36 unit, 2-storey 14,000 square foot apartment building at 81 Bruce Street in Thornbury which became apparent during a recent significant rainfall. This project was scheduled for replacement in 2014 however, the need has now been expedited. Sufficient funding is available from an alternate project that will not be completed in 2012.

SSC80-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

WHEREAS there was a significant leak in the roof of the apartment building at 81 Bruce Street, Thornbury, which appeared during the last rain storm and an inspection determined that the roof is in poor condition and requires replacing;

AND WHEREAS the roof for this building was scheduled to be replaced in 2014 in the five year capital works program and no capital funds were budgeted in the 2012 capital budget;

AND WHEREAS there are sufficient funds for siding replacement for the Westmount project in Owen Sound that will not be done this year and was being considered for carry over to the 2013 budget year to cover the estimated costs of the roof replacement at 81 Bruce Street in Thornbury;

AND WHEREAS the roof replacement will be tendered as per Grey County's Purchasing Policy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the emergency roof replacement for 81 Bruce Street in Thornbury be completed in 2012, at an estimated cost of \$80,000.00, using funds previously allocated for siding replacement at the Westmount project in Owen Sound;

AND THAT the Social Services committee authorize staff to proceed immediately to tender for the roof replacement due to seasonal time constraints.

Carried

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-20-12 – Director's Report

Ms Johnson presented Report LTCR-SS-20-12 highlighting quality indicators, resident satisfaction survey results, changes to resident and family surveys and updates for Rockwood Terrace and Lee Manor for information. Ms Johnson was commended for dedication as Director of Long-Term Care and for regular provision of quality information.

SSC81-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT report LTCR-SS-20-12 be received for information.

Carried

Mrs. Kraus made the Committee aware of a potential issue with regard to a donation made by a former resident.

Correspondence

211 Ontario 2011-2012 Annual Report

Correspondence from 211 Ontario was presented for information.

Next Meeting Dates

September 27, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

October 10, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

October 25, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Councillor Burley, the meeting adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

Brian Milne, Chair