



**THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated July 11, 2012 be approved as presented.**

Carried

## **Reports – Social Services**

### *SSR-SS-21-12 – New 2012 Child Care Funding*

Ms MacMurdo presented Report SSR-SS-21-12 highlighting the announcement of additional funding from the provincial government related to its investment in the child care system. An amendment to the 2012 service agreement is required authorizing staff to allocate the funding.

**SSC56-12** Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**WHEREAS By-Law 4763-12 authorized the County of Grey to execute a funding and service agreement with the Ministry of Education for the provision of Child Care Services;**

**AND WHEREAS additional funding from the provincial government related to its investment in the child care system has recently been announced;**

**AND WHEREAS the new funding allocation of \$148,401 for the County of Grey will necessitate an amendment to the 2012 Service Contract;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT REPORT SSR-SS-21-12 be received;**

**AND THAT the Director of Finance and the Director of Social Services be authorized to endorse the amended Child Care Service Schedule within the 2012 Service Contract for distribution by Grey County to applicable agencies within the child care community.**

Carried

## **Reports – Housing**

### *HDR-SS-27-12 – Lawn Tractor Purchase*

Mr. Moore presented Report HDR-SS-27-12 requesting authorization to allocate funding for the procurement of a new lawn tractor for use by Grey County Housing within the Town of Durham followed by general discussion. Surplus funds are available from the bathroom renovation project at Twin Pines Apartments in Owen Sound. Confirmation was provided that disposal of the old equipment will occur as outlined within the purchasing guidelines.

**SSC57-12** Moved by: Warden McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

**WHEREAS** the existing lawn tractor used for Grey County Housing units located in the Town of Durham has broken down three times in 2012 and has been deemed too expensive to repair;

**AND WHEREAS** there is \$52,480 funds available in the capital project for bathroom renovations at Twin Pines in Owen Sound at 650 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue East;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT REPORT HDR-SS-27-12** be received;

**AND THAT** a portion (not to exceed \$25,000) of the surplus funds remaining in the capital project for the bathroom renovation at Twin Pines Apartments in Owen Sound be allocated to a replacement lawn tractor;

**AND FURTHER THAT** staff be authorized to purchase a new lawn tractor in accordance with the County's Purchasing Policy.

Carried

*HDR-SS-28-12 – Tender Award – Alpha Street Playground Upgrade*

Mr. Wyatt presented Report HDR-SS-28-12 regarding upgrades to the playground equipment at the Alpha Street complex in Owen Sound. A landscape architect was employed to work with staff to identify the specific needs of residents, address safety regulations and provide specifications for the tender. Three contractors responded to the tender; all bids were above the capital budget allocated for this project. As permitted within the County's Purchasing Policy, successful negotiations occurred with the low bidder regarding options to reduce the scope and costs of the project, however, the final project still exceeds the current budget by \$5,628.00. There are sufficient surplus capital funds from under budget tenders awarded during the first half of 2012 to cover the additional costs. Mr. Turpin confirmed that accessibility has been accounted for in the provision of the upgraded equipment.

<b>Name of Bidder</b>	<b>Bid Amount (Excluding HST)</b>
Bud Mervyn Construction Ltd.	\$100,300
<b>Benj Art Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 92,054 *</b>
Cedar Springs Landscaping Group Ltd.	\$ 99,112.33

**SSC58-12** Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

**WHEREAS** the approved 2012 Capital Budget included funds for modification and upgrading the playground equipment at the Alpha Street Family project;

**AND WHEREAS** three quotations were received from contractors and all were above the capital budget funds available;

**AND WHEREAS discussions with the design consultant and the lowest bidding contractor has reduced the scope and costs of the work to within \$5,628 of the budgeted capital amount and there are sufficient surplus capital funds from capital tenders awarded previously in 2012 to cover this additional costs;**

**AND WHEREAS all purchasing policies and practices have been adhered to;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report HDR-SS-28-12 be received;**

**AND THAT the tender for the additions to and modification of the existing playground area at the Alpha Street Family housing project be awarded to the lowest, Benj Art Inc. for \$55,628 plus HST.**

Carried

*HDR-SS-29-12 – Quarterly Purchasing Report Q2 2012*

Report HDR-SS-29-12 was presented for information noting that the County of Grey purchasing policy ADM-03-10 gives Directors authority to award items and services up to \$100,000. Directors are required to provide quarterly summaries of all purchases between \$25,000 and \$100,000.

**SSC59-12** Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

**THAT Quarterly Purchasing Q2 2012 Report HDR-SS-29-12 be received for information.**

Carried

## **Correspondence**

*Resolution from Durham Region regarding Provincial Cap on Health Related Discretionary Benefits*

Mrs. Henderson noted that based on current year to date information projections for discretionary benefits appears to be on target.

**SSC60-12** Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Warden McKinlay

**THAT the Resolution from Durham Region regarding Provincial Cap on Health Related Discretionary Benefits be supported.**

Carried

## **Other Business**

Mr. Wyatt provided an update on the Alpha Street fire as well as a recent fire in Thornbury.

Councillor Fitzgerald advised of a recent elevated deck collapse in Markdale whereby injuries occurred to a number of people. It was noted that steps are being implemented to eliminate future occurrences within the municipality. Councillor Fitzgerald cautioned other municipalities of the dangers and liabilities of unsafe and defective elevated deck structures.

**Next Meeting Dates**

August 15, 2012 - 10:00 a.m.

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

On motion by Councillor Burley, the meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Brian Milne, Chair