



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Social Services Committee Minutes April 11, 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, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell, Terry McKay and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors Ellen Anderson, Wayne Fitzgerald and Kathi Maskell

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, CAO, Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Karen Kraus, Long-Term Care Administrator; Wendy Henderson and Debbie Pegelo, Ontario Works Managers; Kathryn MacMurdo, Children's Services Manager; Rick Moore, Housing Manager and Alison Taylor, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Social Services Committee Minutes dated March 14, 2012

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on April 3, 2012.

Business Arising from Minutes

There was none.

Presentation

Doug Snyder and Sheva Zohouri, Snyder and Associates – Redevelopment Review of Rockwood Terrace

Snyder and Associates were contracted by Grey County to complete a detailed evaluation of the existing Rockwood Terrace facility. Mr. Snyder reviewed a summary of the findings and provided information regarding the preferred option for redevelopment. Extensive discussion followed. It was noted that the redevelopment report and the recommendations it contained will be used as part of the discussion to determine Grey County's commitment to long-term care.

Mr. Snyder and Ms Zohouri were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-06-12 – Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment Review

Part of the County's strategic plan is to confirm the County's desired level of investment and involvement in the provision of long-term care services.

With the information provided in the redevelopment review completed by Snyder and Associates, it was recommended that a task force be formed and directed to prepare a report for Council's consideration of Grey County's future commitment to the provision of long-term care.

It was also noted that when infrastructure funding opportunities are provided through the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, typically the timelines for applications are short. In order to take advantage of any funding opportunity, County Council would need to have an established commitment to proceed with redevelopment .

SSC27-12 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Secoded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS it is a stated Strategic Objective of Grey County Council to undertake a review of its ongoing investment and involvement in the provision of long-term care services in the county;

AND WHEREAS it was determined in 2011 that an assessment of the capital improvements required at Rockwood Terrace needed to be completed before undertaking the larger service review in 2012;

AND WHEREAS an independent assessment of development/redevelopment options for Rockwood Terrace has now been completed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report LTCR-SS-06-12 and the development/redevelopment assessment by Snyder and Associates Inc. be received;

AND THAT the findings and recommendations contained in the Snyder and Associates Inc. report be used to assist in a review of the County's desired level of ongoing investment in long-term care services;

AND THAT staff and a task force consisting of the Warden, Chair of the Social Services Committee and Councillors Deborah Haswell and John Bell, be directed to prepare a brief report on the advantages and disadvantages of service delivery options available to the County in fulfilling its obligation to provide long-term care services.

Carried

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-07-12 – ParaMed Rate Increase Request

A request for a rate increase by ParaMed Homemaker Service was reviewed.

SSC28-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Burley

WHEREAS a municipality may enter into an agreement with a person or organization for the provision of services provide under the Homemakers and Nurses Services Act;

AND WHEREAS, Grey County has had such an agreement with ParaMed Home Health Care for the provision of homecare and personal care services since the early 1990s;

AND WHEREAS the provision of these services benefit vulnerable individuals by enabling them to reside in their own home;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-07-12 be received;

AND THAT approval be given for a 2% rate increase effective April 16, 2012 as per the notification from ParaMed Home Health Care.

Carried

Staff Presentation – Ontario Works Participant Profile

Statistics regarding the Ontario Works Participant Profile were reviewed for information noting an overall consistent increase in caseload in Grey County.

SSR-SS-09-12 Revised 2012 Child Care Service Target Schedule

Child care services contractual service target schedules are part of the agreement between

Grey County Social Services and the Ministry of Education. The revised targets for 2012 were presented for information.

Correspondence – Social Services

United Way Bruce Grey 2011 Hunger Report

Correspondence was presented for information, noting the breakdown of the statistics by municipality.

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-14-12 – Housing Director’s Report

The Housing Director’s report was presented for information.

HDR-SS-12-12 – Housing Manager’s Report

The Housing Manager’s report was presented for information.

HDR-SS-13-12 – Current Tenant Arrears Report

The current tenant arrears report was presented for information.

Correspondence – Housing

Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing: Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) FOR Ontario Program – Revised Notional Allocations for Years 2 to 4.

Correspondence was presented for information.

Next Meeting Dates

April 26, 2012 (if needed)

May 9, 2012

On motion by Councillor Burley, the meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.

Brian Milne, Chair