



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Social Services Committee Minutes October 25, 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 Terry McKay, Dwight Burley, Kathi Maskell, Wayne Fitzgerald, Ellen Anderson, John Bell and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors Harley Greenfield and Deborah Haswell

Staff

Present: Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Karen Kraus, Rockwood Terrace Administrator; Anne Marie Shaw, Housing Administrator; Debbie Pegelo, Ontario Works Manager; Kathie Nunno and Tara Warder, Recording Secretaries

Sharon Vokes, County Clerk, also attended to introduce a new staff member.

Call to Order

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

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Sharon Vokes then introduced Tara Warder, the Committee Coordinator in the Clerk's Department. Chair Milne then welcomed Ms. Warder.

Minutes of Meetings

Social Services Committee minutes dated October 10, 2012

The Social Services Committee minutes were reviewed.

SSC98-12 Moved by: Councillor Maskell

Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated October 10, 2012 be approved as presented.

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

Reports – Housing Department

HDR-SS-40-12 – Investment in Affordable Housing Update

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above-noted report outlining the ways and means of the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario program. Mrs. Shaw indicated that to date, Grey County has provided 20 homeownership loans for 20 families and noted that changes to mortgage legislation has contributed to this program being less successful this year. The \$75,000 surplus in this program that was noted in the report has since been moved to the Ontario Renovates program. Discussion ensued regarding the changes in funding allocation and the potential impact to municipal budget and client needs.

SSC99-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT report HDR-SS-40-12 Investment in Affordable Housing Update be received for information only.

Carried

Reports – Long-Term Care Department

LTCR-SS-24-12 Request Authorization for Expenditure from Rockwood Terrace Donation Reserve Account

Karen Kraus presented the above report to request authorization for the purchase of Christmas decorations from the Rockwood Terrace Donation Reserve Account.

SSC100-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS some Christmas decorations at Rockwood Terrace are in need of replacement and funds were not included in the 2012 budget for this purpose;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT REPORT LTCR-SS-24-12 regarding replacement of some Christmas decorations at Rockwood Terrace be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed to purchase new Christmas decorations to a maximum of \$1,000;

AND THAT funding required for the purchase be allocated from the Rockwood Terrace Donations Reserve Account.

Carried

Reports – Housing Department

SSR-SS-33-12 Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative-Sustainable Housing Benefit

Mr. Wyatt presented report SSR-SS-33-12 regarding the housing transformation in Ontario as Consolidated Municipal Service Managers (CMSMs) and District Social Services Administration Boards (DSSABs) have recently been advised of their preliminary funding allocations under the first phase of the new consolidated funding model, the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI). Mr. Wyatt noted that the significant funding reductions have made financial allocations challenging and the implementation of more restrictive guidelines necessary. Although it was anticipated that these guidelines would be provided by the Province, it is up to the municipalities to determine the criteria.

In addition, Mr. Wyatt also commented that the release of the Lankin/Sheikh Report on transforming social assistance in Ontario, on October 24th 2012 will result in discussion and portend changes are pending for the entire social assistance system. The challenges encountered by clients and potential clients in navigating the social services system was also discussed.

SSC101-12 Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS Report SSR-SS-32-12 regarding the consolidated program announced as Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) was received as recommended by the Social Services Committee on October 10, 2012;

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey has received the final notification of a significant reduction in CHPI funding allocations to address homelessness needs in communities beginning January 2013;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-33-12 be received for information.

Carried

SSR-SS-34-12 To seek approval to enter into a Domiciliary Hostel agreement with Jim and Geraldine Buchanan, the new owners of Ayton Lodge

Mrs. Pegelo presented the above-noted report requiring a new domiciliary hostel agreement with the new owners of Ayton Lodge. Mrs. Pegelo will be conducting a compliance inspection once the change in ownership occurs. It was also noted that new agreements for all domiciliary hostels will be necessary in the future with the change in responsibility from the Ministry of Community and Social Services Act to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

SSC102-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the Ministry of Community and Social Services provides for a Municipality to enter into agreements with Domiciliary Hostels for the provision of room and board to persons in need;

AND WHEREAS the authority to approve domiciliary hostel agreements has been delegated to the Social Services Committee through Policy ADM-02-08;

AND WHEREAS Grey County Social Services is currently issuing assistance to provide lodging and care to 13 residents at Ayton Lodge;

AND WHEREAS Grey County Social Services' Municipal and Provincial budgets contain provisions for ongoing assistance for the residents of Ayton Lodge;

AND WHEREAS, as of October 31, 2012 Ayton Lodge is under new ownership;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Grey enter into a Domiciliary Hostel agreement with the new owners of Ayton Lodge;

AND THAT the Warden and the Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Agreement.

Carried

Other Business

Chair Milne requested input from the members regarding meeting location. The Committee agreed that it would continue to hold its meetings in the Seminar Room.

Mr. Wyatt offered to conduct a tour following the meeting for members to see the improvements to the playground and progress on building restoration following the Alpha Street fire.

Next Meeting Dates

November 14, 2012.

On motion by Councillor Fitzgerald, the meeting adjourned at 10:33 a.m.

Brian Milne, Chair