



Committee Minutes

Committee of Management February 16, 2021 – 9:30 AM

The Committee met on the above date through electronic means with the following members participating:

Present: Councillors Dwight Burley, Scott Mackey, Christine Robinson, Barb Clumpus, John Woodbury, Brian O'Leary and Warden Hicks

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Stacey Goldie, Karen Kraus, Shannon Cox; Executive Directors; Renate Cowan, Quality and Accreditation Specialist; Denna Leach, Clinical Specialist; Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services; Joanna Alpajaro, Deputy Treasurer; Heather Morrison, Clerk, Rob Hatten, Communications Manager and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Mackey called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Reports

LTQR-CM-05-21 COVID-19 Update

Jennifer Cornell provided the Committee with an update on COVID-19 in long term care.

It was noted that the vaccine continues to be a topic of discussion and the data changes as the vaccine supply changes. The homes have been using education to prepare residents, families and staff for the vaccine rollout, and are actively filling out consents preparing for vaccine arrival.

She highlighted the dates that each of the homes received their first doses of the Moderna vaccine, beginning on January 25th, 2021. All residents that were able to receive a vaccine have been given a first dose.

It was noted that priority guidelines from the Province have been reiterated and staff and Designated Care Partners (DCPs) are next in line to receive the vaccination. It is anticipated that some shipments will be received this week.

Ms. Cornell then provided an overview of the testing that is being undertaken. The care communities continue to test all staff and DCPs weekly. Testing is available throughout the week to accommodate all schedules.

It was then noted that Grey Gables recently received an indeterminate result. She outlined the process that is followed when this occurs. Protocols were followed and all results were later confirmed to be negative.

Rapid testing began in January. This is beneficial at all homes to assist with the surveillance process. Ms. Cornell noted that DCPs will be rapid tested every time they go to the home, beginning on February 22nd. Staff and volunteer rapid testing needs to be in place by February 28th and the entire rapid testing program has to be fully operational by March 15th.

Staff are currently being tested once per week by nasopharyngeal swab. Protocols are being updated so they will have to be tested three times per week. Additional human resources are necessary to help with the transition.

The Ministry of Long-term Care notified all long-term care homes that mandatory third party oversight is now required at surveillance sites. Fairmount Security will be providing this oversight on Grey County's behalf.

Ms. Cornell noted that she had the opportunity to be interviewed by Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement about the County's rollout of the DCP program. Successes and milestones were discussed, and the program was highlighted for the positive impact it has had for the residents.

Ms. Cornell addressed questions from committee regarding impacts to staffing due to increased testing needs. She thanked Paramedic Services staff for their assistance during current testing at Rockwood Terrace and there are internal and external postings to assist with staffing needs as well. The province has expanded the list of people who can do rapid testing. Staff are being creative in who they are focusing on recruiting.

Karen Kraus then addressed how the vaccines were administered at Rockwood Terrace. The process took about two hours. Public Health prepared the needles and the

Director of Care and Assistant Director of Care administered the vaccines via travelling cart. Other staff accompanied them to fill out the necessary paperwork.

Ms. Cornell then addressed questions regarding the available strategies for people that cannot get vaccinated due to illness or allergy. It was noted that the process is being worked out with public health and education is provided to support those who have questions. The decision is honoured if individuals decide not to receive the vaccination.

CM08-21 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That LTCR-CM-05-21 regarding a Long-term Care COVID-19 Status Update be received for information.

Carried

Closed Session

CM09-21 Moved by: Councillor Burley Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That the Long-Term Care Committee of Management does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to discuss:

- i. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and Labour relations or employee negotiations (*Operations Report*)**

Carried

The Committee proceeded into closed session at 10:06 AM.

The Committee came out of closed session at 10:41 AM.

The Chair confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to go into closed session were discussed.

Redevelopment Update

Kim Wingrove updated the Committee on Redevelopment at Rockwood Terrace and Grey Gables. She noted that a kickoff meeting on the redevelopment project has taken place and that the Province needs to undertake the licensing review process, similar to what was done with Rockwood Terrace.

It is anticipated that a development agreement for the Grey Gables project will come forward after the licensing stage.

The Province would like Grey County to have a communications plan for the project as well. Ms. Wingrove then outlined the communications plan.

Behavioural Supports Transition Unit (BSTU) Update

Kim Wingrove noted that follow up meetings have taken place since the last Committee of Management meeting and discussions on proceeding with a BSTU at Grey Gables. Unfortunately, staff were not able to come to an agreement with the Province about the timelines. Given those circumstances and the current pandemic status, Grey County is not in a position to carry on with the project. There is a strong desire to demonstrate what a centre of excellence in a rural area would look like and the timelines given would not be sufficient for that. Staff are hopeful that the project might proceed in the future.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

March 9, 2021

On motion by Councillors Burley and Councillor O'Leary, the meeting adjourned at 10:52 AM.