

Social Services Committee

August 10, 2016 – 10:00 AM

The Social Services Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Dwight Burley; Councillors Scott Mackey, Stewart Halliday, Selwyn Hicks, Barb Clumpus, Ian Boddy, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, Gail Ardiel and John Bell; and Warden Alan Barfoot

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Anne-Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Kevin Weppeler, Director of Finance and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

SSC63-15 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Warden Barfoot

THAT the Social Services Committee agenda dated August 10, 2016 be adopted as amended, by adding items under “Other Business” regarding:

- **The Canada 150 Fund**
- **Including Social Housing as part of Development Charges**
- **Primary Health Care**
- **Funding for Rural Schools**

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Social Services Committee minutes dated July 13, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on August 2, 2016.

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-12-16 Social Infrastructure Fund

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above noted report. Staff are recommending that the Warden and Clerk be authorized to sign the Social Infrastructure Fund agreement with the Province and that it be completed prior to County Council approval due to deadlines.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding the funding terms and uses.

Staff will be bringing forward a report on a plan for housing. There will be opportunity to implement different types of housing in the future. The Province is beginning to look at ways to make social housing sustainable for the future.

SSC64-15 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS an agreement for the Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) has been received from the Ministry of Housing;

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey has been allotted funds in the amount of \$2,270,000 for 2016-17 and \$754,500 for 2017-18 the first two years of the program with future years funding to be determined by the Province at a later date;

AND WHEREAS the Program Delivery Plan is endorsed by Council and included as part of the agreement for the Social Infrastructure Fund;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report HDR-SS-12-16 be received;

AND THAT the Warden and Clerk execute the Municipal Funding Agreement between the Ministry of Housing and the County of Grey for the Social Infrastructure Fund agreement prior to County Council approval as per Section 24.13 (b) of Procedural By-law 4876-14, as amended;

AND THAT the unbudgeted funding of \$2,270,000 for the Social Infrastructure Fund be approved to be committed and or expensed in 2016.

Carried

Correspondence

Receive for Information

It was noted that staff are continuing to respond to individuals or groups who write letters expressing concern over Long-Term Care redevelopment.

Committee discussed the difficulties of increasing hydro rates for the vulnerable sector. It was noted that these concerns should be raised with the Premier at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference.

Staff spoke to the programs available for assisting with hydro bills, including provincial funds administered by the County. This funding is used in full each year and there is generally a waiting list.

SSC65-15 Moved by: Councillor Ardiel Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **Family Council of Rockwood Terrace – Long Term Care Redevelopment**
- **Bruce Grey Utility Assistance Report**
- **South West Local Health Integration Network – Board Orientation Kit**

Carried

Other Business

Canada 150 Fund

Councillor Fosbrooke spoke to the Canada 150 Fund and the importance of spreading awareness of the funding to community groups and organizations.

Role of Social Services and Housing

Councillor Clumpus requested a presentation be given to the Municipality of Meaford from Social Services and Housing staff regarding the County's role in these functions

and what Meaford should be considering in terms of long term planning and financial decisions. The dates of October 3rd, 2016 or October 17th, 2016 were suggested.

Social Housing in Development Charges

Councillor Clumpus noted the need for development charges to apply to social housing. Staff indicated that Development Charges are being addressed through the Planning and Community Development Committee.

Kevin Weppler noted that Simcoe County has attempted to apply development charges to social housing and it has been appealed. Mr. Weppler noted that the development charges consultant has cautioned against implementing such a change at this time as there has been no direction from County Council and nothing in the capital plan to increase the social housing stock. Additionally, the outcome of the pending appeal could provide some valuable insight.

Primary Health Care and Physician Recruitment

Councillor Clumpus noted the concern from doctors surrounding the future of the hospital. Physicians coming to the area need to know the local hospitals are sustainable. Councillor Clumpus requested Lance Thurston to provide a presentation on the strategy to meet the 18 million dollar deficit and the future of the local hospitals.

There was a suggestion to revisit this matter after the Transformation Action Plan is distributed.

Funding for Rural Schools

Councillor Clumpus suggested that a delegation at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Conference be requested on this matter.

Impacts of Marijuana Legalization

Councillor Ardiel requested the lower tier municipalities to provide her with information on how the legalization of marijuana could impact municipalities, as she sits on a working group that could benefit from this information.

Update on Long-Term Care Redevelopment

Lynne Johnson provided the Committee with an update on the Long-Term Care redevelopment report, noting that she plans to take the report forward in September

Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at Rockwood Terrace

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On motion by Councillor Ardiel, the meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair