



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Social Services Committee Minutes September 27, 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, Wayne Fitzgerald, Harley Greenfield, Deborah Haswell and Kathi Maskell

Regrets: Councillors Terry McKay, Ellen Anderson, Dwight Burley and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, CAO; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Kathryn McMurdo, Children's Service Manager; Rick Moore, Housing Manager; Larry Turpin, Technical Supervisor; Wendy Henderson, Debbie Pegelo, Marcia Smith, Ontario Works' Managers; Jennifer Cornell, Grey Gables Administrator; Sandra Manser, Accounting Supervisor; Anne Marie Shaw, Housing Administrator and Ina Bentley, 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

Long-Term Care Task Force minutes dated September 12, 2012

The Long-Term Care Task Force minutes dated September 12, 2012 were reviewed.

SSC82-12 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

THAT the minutes of the Long-Term Care Task Force dated September 12, 2012 be approved as presented.

Carried

Social Services Committee minutes dated September 12, 2012

The Social Services Committee minutes dated September 12, 2012 were reviewed.

SSC83-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

THAT the minutes of the Social Services Committee dated September 12, 2012 be approved as presented.

Carried

Delegation

There were no delegations.

Closed Meeting Matters

There were no closed meeting matters.

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-21-12 Director's Report regarding Agency Staff Contract for Registered Nurses

Ms. Johnson presented the above report regarding an agency staff contract for Registered Nurses to fill the temporary positions for two registered nurses at Grey Gables. The Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 requires that every long-term care home have a Registered Nurse on duty and present in the home at all times. Following a second round of advertising to fill these positions, the home has been unsuccessful in finding candidates. Discussion ensued.

SSC84-12 Moved by: Councillor Haswell

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS the Long-Term Care Homes Act, 2007 requires that every long-term care home have a Registered Nurse on duty and present in the home at all times;

AND WHEREAS recruitment efforts for part-time Registered Nurses have been unsuccessful;

AND WHEREAS there is a time sensitive requirement for additional staff to provide the mandated coverage;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the County of Grey enter into a one-year contract with TLC Alert Nursing & Home Care Services for the provision of Registered Nurses;

AND THAT in accordance with Section 24 (13) of the Procedural By-law that this contract be awarded and allowed to proceed prior to Council's adoption on November 6, 2012, due to timing constraints.

Carried

Reports - Financial

FR-CS-35-12 Corporate Wide Budget Overview and Background

Mr. Wepler presented Report FR-CS-35-12 entitled 2013 Corporate Wide Budget Overview and Background and welcomed comments and directions from the Committee.

The report provides the Committee with information on the development of the County's proposed 2013 budget, funding requirements, new initiatives and staffing enhancements, as well as the schedule for presentation of the budget to Council. The draft 2013 Corporate budget would require an estimated 2.16% tax increase.

Mr. Wepler reviewed the salient points in the report and thanked staff for their assistance in preparing the 2013 budget.

SSC85-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT Report FR-CS-35-12 regarding Corporate Wide Budget Overview and Background be received as presented for information.

Carried

SSR-SS-28-12 2013 Draft Social Services Budget Overview

Mrs. Fedy presented the overview of the above report, detailing the Social Assistance budget which shows a net levy decrease of \$650,315 for 2013, based on a 1% provincial rate increase and an estimated caseload increase of 6% over the 2012 estimated year end caseload.

The provincial funding for Social Assistance will increase from 82.8% to 85.8% in 2013, which will result in savings of approximately \$355,300.

A 2.2% rate increase for funeral services has been added to the 2013 estimated cost of Social Assistance Recipient and Non-Social Assistance Recipient funerals.

Discussion followed for clarification on some points in the report.

The proposed 2013 Social Services budget as presented results in a net levy decrease of \$7,109.

SSC86-12 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT Report SSR-SS-28-12 regarding an overview of the Proposed 2013 Social Services budget be received;

AND THAT the 2013 Social Services Budget as presented be forwarded to County Council for its consideration.

Carried

HDR-SS-36-12 2013 Draft Housing Budget Overview

Mr. Wyatt presented the overview of the 2013 proposed Housing Budget. The net budget levy increase proposed is \$326,825 with a total levy request of \$6,165,723. This is a result of an increase in the operational spending of \$191,111 and a capital budget increase of \$31,200. The non-profit housing subsidy is increased by \$101,514 and in part related to the accounting of federal funding in the 2012 and 2013 budget. Included in this budget increase is the enhancement of a part time, contract Community Relations Worker position to a full time position and filling of a vacant custodial position.

The challenges of the Housing budget is in maintaining an aging infrastructure due to a changing clientele and providing the services to our tenants and staff as a responsible landlord faced with social interaction and safety/security issues among our tenants.

Discussion ensued regarding the change in the type of clientele, maintenance and upkeep to housing for non-profit and geared to income units.

Staff was requested to prepare a report of innovative ideas that other municipalities in the Province have used or are considering to maximize revenue when replacing aging buildings.

SSC87-12 Moved by: Councillor Maskell

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report HDR-SS-36-12 regarding an overview of the Proposed 2013 Housing budget be received;

AND THAT the 2013 Housing Budget as presented be forwarded to County Council for its consideration.

Carried

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-27-12 2012 Health and Safety Funding for Child Care Centres

Ms. McMurdo presented the above report to request that Best Start Operating Surplus Funds be transferred to Child Care Programs for health and safety needs. There are currently 33 licensed programs in Grey County, indicating \$33,000 of potential surplus dollars that can be used. A transfer is required from the Best Start Funding allotment to the Health and Safety program envelope, which was approved in the 2012 budget process.

SSC88-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS within the Best Start Operating program, which is funded with 100% provincial dollars, a separate Health and Safety budget was created for the 2012

budget year in order to assist child care centres with repairs and upgrades of new equipment;

AND WHEREAS the projected surplus within the Health and Safety Child Care Budget is sufficient to cover the requested health and safety projects from child care centres;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-27-12 be received;

AND THAT up to \$33,000.00 be allocated from the 2012 Health and Safety Child Care Budget to be used for Health and Safety funding for child care operators as outlined in the report.

Carried

SSR-SS-30-12 Ontario Works Caseload Report to August 31, 2012

Mrs. Fedy presented the Ontario Works Caseload report to August 31, 2012 for information.

SSC89-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT Report SSR-SS-30-12 regarding the Ontario Works Caseload to August 31, 2012 be received for information.

Carried

SSR-SS-31-12 Ontario Works Caseload Composition Report to August 31, 2012

Mrs. Fedy also presented the Ontario Works Caseload Composition report to August 31, 2012 for information.

SSC90-12 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT Report SSR-SS-31-12 regarding the Ontario Works Caseload Composition to August 31, 2012 be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-37-12 Award of RFT-HOU-19-12 Site Improvements at Family Units in Durham and Hanover

Mr. Wyatt presented the above report. The tender was posted on the County of Grey website with only two bids received.

SSC91-12 ENDORSED AT OCTOBER 2, 2012 COUNTY COUNCIL SESSION AS INTRODUCED UNDER NOTICE OF MOTION

SSC91-12 Moved by: Councillor Fitzgerald

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the approved capital budget includes \$180,000 for site improvements at the family units in Durham and Hanover;

AND WHEREAS RFT-HOU-19-12 was issued on Thursday, September 6, 2012 and closed on Thursday, September 20, 2012;

AND WHEREAS all purchasing policies and procedures have been adhered to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report HDR-SS-37-12 recommending the award of RFT-HOU-19-12 be received;

AND THAT the contract for the site improvements at the family units on Bruce Street and Queen Street in Durham and, the family units on 14th Street in Hanover be awarded to Allen-Hastings Limited in the tender amount of \$178,306.56, inclusive of HST.

Carried

HDR-SS-38-12 Award of RFT-HOU-21-12 Replacement Roof Maple Villa

Mr. Wyatt presented report HDR-SS-38-12 Award of RFT-HOU-21-12 Replacement Roof Maple Villa. Five bids were received and all were in excess of \$5,000 over the budgeted figure. Surplus funds from the award of electrical panel upgrades in Owen Sound are available to cover the additional cost required to award this tender to the low bidder.

SSC92-12 ENDORSED AT OCTOBER 2, 2012 COUNTY COUNCIL SESSION AS INTRODUCED UNDER NOTICE OF MOTION

SSC92-12 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield

Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

WHEREAS Social Services resolution SSC80-12 authorized staff to proceed immediately to tender for the emergency roof replacement for 81 Bruce Street, Thornbury, estimated at \$80,000 using funds previously allocated for siding replacement at the Westmount project in Owen Sound;

AND WHEREAS the tender was opened on Tuesday September 25, 2012 with five contractors submitting bids, with all bids exceeding the identified budgeted funding available;

AND WHEREAS review of the pricing of the low bid is \$7,031.54 above the budgeted amount, but surplus funds from the award of RFQ-HOU-20-12

Electrical Panel Upgrade are sufficient to meet the additional funding requirements for the Roof Tender;

AND WHEREAS all purchasing policies and procedures have been adhered to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT RFT-HOU-21-12 Roof Replacement Maple Villa Apartments, Thornbury be awarded to the lowest bidder, Dwight Burley Construction in the amount of \$87,031.54 net HST.

Carried

Correspondence

Grey Bruce Public Health Unit Annual Report 2011

Letter of Support from Owen Sound Municipal Non-Profit Housing regarding Community Relations Worker

These were for information only.

Other Business

Mrs. Fedy announced the United Way Bruce Grey Fundraising Breakfast to support the Building Community Bridges Program. The breakfast is being held October 23rd at Stonetree Fitness & Conference Centre with the guest speaker, Gayle Montgomery, County of Lambton Circles Coordinator. Registration is available through the Owen Sound United Way Bruce Grey office.

Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, October 10, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, October 25, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Councillor Fitzgerald, the meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Brian Milne, Chair