Social Services Committee

March 28, 2013 – 10:30 a.m.

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 Francis Richardson, Deborah Haswell, Brian Milne, John Bell and Ellen Anderson; Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors Terry McKay, Wayne Fitzgerald and Kathi Maskell

Staff Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Mike Alguire, Manager of Purchasing; Kathryn MacMurdo, Manager of Children’s Services; Karen Kraus, Administrator, Long-Term Care and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

*Long-Term Care Task Force minutes dated February 28, 2013*

The Long-Term Care Task Force minutes were reviewed.

SSC35-13 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

THAT the minutes of the Long-Term Care Task Force dated February 28, 2013 be adopted as presented;
AND THAT the following recommendations contained therein be endorsed:

WHEREAS a Task Force has been established to review the advantages and disadvantages of long-term care service delivery options available to the County in fulfilling its obligation and determine its desired level of ongoing investment to provide the service;

AND WHEREAS several options have been reviewed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT REPORT LTCR-LTCSR-06-13 be received;

AND THAT dialogue commence with the South West Local Health Integration Network indicating an interest in increasing the bed allocation at Rockwood Terrace in conjunction with the release of a Capital Renewal program.

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

Minutes of the Social Services Committee minutes dated February 13, 2013 and February 28, 2013

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on March 5, 2013.

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-10-13 – Mitigation Funding Use for 2013 Child Care Budget

Kathryn MacMurdo presented the above report to the Committee regarding the receipt of mitigation funding for 2013 in the amount of $719,292.00. The new childcare funding model announced by the Ministry of Education has resulted in a substantial decrease in funding for Grey County. Staff are recommending that this portion of the mitigation funding be utilized to maintain the 2013 Municipal Child Care budget. Staff will further develop a financial plan to allocate the remaining funding for future years.

SSC36-13 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Milne

WHEREAS Grey County is the Consolidated Municipal Services Manager for Child Care Services and receives annual funding from the province of Ontario;
AND WHEREAS Grey County has received notice from the Ministry of Education of a funding decrease in the amount of $685,763.00 effective 2013;

AND WHEREAS Mitigation Funding in the amount of $2,048,939.00 has also been announced to assist Grey County through the transition to a reduced funding and service level;

AND WHEREAS the decrease in funding for the 2013 year requires financial analysis to determine where service levels will be decreased; including necessary discussions to be held with child care operators regarding the impacts of the decrease in service levels to their programs;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal 2013 budget had been approved by December 2012;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-10-13 be received;

AND THAT County Council approve an allocation of $719,292.00 from Mitigation Funding to maintain the 2013 Municipal Child Care budget.

Carried

SSR-SS-11-13 – Signing Approval for Community Child Care Providers and Wage Subsidy Agreements

Kathryn MacMurdo addressed the Committee on the above noted report, requesting authorization for the Warden and Clerk to execute a number of agreements with the various community child care providers.

SSC37-13 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

WHEREAS Grey County Council has approved the 2013 municipal budget which included funding allocations to community child care providers as follows:

- $867,740.40 to Community Living Owen Sound and District
- $118,854.00 for Keystone Child Youth and Family Services
- $101,274.00 for Happy Hearts Day Care
- $249,327.00 for Kids’N Us Child Care Centres
- $159,514.00 for Salvation Army Day Care Centre
- $162,782.00 for Family Y Child Care Centres

AND WHEREAS Grey County staff have reviewed current child care service contracts for the 2013 year;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-11-13 be received;

AND THAT a by-law be approved authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute agreements with the following providers:

- Community Living Owen Sound and District
- Keystone Child Youth and Family Services
- Happy Hearts Day Care
- Kids‘N Us Child Care Centres
- Salvation Army Day Care Centre
- Family Y Child Care Centres

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-09-13 Award of RFT-LTC-02-13 Lee Manor Roof

Lynne Johnson and Mike Alguire provided information on the above report regarding the tender award for the Lee Manor roof. It was noted that the amount budgeted was $205,000. Staff are recommending the tender be awarded to D.J. Peat in the amount of $148,066.45 exclusive of HST. The committee discussed the terms of the tender. It was further noted that $10,866.45, included in the total cost, will be required to remove and reinstall the ventilation equipment. This work will be completed by Fluker Electrical Mechanical Contractors Inc.

SSC38-13 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS the 2013 approved budget allocates $205,000 for the replacement of a section of the roof at Lee Manor;

AND WHEREAS the County issued RFT-LTC-02-13 on Friday January 25, 2013 and closed on Thursday February 14, 2013;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report LTCR-SS-09-13 recommending the award of RFT-LTC-02-13 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT the County award this contract to D.J. Peat Roofing as the lowest compliant bidder, in the amount of $148,066.45 exclusive of H.S.T.

Carried

LTCR-SS-10-13 Overview of Long-Term Care Task Force
Lynne Johnson addressed the Committee on the above report and provided an overview of the Long-Term Care Task Force. Ms. Johnson provided information on the differences between retirement and long-term care homes, private and municipal long-term care homes, as well as the admission process. Additionally, Ms. Johnson addressed current and projected demographics, current issues and staffing levels. The importance of planning and preparing for the future was cited.

Councillor Haswell entered the meeting.

The Committee requested staff to bring forward advocacy information regarding long-term care as it comes forth for endorsement by the Committee and County Council.

It was noted that the Western Ontario Warden’s Caucus has initiated a working group to develop a discussion paper for advocacy of Long-Term Care.

Ms. Johnson will be presenting to County Council in May on the Long-Term Care Task Force.

**SSC39-13** Moved by: Councillor Anderson     Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT the County of Grey requests a delegation be scheduled with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to request a review of funding available to Long-Term Care homes to provide safe, responsive care that meets the increasing acuity of the changing population.

Carried

**SSC40-13** Moved by: Councillor Bell     Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

WHEREAS a Task Force has been established to review the advantages and disadvantages of long-term care service delivery options available to the County in fulfilling its obligation and determine its desired level of ongoing investment to provide the service;

AND WHEREAS several options have been reviewed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-10-13 be received;

AND THAT dialogue commence with the South West Local Health Integration Network indicating an interest in increasing the bed allocation at Rockwood Terrace in conjunction with the release of a Capital Renewal program.

Carried
Reports – Housing

*HDR-SS-14-13 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 4 of 2012*

Rod Wyatt addressed the Committee on the above report. Mr. Wyatt outlined the purchases requiring reporting as per the purchasing policy. The first purchase was regarding an elevator maintenance and inspection contract for a five year period. The second was for insulation upgrades to six buildings.

**SSC41-13** Moved by: Councillor Richardson    Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**THAT Report HDR-SS-14-13 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for the fourth quarter of 2012 be received for information.**

Carried

Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

Correspondence

*Grey Bruce Task Force on Crystal Meth Conference*

Barb Fedy provided an overview of the correspondence, requesting that the brochure be shared with the lower tiers. It was noted that the event will provide information and strategies for assisting professionals on how to work with people who have addictions. The event will be taking place at the Bayshore Community Centre on April 17, 2013.

**SSC42-13** Moved by: Councillor Milne    Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**THAT the Correspondence regarding the Grey Bruce Task Force conference be received for information.**

Carried

Other Business

Rod Wyatt provided an update to the Committee on current items within the Housing Department, including job postings for a part time Affordable Housing Coordinator and a Technical Supervisor.

Next Meeting Dates

**April 10, 2013 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Milne, the meeting adjourned at 11:47 a.m.