

Social Services Committee October 12, 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, Selwyn Hicks, Barb Clumpus, Ian Boddy, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, Gail Ardiel and John Bell; and Warden Alan Barfoot

Regrets: Councillor Halliday

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Sandra Manser, Accounting Supervisor; Melissa McCulloch, Ontario Works Manager; Karen Kraus, Jennifer Cornell and Renate Cowan, Long-Term Care Administrators and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

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

Adoption of the Agenda

SSC74-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

- 1. That the Social Services Committee agenda dated October 12, 2016 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Social Services Committee minutes dated September 29, 2016

The minutes were reviewed.

SSC75-16 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

- 1. That the minutes of the Social Services Committee minutes dated September 29, 2016 be approved as presented.**

Carried

Business Arising from the Minutes

There was none.

Deputations

Thank you to Mary Jane Murray

Barb Fedy spoke to the Committee on the Getting Ahead Program and spoke to the great work that Mary Jane Murray has done within the program. Ms. Murray is retiring and Barb Fedy congratulated her and thanked her on the work that she has done for the community.

Ms. Murray thanked Grey County Council, Barb Fedy, the Getting Ahead participants and her family for their participation, support and the recognition of her work.

Kathryn O'Hagan – Todd – Children's Services Program Review

Kathryn O'Hagan – Todd addressed the Committee on the Children's Services Program review. Ms. O'Hagan – Todd outlined the methodology and study framework for the review, including background information, an environmental scan, task inventory and a SWOT analysis.

The results and findings of the stakeholder survey were then outlined.

Ms. O'Hagan – Todd spoke to the peer review findings, noting that there is no single peer municipality that is a direct match or best comparator to Grey County.

The strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats results were shared, as well as the finding in terms of roles and responsibilities.

Ms. O'Hagan – Todd spoke to the recommendations on moving ahead with implementing the review.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee. It was noted that there is opportunity for integration and synergies. Discussion occurred on the difficulty of recruiting qualified staff.

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-09-16 Children's Services Review

Barb Fedy addressed the Committee on the above report as a follow up to the presentation. Staff are recommending that a report come forward which outlines an action plan on how to move forward with the review.

SSC76-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Bell

- 1. That SSR-SS-09-16 and the report of consultant Kathryn O'Hagan-Todd, entitled *Report to County of Grey, Children's Services Program Review*, be received and serve as the basis for strengthening the operations of the Social Services Department, specifically but not limited to the Children's Services Program; and**
- 2. That the Director and the Social Services Management Team prepare an action plan for implementing the recommendations of the Report, to be considered by the Social Services Committee as part of the annual departmental work plan deliberations.**

Carried

The remaining Social Services Committee reports were considered later in the meeting.

Reports – Financial

FR-SS-31-16 2017 Corporate Budget Overview and Background

Kevin Wepler presented the above noted report. Mr. Wepler noted that the overall increase for the proposed 2017 budget is 1.97% increase over the 2016 budget.

Mr. Wepler noted that the assessment growth figure is an estimate based on historical trends of the past three years. The 2016 assessment growth number will not be confirmed by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation until December 2016.

Mr. Wepler further noted the impacts to the draft budget, proposed staffing changes as well as potential risks.

SSC77-16 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

- 1. That Report FR-SS-31-16 regarding the 2017 Corporate Budget Overview and Background be received for information.**

The Committee briefly recessed, then reconvened.

Social Services Committee Budget Summary

Mary Lou Spicer presented the above noted summary.

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-14-16 Draft 2017 Long Term Care Budget Overview

Lynne Johnson addressed the Committee on the Long-Term Care budget and highlighted the main impacts on the budget. Ms. Johnson noted that the overall net Long-Term Care budget as presented requires a 6.53% increase from the 2016 approved budget.

Ms. Johnson addressed questions from the Committee regarding the Wound Care Program, the intent of completing a community impact study, pay equity and recruitment. Ms. Johnson spoke to the changes made in recruitment and advertising methods. In the future, the department may need to dedicate additional resources to this area. Discussion occurred on the need to implement exit interviews and other approaches in terms of recruitment and retention.

The Long-Term Care Administrators outlined the budgets for each of the three long-term care homes.

SSC78-16 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

- 1. That Report LTCR-SS-14-16 regarding the Draft 2017 Long Term Care Budget Overview be received; and**
- 2. That the 2017 Long-Term Care budget as presented be forwarded to County Council for its consideration.**

Carried

Reports – Social Services (continued)

SSR-SS-08-16 Draft 2017 Social Services Budget Overview

SSC79-16 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

- 1. That Report SSR-SS-08-16 regarding the Draft 2017 Social Services Budget be received;**
- 2. That the 2017 Social Services Budget as presented be forwarded**

to County Council for its consideration.

Carried

Reports- Housing

HDR-SS-16-16 Draft 2017 Housing Budget Overview

SSC80-16 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

- 1. That report HDR-SS-16-16 regarding the Draft 2017 Housing Budget be received; and**
- 2. That the 2017 Housing Budget as presented be forwarded to County Council for its consideration.**

Carried

HDR-SS-17-16 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 2 of 2016

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above report.

SSC81-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

- 1. That Report HDR-SS-17-16 regarding the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 3 of 2016 be received for information.**

Carried

HDR-SS-14-16 Affordable Housing Projects

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above noted report. Staff are recommending that two organizations be recommended to the Province to build affordable housing through the Investment in Affordable Housing and Social Housing Infrastructure Fund.

Ms. Shaw noted that tenants will have access to community supports to maintain housing.

SSC82-16 Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor Bell

- 1. That Report HDR-SS-14-16 regarding affordable housing project recommendations be received; and**
- 2. That Owen Sound Housing Company Limited and Community Living Owen Sound and District proposals be recommended to the Province to build affordable housing through the Investment in Affordable Housing and Social Housing Infrastructure Fund.**

Correspondence

Letter from West Grey – Opposition to Loss of Long-Term Care beds in Durham and Letter from Roger Cook – County Funding of SMART

Staff will follow up with the Municipality of West Grey. Clerk's staff will send a letter to Roger Cook regarding the County Funding of SMART.

SSC83-16 Moved by: Councillor Ardiel Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

- 1. That staff be directed to follow up with the Municipality of West Grey regarding their letter on opposing the loss of Long-Term Care beds in Durham; and**
- 2. That the letter from Roger Cook regarding SMART funding be received for information.**

Carried

Other Business

National Housing Strategy Website

Anne Marie Shaw presented the National Housing Strategy Website to the Committee. The County will be making submissions on the website.

Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, November 9, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Clumpus, the meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.

Dwight Burley, Chair