

Report SSR-SS-05-15

To: Chair Burley and Members of the Social Services Committee
From: Marcia Smith, Ontario Works Manager
Meeting Date: February 11, 2015
Subject: **To seek approval to enter into a Housing with Related Supports Agreement (formerly known as a Domiciliary Hostel Agreement) with new owner of Inglewood Villa on March 2, 2015**
Status: Recommendation adopted by Committee as presented per Resolution SSC34-15; Endorsed by County Council per Resolution CC43-15 March 3, 2015;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing through its Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) provides for a Municipality to enter into agreements with operators of Homes with Related Supports (formerly known as Domiciliary Hostels) for the provision of room and board to persons in need;

AND WHEREAS the authority to approve Housing with Related Supports Agreements has been delegated to the Social Services Committee through Policy G-GEN-008 section 3.2, being the Delegation of Duties Policy;

AND WHEREAS Grey County is currently issuing assistance to provide lodging and care for up to 15 residents at Inglewood Villa;

AND WHEREAS Grey County's municipal and provincial budgets receive provisions through the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) for the ongoing assistance of residents at Inglewood Villa;

AND WHEREAS on March 2, 2015 Inglewood Villa will be under new ownership;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-05-15 be received:

AND FURTHER THAT the Warden and the Clerk are hereby authorized to execute a Housing with Related Supports Agreement with the new owner of Inglewood Villa.

Background

Inglewood Villa will be sold to Lucy Hou with a March 2nd, 2015 closing date. On January 21, 2015 Social Services staff spoke with Ms. Hou to discuss her plans for Inglewood Villa. Ms. Hou also owns Meaford Place, another Home with Related Supports that Grey County subsidizes. Ms. Hou is aware of the County standards and guidelines and abides by them.

As of January 1, 2015, Grey County was issuing assistance funds to Inglewood Villa to provide lodging and care for 12 residents in need. The sale of the home will not result in any changes to current policies and procedures. Former staff are being retained to provide continuity for the residents. The new owner has assured us she is committed to providing a high level of care to the residents.

Grey County Social Services staff will be monitoring the billings on a monthly basis and visiting the lodge to process applications for new residents. As well, in December 2014, a full compliance review was completed by Grey County Social Services and Housing Staff and the home was found to be in good order. Compliance reviews will continue to be conducted annually.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

There are none.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Support for the new owner of Inglewood Villa is in line with the corporate strategic goal #2: enabling healthy and resilient communities, #5: listening and working together and #6: excellence in governance and service. Having this home with related supports provides another supportive option for vulnerable citizens within Grey County.

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director Sign Off: *Barbara Fedy, Director*