

## Social Services Committee

September 14, 2016 – 10:00 AM

The Social Services Committee met on the above date at Rockwood Terrace in Durham with the following members in attendance:

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

Regrets: Warden Alan Barfoot

### Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Karen Kraus, Rockwood Terrace Administrator; Rob Hatten, Communications Officer and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

## Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:04 AM.

## Adoption of the Agenda

SSC66-16 Moved by: Councillor Mackey                      Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**THAT the Social Services Committee agenda dated September 14, 2016 be adopted as presented.**

Carried

## Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

## Business Arising from the Minutes

## Social Services Committee minutes dated August 10, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on September 6, 2016

### Reports – Long-Term Care

#### Verbal Update – Current Status and Review of Rockwood Terrace

Lynne Johnson addressed those in attendance on the current status and review of Long-Term Care redevelopment in Grey County. Ms. Johnson began with an overview of the review to date, and noted that the provincial government requires that all long-term care homes be in compliance with its requirements by 2025. Rockwood Terrace has been well maintained, however standards have changed since it was constructed and so have resident needs.

Ms. Johnson then outlined the new provincial design standards, which include resident home areas and smaller dining areas adjacent to living areas. Further information on timelines was provided in order to meet the Ministry of Health's deadline of 2025.

The difficulties in deferring projects at Rockwood Terrace was noted.

Ms. Johnson then outlined next steps, including additional research, conducting a community engagement strategy, and providing an overall presentation with recommendations.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding proposed timelines and whether staff have reached out to other communities going through the same process. It was noted that staff have spoken with other organizations, as well as the Ontario Long-Term Care Association and the Local Health Integration Network as Grey County is certainly not the only organization going through this.

The Committee thanked the members of the public for attending the meeting and showing their support.

### Correspondence

#### Receive for Information – 2015-2016 Communication Connection Annual Report and Paramed Rate Increase

SSC67-16 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus      Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

**THAT the following correspondence be received for information:**

- **2015-2016 Communication Connection Annual Report**

- **Paramed Rate Increase**

Carried

## Other Business

It was noted that with the most recent throne speech from the Province, there is hope that something will be done about high energy costs, specifically hydro.

The Committee suggested that a resolution be considered at the next meeting to be distributed to municipalities across the Province, advocating for long term structural changes to Hydro access and delivery. An inequity exists between rural and urban Ontarians, as those in rural areas pay more for delivery because of population density.

Kim Wingrove explained the forum for members of the public to submit questions regarding Long-Term Care redevelopment and noted that attendance today shows there may be support for a public meeting on long-term care redevelopment as part of the engagement strategy.

## Next Meeting Dates

**Thursday, September 29, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Bell, the meeting adjourned at 10:51 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair