



Committee Minutes

Long-Term Care Committee of Management August 23, 2022 – 9:30 AM

The Committee met on the above date through electronic means with the following members participating:

Present: Warden Selwyn Hicks & Councillors Dwight Burley, Scott Mackey, Christine Robinson, Brian O'Leary, and John Woodbury

Regrets: Councillor Barb Clumpus

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long Term Care; Karen Kraus, Stacey Goldie and Shannon Cox, Executive Directors; Renate Cowan, Accreditation and Quality Specialist; Denna Leach, Clinical Specialist; Mary Lou Spicer, Director of Finance; Tara Warder, Clerk; Markus Hawco, Manager Finance, Long Term Care; and Sarah Goldrup, Deputy Clerk / Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Mackey called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Delegations

There were no delegations.

Reports – Finance

LTCR-CM-14-22 2023-2032 Long-Term Care Ten Year Capital Forecast

Markus Hawco presented to the Committee and reviewed the report. The presenter

highlighted recurring capital projects shared by the long-term care homes, the projects recommended in the 2021 Building Condition Assessment, plans for reserves and future project funding, and the proposed changes to the ten-year capital forecast. Further, the presenter reported on each home's project sheets and spoke about sustainability, safety, legislation, and life cycle replacement considerations.

In response to questions from the Committee, staff discussed considerations for the sustainability of future capital projects, such as a future lighting audit for Lee Manor to identify energy-saving opportunities, potential grants, and inform the project's tender. Additionally, staff reported on the impacts of inflation, noting that annual reviews would allow the forecast to be adjusted where necessary. When asked about the effects of inflation and construction costs on the redevelopment project, Mary Lou Spicer described the project's anticipated costs and funding sources. It was confirmed the province's construction subsidy would provide approximately \$1,005,900 over 25 years, and the debenture term had also been calculated at 25 years to correspond to the provincial funding. Mary Lou Spicer further described the impact of borrowing rates and repayment on the levy, the proposed increases in taxation from 2023 to 2026 to support the project, and an annual expense of approximately \$5,370,000 funded by the levy from 2027 to 2032 for debt repayment.

The Committee heard comments from its members noting recent advocacy regarding the province's construction subsidy to the Minister of Long-Term Care during the 2022 Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference. Kim Wingrove also spoke to the work being undertaken by AdvantAge Ontario to understand the gaps in funding and what is needed to address them. The Committee discussed the need for further correspondence to the Minister to express their gratitude for the opportunity to delegate during the AMO Conference and reiterate concern for the impact of the levy increases required to support the redevelopment project, the importance of the initiative in providing health care for an aging population, and the need for greater support than that provided by the current construction subsidy.

Main Motion

Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That report LTCR-CM-14-22 regarding the Long-Term Care 2023-2032 Draft Ten Year Capital Forecast be received; and

That it be forwarded for inclusion in the 2023-2032 Corporate Ten Year Capital Forecast for consideration by County Council; and

That the projects proposed in the first year of the 2023- 2032 forecast be used for planning purposes for the 2023 Budget.

Primary Amendment

CM17-22 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Burley

That the main motion, as outlined in report LTCR-CM-14-22, be amended to add the clause below:

That correspondence be sent to the Minister of Long-Term Care in thanks for the discussion during Grey County's 2022 AMO Conference delegation and to reinforce the information presented by the County regarding the province's construction subsidy and the redevelopment project.

Carried

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Carried

Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

Other Business

Jennifer Cornell stated the need to postpone the Committee's tours of the County's long-term care facilities due to ongoing outbreaks and the transmissibility of the new COVID variants.

Further, Jennifer Cornell provided a verbal report on two ongoing outbreaks at Rockwood Terrace and confirmed that prevention and control measures were being

diligently followed. Jennifer Cornell shared recent information from Public Health that noted increased levels of COVID-19 circulating in the community, the increased transmissibility of the new variants, and that multiple index cases could complicate outbreaks.

Jennifer Cornell thanked the long-term care staff, care partners, residents and their families for their understanding and support.

Councillor Robinson requested that the proposed next meeting date of September 21, 2022, at 9:30 AM, be reviewed to facilitate the participation of all members, where possible.

Next Meeting Dates

To Be Confirmed

On motion by Councillor O'Leary, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Scott Mackey, Chair