



Committee Report

To:	Warden Hicks and Members of Grey County Council
Committee Date:	May 13, 2021
Subject / Report No:	HDR-CW-10-21
Title:	Corporate Records Update for the Grey County and Owen Sound Housing Corporation
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Lower Tier(s) Affected:	
Status:	Adopted as presented by Committee of the Whole through Resolution CW84-21; Endorsed by County Council CC45-21

Recommendation

1. That staff report HDR-CW-10-21 be received; and
2. That the County exercise its authority as sole shareholder of the Grey County and Owen Sound Housing Corporation (the “Housing Corporation”) to appoint Mary Lou Spicer as a Director of the Housing Corporation to replace Kevin Wepler; and
3. That the directors of the Housing Corporation from time to time be authorized to direct it to take all actions, appoint all officers, do all things, and execute all documents necessary to give effect to any resolution or By-law enacted by Council or to any action of the County approved by Council; and
4. That the Clerk and Warden be authorized on behalf of the County to call, attend, participate in, and vote at all shareholders’ meetings of the Housing Corporation, to execute all documents and resolutions, and to do all other things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Executive Summary

Grey County is the sole shareholder of the Grey County and Owen Sound Housing Corporation. The corporation owns certain assets of the County’s housing program. It is governed by a board of directors.

In 2019, three members of senior County staff were appointed as directors of the Corporation. They have been authorized to have the Corporation implement County housing policy and the

by-laws and resolutions of County Council in general. Under this arrangement, the Corporation does not carry on any operations independent from the County.

One of its current directors is Kevin Wepler, who has retired from County staff and will be resigning as director. It is recommended that Council exercise its authority as sole shareholder to appoint Mary Lou Spicer as a director to replace him.

Background and Discussion

The County is the sole shareholder of the Grey County and Owen Sound Housing Corporation, which was established in 2000 as a corporate mechanism to transfer ownership of social housing assets from the Province to the County. Those housing assets were effectively absorbed into the County's housing program at that time but remained owned by the Corporation.

The Housing Corporation is formally managed by a board of directors. In 2019, three senior members of County staff, Anne Marie Shaw, Kevin Wepler, and Kim Wingrove, were appointed as the directors of the Housing Corporation. They were authorized to direct it to implement County housing policy and the by-laws and resolutions of County Council in general. Under this operating arrangement, the Corporation acts as an "extension" of the County, and only acts when the County requires.

Kevin Wepler has recently retired as a member of County staff. He has advised staff that he will formally resign as a director of the Housing Corporation as soon as required.

Staff recommend that Director of Finance Mary Lou Spicer be appointed as a director of the Housing Corporation to replace Mr. Wepler. Ms. Spicer succeeds Mr. Wepler as County Treasurer and will bring a similar financial understanding to the board of the Housing Corporation.

Legal and Legislated Requirements

The Housing Corporation is incorporated under the *Business Corporations Act* and is also governed in part by the *Housing Services Act, 2011*. The Corporation's directors are appointed by the County as the Corporation's sole shareholder.

Financial and Resource Implications

None.

Relevant Consultation

- Internal (list) Legal Services
- External (list) none

Appendices and Attachments

None.