

Social Services Committee

July 13, 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, Stewart Halliday, Ian Boddy, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, Barb Clumpus, Gail Ardiel and John Bell; and Warden Alan Barfoot; Councillor Sue Paterson was also in attendance on behalf of Councillor Selwyn Hicks

Regrets: Councillor Selwyn Hicks

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Sandra Manser, Accounting Supervisor; Melissa McCulloch, Ontario Works Manager and Tara Warder, Committee Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

SSC54-16 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

THAT the Social Services Committee agenda dated July 13, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Social Services Committee minutes dated June 15, 2016

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on July 5, 2016.

Reports – Finance

FR-SS-20-16 Long Term Care Financial Update and Year End Projection as of May 31, 2016

Doug Johnstone addressed the Committee on the above report. It was noted that the Long-Term Care Department is projected to have an \$8,000 operating deficit and a surplus of \$24,000 in the capital budget. This is based on projects completed to date. Mr. Johnstone noted that the change in the Case Mix Index is the main contributor to the operating deficit. Details of the projections were outlined for each of the long-term care homes.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding the Case Mix Index and ability to predict future demographics and their needs in terms of long-term care. Ms. Johnson noted that there is a trend in increasing acuity. Most residents require more care than they did in the past.

Further discussion occurred on the decrease in staff benefit costs as a result of the renewal this year.

SSC55-16 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

THAT the Social Services Committee receive Report FR-SS-20-16 regarding a Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2016 for those budgets under the direction of the Long Term Care Department;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be authorized to utilize \$50,000 in unbudgeted funding provided by Classic Care Pharmacy in 2016 to

support quality improvement and educational activities within the long term care homes.

Carried

FR-SS-21-16 Housing Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2016

Mary Lou Spicer presented the above report to the Committee, providing a financial update for the Housing Department based upon financial statements as of May 31, 2016.

An operating budget surplus of \$39,100 is anticipated and the capital budget is expected to break even. Ms. Spicer detailed the origin of the projected surplus.

Ms. Spicer further noted the difficulty in predicting utility costs.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding write off amounts, the increasing cost of hydro, and affordable housing.

SSC56-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

THAT Report FR-SS-21-16 regarding a Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2016 for the Housing Department be received for information.

Carried

FR-SS-22-16 Social Services Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2016

Sandra Manser addressed the Committee on the above report regarding the financial update and year end projection for the Social Services Department as of May 31, 2016. The Social Services budget is projected to have a surplus of \$75,500 at year end. Ms. Manser outlined the source of the projected surplus.

SSC57-16 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Paterson

THAT Report FR-SS-22-16 regarding a Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of May 31, 2016 for Social Services be received for information.

Carried

HDR-SS-09-16 Technical Supervisor Position

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above report. Staff are recommending that an additional Technical Supervisor position be created by using funds from the Social Infrastructure Program and Social Housing Improvement Program (SHIP). The Housing Department has also realized savings by one of its staff moving from a five day work week to a four day work week. The savings realized through this will also help fund the position.

There are three key areas that the Technical Supervisor will be involved in. These include preserving the existing housing stock, asset management and corporate technical services.

Committee cited the importance of recognizing and completing repairs when needed. There was a suggestion to make the position a two year contract until additional funding numbers are released from the Province.

Kim Wingrove noted the difficulty in attracting and retaining people with the right skills, and this could be even more difficult with a contract position. Staff evaluated the benefits and negatives of the position being permanent versus contract. It is staff's recommendation that it be a permanent position. The amount of funding to be received is known up until March 2018.

SSC58-16 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

WHEREAS the Province and the Federal Government have committed funding for capital repairs and building of affordable housing through the Social Infrastructure Fund (SIF) as part of the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) Program and the Social Housing Improvement Program (SHIP);

AND WHEREAS Grey County Housing requires a Technical Supervisor to assist with the regeneration of Grey County Housing units and other corporate capital projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report HDR-SS-09-16 Technical Supervisor Position be received;

AND THAT Grey County Housing be authorized to hire for a Technical Supervisor.

Carried

*HDR-SS-10-16 Grey County 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan
Annual Report*

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above noted report. Ms. Shaw provided an outline of the Housing and Homelessness Plan of 2015. A report is required to be submitted to the Province each year.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding options for payment of development charges by developers.

SSC59-16 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT Report HDR-SS-10-16 pertaining to Grey County Housing and Homelessness 10 Year Plan Annual Report be received for information.

Carried

HDR-SS-11-16 Quarterly Purchasing Report – Quarter 2 of 2016

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above noted report to Committee as required by the purchasing policy.

SSC60-16 Moved by: Warden Barfoot Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

THAT Report HDR-SS-11-16 pertaining to the quarterly purchasing report for Quarter 2 of 2016 be received for information.

Carried

Correspondence

Lynne Johnson provided the Committee with an update on long-term care redevelopment. Staff are developing a comprehensive report and presentation for Committee, which will subsequently be made to Council.

The report will outline various aspects of redevelopment for the Committee and Council to consider. Items such as the County's ongoing commitment to long-term care and role in ensuring equitable access to long-term care must be considered. Further, there is a need to explore private public partnerships, the impact from a human resource perspective and the financial and economic impacts.

Additional research will be undertaken to expand on future demographic needs. The importance of community engagement strategies was cited, in order to get a well-rounded view.

Staff noted the need to keep the momentum going on the redevelopment.

Receive for Information

Staff noted that responses are being sent to all people who submit letters on the Long-Term Care redevelopment topic.

SSC61-16 Moved by: Councillor Ardiel Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- Letter from Chris Catcher in the Hanover Post
- Durham Furniture – Opposing Closure of Rockwood Terrace
- Jane LeMon – Rockwood Terrace

Carried

Resolution from West Grey – Long Term Care in Grey County

SSC62-16 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

THAT the correspondence from the Municipality of West Grey be received;

AND THAT the resolution provided by West Grey regarding long-term care in Grey County be addressed in the redevelopment report to come forward to the Social Services Committee/Council.

Carried

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

Thursday, September 20, 2016 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Warden Barfoot, the meeting adjourned at 11:52 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair