

Social Services Committee

February 11, 2015 – 10:00 AM

The Committee met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

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

Regrets: Warden Kevin Eccles and Councillor Dwight Burley

Staff

Present: Sharon Vokes, Acting CAO; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing, Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Karen Kraus, Rockwood Terrace Administrator; Wendy Henderson, Ontario Works Manager; Marcia Smith, Ontario Works Manager; Kathy MacMurdo, Children's Services Manager; and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Vice Chair John Bell called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Adoption of the Agenda

SSC29-15 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

THAT the Social Services Agenda dated February 11, 2015 be adopted as amended, by adding correspondence regarding the Social Assistance Management System from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Gail Ardiel declared a pecuniary interest regarding Report SSR-SS-06-15 regarding the Ministry of Education 2015 Financial Services Agreement. Further, Councillor Ardiel declared a pecuniary interest respecting Report SSR-SS-03-15 Viola Jean's Garden Daycare considered at the meeting held January 14, 2015, as she was absent from that meeting.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Social Services Committee minutes dated January 29, 2015

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on February 3, 2015.

Deputations

David McLaren, Peace and Justice Grey Bruce – Living Wage Policy

David McLaren addressed the Committee on the need for a living wage policy to be established, noting that there are many people in the community who are struggling to make ends meet.

Mr. McLaren spoke to other jurisdictions in British Columbia and the City of Toronto who are moving towards a living wage policy, and requested the Committee to consider adopting the recommendations Peace and Justice Grey Bruce has outlined in its report. The report recommended the adoption of a living wage policy for County employees, a report showing the impact of a living wage policy for services contracted by the County, the striking of a task force to examine options and strategies for developing a creative and innovative economy, and alternatives to providing affordable housing.

Mr. McLaren addressed questions from the Committee on the concept.

SSC30-15 Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

THAT staff be directed to prepare a report regarding the impact of implementing a Living Wage Policy for services contracted by the County of Grey and a recommendation for the Committee's consideration.

Carried

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-03-15 Investment in Affordable Housing 2015-2019 Extension Program Delivery Plan

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above noted report, recommending that the Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan (PDFP) for the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario 2014 Extension program be approved, and outlined the recommended funding allocations over the next five years.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding the requirements of the Homeownership, Rent Supplement and Ontario Renovates Programs. Further discussion occurred on the communication used to promote the program.

SSC31-15 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

WHEREAS the County of Grey has entered into an agreement with the Province to administer the Investment in Affordable Housing (IAH) for Ontario 2014 Extension Program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report HDR-SS-03-15 be received;

AND THAT the Program Delivery and Fiscal Plan (PDFP) for the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario 2014 Extension program as required by the signed Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario 2014 Extension Agreement, by law 4871-14 and as recommended by staff be approved;

AND THAT the \$4,060,700 in funding over the remaining five years be added to the Housing Department budget for the Investment in Affordable Housing 2014 Extension Program; \$908,60 for 2015, \$908,000 for 2016, \$907,400 for 2017, \$905,200 for 2018 and \$431,500 for 2019 to be expensed according to program guidelines.

AND THAT the following program amounts for 2015 be revised in the 2015 budget:

Homeownership	\$154,000
Rent Supplement	\$216,000
Ontario Renovates	\$493,170

Administration **\$ 45,430**

Carried

HDR-SS-05-15 Wait List Report

Anne Marie Shaw presented the annual wait list report, noting that the wait list has decreased over the same period from last year. Ms. Shaw cited the potential factors contributing to the decrease.

The Committee expressed concerns with the number of people who are waiting for affordable housing, despite the best efforts of the County.

It was noted that rent supplements are provided to those in need to assist with rent until housing is attained.

Further discussion occurred on the gaps in the system with respect to youth. Staff noted that youth aged 16 years or older can be serviced if they have a mentor to assist them.

SSC32-15 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

THAT Report HDR-SS-05-15 regarding the Wait List Report for social housing be received for information.

Carried

The Committee briefly recessed then reconvened.

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-04-15 Housing with Related Supports Standards Operators

Manual

Wendy Henderson presented the above noted report. With the transfer of the domiciliary hostel service category to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, service managers are required to develop standards under eight broad categories and implement certain health and safety recommendations.

Staff are recommending that the Housing with Related Support Standards and Guidelines Operator's Manual be approved and submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing and provided to the owners and operators of the domiciliary hostels in Grey County.

SSC33-15 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

WHEREAS housing and homelessness preventions programs including Domiciliary Hostels formerly provided under the Ministry of Community and Social Services have been transferred to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND WHEREAS the County of Grey has previously entered into service agreements with six domiciliary hostels for the provision of room and board to persons in need including Ayton Lodge, Kent Residence, Meaford Place, Riverside Residence, Inglewood Villa and Second Avenue Lodge;

AND WHEREAS under new guidelines, Domiciliary Hostels are now included in the Housing with Related Supports service category under the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has revised the Housing with Related Supports service category section of the CHPI Program Guidelines and included a new Standards Framework which comes into effect April 1 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-04-15 be received;

AND THAT the Housing with Related Supports Standards and Guidelines Operator's Manual be approved;

AND FURTHER THAT the approved manual be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for approval and then provided to the owners/operators with new service agreements.

Carried

SSR-SS-05-15 Inglewood Villa Change of Ownership

Marcia Smith presented the above noted report requesting authorization to enter into a housing with related supports agreement with the new owners of Inglewood Villa.

SSC34-15 Moved by: Councillor Fosbrooke Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

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.

Carried

SSR-SS-06-15 Ministry of Education 2015 Financial Services Agreement

Kathy MacMurdo addressed the Committee on the above report. Staff are requesting authorization to enter into the 2015 Financial Services Agreement for Child Care and Family Support Services.

Councillor Ardiel left the meeting at this time because of the previously declared pecuniary interest, and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter.

SSC35-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

WHEREAS Grey County is the Consolidated Municipal Services Manager for Child Care Services and receives annual funding from the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the 2015 Child Care and Family Support Service Agreement has been received from the Ministry of Education;

AND WHEREAS this Service Agreement includes the 2015 Child Care Funding Allocation Summary and Schedule of Contractual Service Targets;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT SSR-SS-06-15 be received;

AND THAT the necessary by-law be prepared authorizing the Warden and Clerk to execute the 2015 Child Care and Family Support Service Agreement with the Ministry of Education.

Carried

Councillor Ardiel then returned to the meeting.

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-04-15 Rockwood Terrace Capital Redevelopment

Lynne Johnson presented the above report, providing the Committee with information surrounding long-term care services within Grey County. It was noted that the burden on caregivers has increased due to the changing acuity. Further, the Province's Aging at Home Strategy is shifting the needs of Ontario's long-term care residents.

Ms. Johnson then provided information on the differences between a long-term care home and a retirement home, as well as private long-term care homes and municipal homes.

The options for long-term care provision within Grey County in the future were cited.

The Ministry of Long-Term Care is currently conducting a survey to gauge capital renewal readiness and will be releasing a redevelopment schedule at the end of 2015. Staff are requesting authorization to complete and submit the redevelopment survey, indicating an immediate interest in the redevelopment of Rockwood Terrace.

Karen Kraus provided information on Rockwood Terrace and the benefits that the redevelopment would provide to residents. Improvements may include "pod" living styles where residents can dine in their own areas rather than having to move between floors to access the dining hall. Further, widening doorways and adding a sprinkler system on the first floor are desired renovations.

Kevin Weppler spoke to the actions currently being taken by the County to fund the redevelopment.

Staff noted that the structure is in good condition. The proposal is for a redevelopment

rather than new construction.

SSC36-15 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Fosbrooke

WHEREAS it is a stated Strategic Objective of Grey County Council to undertake a review of its ongoing investment and involvement in the provision of long term care services in the county;

AND WHEREAS during 2012-2013, a Long-Term Care Task Force reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of long term care service delivery options in fulfilling its mandate;

AND WHEREAS a survey from the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care is expected to be released which will support the Ministry and Local Health Integration Networks develop a schedule for redevelopment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-04-15 be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to complete and submit the redevelopment survey indicating an immediate interest in pursuing redevelopment of Rockwood Terrace.

Carried

SSC37-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

THAT the County of Grey continue to advocate to the Province to retain current beds and address the present and future needs for more beds within Grey County, whether public or private or a form of public private partnership.

Carried

Correspondence

Receive for Information – United Way Utility Report; Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Issues With the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS)

The Committee considered the correspondence. Barb Fedy elaborated on the correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario regarding the Social

Assistance Management System and the issues associated with the implementation of this program. It was noted that pressure is being applied to the Province to address the problems with the program. Staff are providing services to clientele the best they can given the circumstances.

Ms. Fedy noted the strategies that are being used to mitigate the problems.

SSC38-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

THAT the County of Grey supports the efforts of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), Grey County staff and the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) to pressure the Province to address the problems with the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS).

Carried

SSC39-15 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Hicks

THAT the following correspondence be received for information:

- **2014 United Way Utility Report**
- **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) – Issues with the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS)**

Carried

Other Business

Barb Fedy thanked Marcia Smith for the services she has provided to the County of Grey, and wished her well in her retirement.

Next Meeting Dates

Wednesday, March 11, 2015 at Lee Manor, Owen Sound.

On motion by Councillor Mackey, the meeting adjourned at 12:34 PM.

John Bell, Vice Chair