

## Social Services Committee

June 11, 2014 – 10:00 AM

The Social Services Committee met on the above date at Grey Gables in Markdale with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Dwight Burley; Councillors John Bell, Paul McQueen, Francis Richardson; and Warden Brian Milne; Councillor Bob Pringle was also in attendance on behalf of Councillor Terry McKay

Regrets: Councillors Ellen Anderson, Deborah Haswell, Kathi Maskell, Terry McKay

### Staff

Present: Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Sandra Manser, Accounting Supervisor; Jennifer Cornell, Long-Term Care Administrator; Karen Kraus, Long-Term Care Administrator; Rick Moore, Housing Manager; Anne Marie Shaw, Housing Programs Manager; Aaron Whitney, Technical Supervisor; Melissa McCulloch, Ontario Works Manager; Kathryn MacMurdo, Children's Services Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

### Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

### Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

### Business Arising from the Minutes

*Social Services Committee minutes dated May 14, 2014*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on June 3, 2014.

Reports – Finance

*FR-SS-20-14 Social Services 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Forecast*

Sandra Manser presented the above report, outlining the proposed projects for 2015-2019 for the Social Services Department.

SSC43-14 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

**THAT Report FR-SS-20-14 regarding the 2015 – 2019 Five Year Capital Forecast for Social Services be received;**

**AND THAT the capital forecast for Social Services as presented be forwarded to the Director of Finance for inclusion in the corporate capital forecast 2015 – 2019.**

Carried

Reports – Long-Term Care

*LTCR-SS-11-14 Medical Director Reports and Stakeholder Inspections*

Lynne Johnson presented the above report regarding the medical director's report on each of the long-term care homes as well as the results of recent stakeholder inspections.

Mrs. Johnson spoke to the role of the Medical Director and inspection practices of the Ministry and other stakeholders.

SSC44-14 Moved by: Councillor Pringle Seconded by: Warden Milne

**THAT Report LTCR-SS-11-14 regarding Medical Director Reports and Stakeholder Inspections be received for information.**

Carried

*LTCR-SS-13-14 Long-Term Care 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Forecast*

Lynne Johnson presented the Long-Term Care Department's five year capital forecast,

outlining the proposed new projects for 2015-2019. Among the proposed new purchases is an equipment disinfectant to take the place of the current manual system. The disinfectant will enhance infection control practices and improve staff efficiency.

Lynne Johnson provided an update on the Long-Term Care Task Force. It was noted that staff were directed to correspond and set up a meeting with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care to discuss moving forward with capital redevelopment at Rockwood Terrace. Mrs. Johnson indicated that the pre-election budget identified a plan to move forward with a capital redevelopment program. Staff will continue to monitor for announcements and make attempts to meet with the Ministry on the matter.

SSC45-14 Moved by: Councillor McQueen Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**THAT Report LTCR-SS-13-14 regarding the Long Term Care 2015-2019 Draft Five Year Capital Forecast be presented and forwarded for inclusion in the corporate Five Year Capital & Extra-Ordinary Expenditures Forecast for consideration by County Council.**

Carried

## Reports – Housing

### *HDR-SS-08-14 Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative Annual Report*

Anne Marie Shaw presented the above report, being an annual update on the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative (CHPI) program. The CHPI program works to prevent and reduce homelessness through improved access to affordable housing.

The Committee discussed the issues associated with increased utility costs and possibilities for increased coordination among partners to improve the program and assist with such things as heating costs if funding is used up.

SSC46-14 Moved by: Warden Milne Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

**THAT Report HDR-SS-08-14 regarding an update on the administration of the Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative be received for information.**

Carried

### *HDR-SS-09-14 Housing 2015-2019 Five Year Capital Forecast*

Rod Wyatt presented the above report and outlined the proposed projects from 2015-2019. Mr. Wyatt spoke to the need to make continual improvements in the areas of accessibility and on-going maintenance to the aging housing buildings to meet the needs of residents.

Discussion occurred on the need for backup generators in the Housing buildings, as the capital forecast includes these items. Staff noted that with the three buildings having wells and/or septic systems, there is increased liability in a prolonged power outage. One risk is failure of the water treatment / filtering system to function. Further, additional concerns relate to the ability to transport residents to warming centres, ability to manage some of the issues presented by tenants who have mental health or addiction problems, heat and smoke alarm functionality beyond battery life and security lighting in the hallways during an outage.

It was noted the heat detector installation program in the apartment units will be complete by the fall.

SSC47-14 Moved by: Councillor Richardson Seconded by: Councillor Bell

**THAT Report HDR-SS-09-14 regarding the Housing 2015-2019 Draft Five Year Capital Forecast be received as presented and forwarded for inclusion in the corporate Five Year Capital & Extra-Ordinary Expenditures Forecast for consideration by County Council.**

Carried

## Other Business

### *Grey Gables Quality Improvement Award*

Lynne Johnson informed the Committee that Grey Gables received the Culture Change Home of the Year Award by the Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) at the Association's annual Quality and Innovation conference last week. Mrs. Johnson outlined the criteria for the submission and reported that the home was recognized at a gala event and presented with an award.

Jennifer Cornell introduced the members of the leadership team and President of the Resident Council who attended the gala and accepted the award on behalf of Grey Gables staff.

SSC48-14 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Warden Milne

**WHEREAS Grey Gables was nominated by its Resident Council for the Ontario Long Term Care Association's (OLTCA) Culture Change**

**Home of the Year award and, through its work on implementing the “Colour It” culture, was awarded this recognition;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the \$2000 award cheque received for the OLTCA Culture Change Home of the Year Award be used at the discretion of Grey Gables staff to support Grey Gables Living.**

Carried

### *Upcoming Retirement*

Chair Burley thanked Rod Wyatt for his dedicated service to the County, as this is his last Social Services Committee meeting before his retirement. Mr. Wyatt thanked the Committee and staff for their support during his time here.

### Next Meeting Dates

**Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at the Grey County Administration Building**

On motion by Councillor Pringle the meeting adjourned at 11:17 AM

Dwight Burley, Chair