

Report LTCR-SS-05-14

To: Chair Burley and Members of the Social Services Committee
From: Lynne Johnson, Director of Long Term Care
Meeting Date: March 12, 2014
Subject: **Long Term Care Task Force**
Status: Recommendation endorsed by Committee as presented per Resolution SSC25-14 March 12, 2014; Adopted by Council April 1, 2014 per Resolution CC47-14;

Recommendation(s)

WHEREAS a Task Force was established to review the advantages and disadvantages of long term care service delivery options available to the County in fulfilling its obligation and determine its desired level of ongoing investment to provide the service;

AND WHEREAS several options have been reviewed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-05-14 be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to apply for Capital Renewal Funding for the redevelopment of Rockwood Terrace if funding is released;

AND THAT staff continue to pursue a meeting with the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care to discuss potential strategies to best meet the needs of seniors within the County.

Background

On May 12, 2012 a Task Force first met to review the status of the County's current level of investment and involvement in long term care and identify challenges, opportunities and available options for the delivery of service.

Background information was reviewed including:

- Differences: Long Term Care and Retirement Homes,
- Bed Types: Private and Municipal homes,
- Current State: Long Term Care in Grey County
- Future State: Demographics and Changing Needs

As a result of the review, several options were considered including:

- Reduce the number of homes and beds.
- Amalgamate existing beds- two locations.
- Maintain three homes and increase the capacity of Rockwood Terrace in conjunction with a capital renewal program.

Based on recommendation of the Long Term Care Task Force, County Council accepted a recommendation that dialogue commence with the South West Local Health Integration Network (SWLHIN) to indicate an increase in the bed allocation at Rockwood Terrace in conjunction with the release of a capital renewal program.

In June, staff met with representatives of the SWLHIN and Community Care Access Centre. During the meeting it identified that any decision to increase long term care beds would need to be approved by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care.

Correspondence has been forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care requesting a meeting to discuss potential strategies to best support the needs of seniors in the county. There has been no response to the initial or follow up correspondence to date.

Financial / Staffing / Legal / Information Technology

Considerations

Major renovations, completed at Lee Manor, were undertaken without any provincial funding. The county is currently paying off two debentures for this rebuild with the first debenture maturing at the end of 2014 and the second in 2016. As these funds become available they could be used in conjunction with a Capital Renewal Funding program to complete the required renovations/additions at Rockwood Terrace.

The provincial government has indicated a priority to provide a capital renewal program for long term care homes and a funding announcement continues to be anticipated. Based on the last round of funding, the time frame for applying is short.

To ensure that Grey County is best positioned to apply for redevelopment funding, it is recommended that staff continue to monitor for the release of a redevelopment program and proceed to apply for such program when it becomes available.

Any decision to proceed with redevelopment of Rockwood Terrace would be made by County Council once full details of financial eligibility and funding is available.

Link to Strategic Goals / Priorities

Goal Number 2 of the County's strategic plan is Enabling Healthy and Resilient Communities. According to the plan, this means to "pursue strategies and offer services that strengthen communities, put people first and improve quality of life opportunities".

Attachments

(None)

Respectfully submitted by,

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Director of Long Term Care