



Committee Minutes

Committee of Management July 6, 2020 – 9:30 AM

The Committee met on the above date through electronic means with the following members participating:

Present: Councillors Dwight Burley, Scott Mackey, Barb Clumpus, Christine Robinson, John Woodbury and Brian O'Leary; and Warden Paul McQueen

Staff

Present: Kim Wingrove, Chief Administrative Officer; Jennifer Cornell, Director of Long-Term Care; Karen Kraus, Shannon Cox and Stacey Goldie, Executive Directors; Renate Cowan, Quality and Accreditation Specialist; Kevin Wepler, Director of Corporate Services; Joanna Alpajaro, Deputy Treasurer; Rob Hatten, Communications Manager and Tara Warder, Deputy Clerk/Legislative Coordinator

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Delegations

Jane Sinclair, General Manager Health and Emergency Services and Michelle Pauze, Director Seniors Services

Jennifer Cornell introduced Jane Sinclair and Michelle Pauze from the County of Simcoe.

Jane Sinclair addressed the Committee on Simcoe County's experience with redeveloping its Georgian Manor long-term care facility and noted Council's commitment to senior's living.

Prior to redevelopment, Georgian Manor was a standalone B class home. Simcoe County realized that there was an increase in the demand for long-term care beds. Prior to redevelopment, the home was a 107 bed home and did not have economies of scale so there was strong business case for the development. 36 additional beds were received, which helped to spread the administration costs.

She noted that the County decided to undertake a LEED silver certification and spoke to the energy savings that has been realized from the additional investment in the LEED certification and design. The design is continually being examined to see where improvements can be made.

An overview of the campus was provided, complete with a walking trail around the property, retirement living apartment suites, life lease and garden home suites, a la carte services, guest suites, and an affordable housing section as well as many community health and wellness programs.

Ms. Sinclair spoke to the 8 key components of building a campus model, including Aging at Home, Socialization, Housing Options, Suite of Services, Community Hubs, Partnerships and Collaboration, Seniors Outreach and Age Friendly Community Planning.

The economic benefits of the redevelopment were noted.

The project cost was approximately \$80 million and the project was partially funded from the provincial and federal governments.

Further plans for redevelopment in Simcoe County were noted, including a future project in Beeton. Different living arrangements and models were also highlighted, including the “Golden Girls” model, where residents have their own room and bathroom and share common spaces.

Ms. Sinclair and Ms. Pauze addressed questions from the Committee around waitlist processes, the for-profit sector of the development, and partnerships.

Reports

Renate Cowan first provided information on the quality indicators for each of the three homes.

LTQR-CM-20-20 Lee Manor Operational Report

Stacey Goldie noted that the continuation of the Colour It Connect Program became a priority during the pandemic. Across the three homes, over 1700 virtual connections have been supported during the pandemic.

Ms. Goldie noted that in May, the Ministry permitted window visits which were implemented just in time for Mother's Day and outdoor visits were subsequently implemented in time for Father's Day. All phases of the Colour It Connect program were well received. Staff have noted positive impacts to the psychosocial wellbeing of residents.

CM20-20 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

That LTCR-CM-20-20 Lee Manor Operational Report to the Committee of Management for the period of April 15, 2020-June 14, 2020 be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-CM-21-20 Rockwood Terrace Operational Report

Karen Kraus noted that the homes have been creating videos to share which have been a fun way to show families what was going on in the homes when they weren't able to come in during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ms. Kraus further spoke to the menu changes that are coming forward, noting that the menus are divided into Summer/Fall and Winter/Spring menus and they are legislated to change twice per year. All three homes are in the process of implementing the new menu for the Summer/Fall season.

It was noted that all food products have to be federally and provincially approved, however all three homes take pride in offering seasonally available food.

CM21-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That LTCR-CM-21-20 Rockwood Terrace Operational Report to the Committee of Management for the period of April 15, 2020-June 14, 2020 be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-CM-22-20 Grey Gables Operational Report

Shannon Cox spoke to the role of the Resident and Family Councils, noting their importance.

Ms. Cox noted that webinars are being provided to family members as information arises. Staff at the homes continue to receive treats, cards and homemade scrub caps to keep staff and residents uplifted.

CM22-20 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That LTCR-CM-22-20 Grey Gables Operational Report to the Committee of Management for the period of April 15, 2020-June 14, 2020 be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-CM-23-20 Long-Term Care COVID-19 Status Update

Jennifer Cornell provided a status update on COVID-19 in Long-term Care, noting that the community has been slowly reopening and staff continue to support residents. As child care centres slowly reopen, some staff are able to return to work. Grey County operated homes continue to have zero COVID-19 cases in any of the homes.

Ms. Cornell noted that on May 31st, the Ministry directed all homes to implement twice monthly COVID testing for staff and all three homes completed their second round on June 30th. It is expected that interval testing for all staff will be required twice in July.

It was also noted that the resident co-payment has been frozen by the Ministry of Long Term Care until December 31, 2020.

An updated version of Directive 3 was released on June 10 which outlined the protocol for admissions from hospitals and an updated definition of an outbreak. With increased testing there is increased chance of a positive result, whether a true or false result. The updated directive allows for more transparency and does not immediately trigger an outbreak in the homes if a likely false positive result is received.

The Colour It Connect and outdoor visit programs are a team effort and staff wish to thank all the partners and departments in the County for this assistance.

A Designated Care Partners program is being introduced in the homes. This program will provide a safe way to support residents that allows for the much needed emotional and mental wellbeing a family member can provide. The development of this program will be partnership that includes residents, family and staff.

Staff spoke to the updated information on the pandemic pay.

CM23-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That report LTCR-CM-23-20 regarding a Long Term Care COVID-19 Status Update be received for information.

Carried

Correspondence from Chatham – Kent and AdvantAge Ontario

CM24-20 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That the County of Grey support the following pieces of correspondence

- **Correspondence from Chatham-Kent regarding issues being faced by the long-term care sector and establishing a commission on long-term care**
- **Correspondence from Chatham-Kent regarding the psychosocial and emotional wellbeing of residents**
- **Advantage Ontario regarding actions to prevent further COVID-19 outbreaks in long-term care.**

Carried

Resolution from the City of Sarnia – Long Term Care Home Improvements

CM25-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Warden McQueen

That the resolution from the City of Sarnia regarding long – term care home improvements be received for information.

Carried

Redevelopment Update

Kim Wingrove provided an update on redevelopment, noting that staff have continued to internally refine the overall vision for the site as the County moves closer to taking possession of the property. Correspondence has been received from the Province announcing that the public consultation on the award of 128 bed license and the redevelopment project is open for comments at this time.

Ms. Wingrove noted that part of the planning work that needs to occur after the County takes possession of the property is the removal of the holding designation. The County will be providing the high level concept for the future development of the 32 acre parcel to the Municipality of West Grey for review and approval as sufficient for the municipality to lift the hold.

Kevin Wepler noted that further information will be provided to the Committee on pandemic pay at a later date.

Questions were addressed surrounding what is needed to proceed with a campus of care model. The first step is general agreement from West Grey and County Council on the vision for the property. Building on that staff can prepare a report that begins to identify project costs and sources of funds, obtains support to retain an architect, etc.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

September 8, 2020

On motion by Councillors Woodbury and Mackey, the meeting adjourned at 11:26 AM.