



Committee Minutes

Committee of Management September 22, 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 Weppler, Director of Corporate Services; Joanna Alpajaro, Deputy Treasurer; Heather Morrison, Clerk, 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.

Amend the Agenda

CM26-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Warden McQueen

**That the agenda be amended to remove LTCR-CM-28-20
Redevelopment Update and add a verbal redevelopment update.**

Carried

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Reports

LTCR-CM-25-20 Long-Term Care Operational Report – June 15, 2020 August 14, 2020

Shannon Cox reviewed items from the Grey Gables report, noting that Emergency Support Workers (ESWs) have been hired to help with various tasks such as portering, helping residents with Facetime and supporting different departments in the home. The homes are currently offering outdoor entertainment, and had a full day of Father's Day Events, have opened up the gardens and are offering BBQs for residents. Social workers, foot care providers, registered dieticians and occupational therapists are there to meet the needs of residents.

Stacey Goldie then reviewed items from Lee Manor, noting that music is always a welcomed activity. Several outdoor concerts have taken place and outdoor visits were introduced in June proving to be very popular. It was noted that Designated Care Providers have been able to provide care to residents in their rooms as well. Ms. Goldie updated the Committee on improvements made with respect to Family Council and Resident Council updates. Ms. Goldie further noted that the home recruited several Emergency Support Workers to support resident care, a majority of which were students. Several of the students have decided to pursue a more direct avenue in long-term care and are eager to return to Lee Manor.

Karen Kraus addressed the Committee on items related to Rockwood Terrace. She noted that the Ministry of Health attended the home in August. As a result of the visit, one written notification was left related to lifts. The home had previously corrected the issue and the Ministry was pleased this had been done. The interactions with staff, as well as the final report, were positive.

Further information was shared on students working at the home. Despite the pandemic, there was a group of students from Georgian College who were able to work in the home, and they are looking forward to another group coming in November. There is also a co-op student interested in working in the program department. The home has moved back to dining room service for some residents, however some are still receiving in room service.

CM27-20 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That LTCR-CM-25-20 Long-Term Care Operational Report to the Committee of Management for the period of June 15, 2020 – August 14, 2020 be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-CM-26-20 Provincial Long-Term Care Funding Announcements and Impacts

Joanne Alpajaro provided information on the Ministry of Long-Term Care's recently announced 2020-21 Level of Care funding, the Case Mix Classification (CMI) funding, funding for additional licenses to provide additional emergency capacity, resident accommodation fee rates, and a new Minor Capital program.

The Level-of-Care funding model consists of 4 components: Nursing and Personal Care, Program and Support Services, Raw Food and Other Accommodations.

She outlined the level of care per diem funding summary, and the case mix index classification was reviewed as well. It is a relative measure of acuity for every long-term care home across the Province.

It was noted that additional bed licenses were received for isolation of residents. Additional funding was received for this as well.

Ms. Alpajaro outlined resident accommodation fee rates and a new minor capital program. It was noted that the Ministry would be deferring long-term care home accommodation rate changes for a period of six months to January 1, 2021 due to the financial impacts to residents and families from the Covid-19 pandemic.

Staff will bring forward a LTC financial update report with year-end projections that will include the financial impacts of Covid-19

CM28-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That report LTCR-CM-26-20 regarding the Provincial Long-Term Care Funding Announcement and Impacts be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-CM-27-20 COVID-19 Update

Jennifer Cornell addressed the Committee, providing a Covid-19 update. She noted the resiliency of the staff and community. The homes continue to offer surveillance testing for staff every two weeks. They are currently working on expanding the focus on Infection Prevention and Control (IPAC) within the homes and are looking at opportunities for an IPAC champion on each home. Staff would recommend that funds be added to the 2021 budget related to IPAC and information will come forward to see what that looks like.

It was noted that pandemic pay has been paid out to all the homes. Staff are being encouraged to take their vacations and the teams have worked hard supporting each

other to make that happen. ESWs continue to be recruited to support the homes. Residents are venturing to appointments and are screened when they leave and return.

It was noted that residents and families missed hugging their loved ones and staff worked to identify and outline the risks so that hugs could return to the homes.

Staff were also able to further refine policies in order to allow school aged children into the homes to visit their loved ones as long as they continued to have negative Covid-19 tests.

Jen Cornell outlined new guidelines introduced by the Province, noting that the homes were well prepared for the updated visiting protocols.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee.

CM29-20 Moved by: Councillor O’Leary Seconded by: Councillor Woodbury

That report LTCR-CM-27-20 regarding a Long-Term Care COVID-19 Status Update be received for information; and

That Infection Prevention and Control resources be included in the 2021 Long Term Care Budget for Council’s consideration.

Carried

Verbal Update – Redevelopment

Kim Wingrove provided an update on long-term care redevelopment, noting that the County took title to the new property in Durham on September 17, 2020.

The Province continues to work on granting the license for the new facility and confirming construction funding. The Province has announced an update to the long-term care construction funding model. Staff will bring back a report on this at a later date.

Ms. Wingrove spoke to the high level vision for the property, including the long-term care facility, institutional uses like a paramedic base, and additional housing as well as some service – commercial spaces. Drone footage has been collected that will be used for the required D6 and stormwater management studies that need to be completed. Staff are also working on a planning report to go to West Grey Council to obtain support for the planned use of the property and to lift the “Holding” symbol from the property’s zoning.

Council and the Committee have talked about a number of options for housing, including a campus of care, a privately developed mix of housing, low rise, singles,

towns, etc. It is important for Council and the Committee to have an understanding of the costs, including ongoing operating costs and the initial capital investment.

Staff are requesting support to obtain consulting resources to do a thorough financial assessment of various models.

The first stage is to only look at housing models.

CM30-20 Moved by: Councillor Robinson Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

That staff be directed to retain a consultant to provide an assessment report of housing build options for the Durham property, including initial capital and estimated long-term operating requirements; and

That the consultant costs not exceed \$75,000 and be funded from the Redevelopment Reserve Fund

Carried

Closed Session

CM31-20 Moved by: Councillor O'Leary Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That the Long-Term Care Committee of Management does now go into closed session pursuant to Section 239 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 as amended to discuss:

- i. Personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal employees and Labour relations or employee negotiations (*Operations Report*)**

Carried

The Committee proceeded into closed session at 10:38 AM.

The Committee came out of closed session at 10:58 AM.

The Chair confirmed that only the items stated in the resolution to go into closed session were discussed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting Dates

November 10, 2020

Committee of Management
September 22, 2020

On motion by Councillors Robinson and Warden McQueen, the meeting adjourned at
10:58 AM.