
Social Services Committee

December 10, 2014 –10:00 AM

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

Present: Councillors Scott Mackey, Dwight Burley, Stewart Halliday, Selwyn Hicks, Barb Clumpus, Ian Boddy, Anna-Marie Fosbrooke, Gail Ardiel and John Bell; and Warden Kevin Eccles

Staff

Present: Derik Brandt, Chief Administrative Officer; Anne Marie Shaw, Director of Housing; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Randy Scherzer, Director of Planning; Kevin Weppler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Doug Johnstone, Financial Analyst; Wendy Henderson, Ontario Works Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Sharon Vokes called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Mrs. Vokes called for nominations for Chair of the Social Services Committee for 2015.

SS01-15 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

THAT Councillor Burley be nominated Chair of the Social Services Committee for 2015.

On motion by Warden Eccles, nominations closed.

Councillor Burley accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Chair of the Social Services Committee for 2015.

Mrs. Vokes then called for nominations for Vice Chair of the Social Services Committee for 2015.

SS02-15 Moved by: Councillor Mackey Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT Councillor Bell be nominated Vice Chair of the Social Services Committee for 2015.

On motion by Councillor Clumpus, nominations closed.

Councillor Bell accepted the nomination and was acclaimed Vice Chair of the Social Services Committee for 2015.

Councillor Burley then assumed the Chair.

Adoption of the Agenda

SS03-15 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

THAT the Social Services Committee agenda dated December 10, 2014 be adopted as amended, by adding correspondence from the Association of Municipalities of Ontario regarding the Ministry of Education's proposed process for school closures.

Carried

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Social Services Committee minutes dated November 12, 2014

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on November 25, 2014.

Reports – Finance

FR-SS-04-15 Housing Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts

Mary Lou Spicer addressed the above report regarding write offs for uncollectible accounts for the Housing Department. It was noted that attempts will still be made to

collect overdue accounts despite these write offs.

SS04-15 Moved by: Councillor Ardiel Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

THAT Report FR-SS-04-15 regarding the year end write off of uncollectible accounts receivable balances for the Housing department be received;

AND THAT accounts receivable balances totalling \$34,317.39 from former Housing tenants be written off.

Carried

FR-SS-05-15 Long-Term Care Write Off of Uncollectible Accounts

Mary Lou Spicer addressed the Committee on the above noted report, regarding write offs for uncollectible accounts in the three long-term care homes.

SS05-15 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

THAT report FR-SS-05-15 regarding the year end write off of uncollectible accounts receivable balances for the Long Term Care department be received;

AND THAT accounts receivable balances totalling \$6,037.62 from former Long Term Care residents be written off.

Carried

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-01-15 Age Friendly Community Planning Grant Program

Lynne Johnson addressed the Committee on the above report, recommending that Council endorse a grant application by the Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Centre for the Age-Friendly Community Grant Program. Ms. Johnson provided an outline of the criteria for the Age Friendly Community Planning Grant Program, and noted that a Council resolution is required in support of age-friendly community planning for the application.

The Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Centre will work with the Council on Aging to support local municipalities in implementing an age friendly community strategy.

Staff were requested to provide the grant information to the Committee for the local municipalities to consider.

SS06-15 Moved by: Councillor Boddy Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS correspondence has been received from the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs announcing the Age-Friendly Community Planning Grant Program;

AND WHEREAS the Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Centre meets the application criteria;

AND WHEREAS an application for the grant, endorsed by council, must be submitted by January 30, 2015;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-01-15 be received;

AND THAT Council endorse a grant application submission by the Owen Sound and Area Seniors' Centre to support age-friendly community planning.

Carried

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-01-15 Community Transportation Pilot Grant Program

Barb Fedy addressed the Committee on the above report. A notice for eligibility to apply for funding for the Community Transportation Pilot Grant Program was received from the Ministry of Transportation. Staff are recommending that an application be submitted for funding to use to enhance the coordination of transportation services for residents.

Mrs. Fedy noted that a Transportation Study has recently been completed.

The funds would be used to purchase recommended technology to assist with the coordination efforts needed for improved transportation for health, education and employment purposes, among others.

Support in principle for the Transportation Study was given by the prior County Council.

Further efforts to coordinate transportation with 211 services will be researched.

Discussion occurred on duplication of efforts associated with transportation across the region and province, and ways to mitigate this.

SSC07-15 Moved by: Councillor Hicks Seconded by: Councillor Bell

WHEREAS in May 2014 a transportation study to investigate the rural transportation services currently being offered throughout the County of Grey was jointly initiated by the Social Services, Transportation Services and Planning Departments;

AND WHEREAS Lough Barnes Consulting Group presented their findings to Grey County Council in October 2014 identifying options that could enhance the service to the citizens of Grey County through a collaborative model recommended to meet community needs, increase resource utilization and increase the overall capacity of the current transportation system providers;

AND WHEREAS an estimated budget was provided for the three phases outlined as Inception, Formalization and Implementation, including one time and operating costs;

AND WHEREAS in late November 2014 the Ministry of Transportation announced a Community Transportation Pilot Grant Program to provide financial assistance to municipalities across Ontario for the planning and implementation of local, coordinated community transportation projects;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-01-15 be received;

AND THAT Grey County Council endorses an application to the Community Transportation Pilot Grant Program to seek provincial funding for the coordination of transportation services in the County of Grey.

Carried

Correspondence

Receive For Information

The Committee considered the correspondence. Discussion occurred on the service provided by 211 and the importance of this service.

SSC08-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Halliday

THAT the following correspondence be received for information

- **211 Central East – Quarter 3 Report 2014**

- **211 Ontario Report 2013-2014**

Carried

*Ministry of Education Correspondence Regarding New Process for
School Closures – Request for Comments*

The Committee discussed the above matter, including the need for municipalities to hold discussions on proposed school closures with the school board, and the possibility for the County sharing unused spaces in schools that are at risk of being closed.

SSC09-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT staff be directed to provide comments to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario based on the Committee's discussions regarding the proposed new process for school closures, including the need for municipalities to be consulted on the school closure process.

Carried

Other Business

Committee Appointments

SSC10-15 Moved by: Councillor Ardiel Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT the following appointment be confirmed for 2015:

- **Grey Bruce Task Force on Crystal Meth and Other Drugs:
Councillor Mackey**

Carried

SSC11-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Clumpus

THAT the following appointment be confirmed for 2015:

- **Grey Bruce Task Force on Crystal Meth and Other Drugs:
Councillor Hicks**

Carried

*Delegation Requests – Rural Ontario Municipal Association / Ontario
Good Roads Association 2015 Conference*

SSC12-15 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor Ardiel

THAT a delegation request to the Minister of Education regarding the proposed new process for school closures be submitted for the 2015 Rural Ontario Municipal Association / Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.

Carried

SSC13-15 Moved by: Councillor Halliday Seconded by: Councillor Mackey

THAT a delegation request to the Ministry of Health regarding the approval of the Markdale hospital project and advocating for the Ministry's continued support in moving the project forward in a timely manner be submitted for the 2015 Rural Ontario Municipal Association / Ontario Good Roads Association Conference.

Carried

SSC14-15 Moved by: Warden Eccles Seconded by: Councillor Boddy

THAT a delegation request to the Ministry of Transportation and the Ministry of Health concerning transit funding be submitted for the Rural Ontario Municipal Association / Ontario Good Roads Association Conference ROMA/OGRA Conference.

Carried

Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Ardiel, the meeting adjourned at 11:48 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair