



# Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

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## **Long-Term Care Task Force Minutes September 12, 2012 9:00 a.m.**

The Long-Term Care Task Force met on the above date at the County Administration Building with the following members in attendance:

Present: Chair Brian Milne; Councillors Deborah Haswell, John Bell; and Warden Duncan McKinlay

### Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, CAO; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Karen Kraus, Administrator Rockwood Terrace; and Ina Bentley, Recording Secretary.

### **Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Haswell called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

### **Declaration of Pecuniary Interest**

There was none.

### **Minutes of Meetings**

*Long-Term Care Task Force Minutes dated July 11, 2012*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on August 7, 2012.

### **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was none.

### **Delegations**

Wayne Fitzgerald, Mayor of Grey Highlands, attended the meeting to present a proposal for the expansion of Grey Gables by one unit of 22 beds and distributed the proposed floor plan. In the initial construction plans for Grey Gables, a fourth wing was proposed but was not built at that time. Mr. Fitzgerald identified that a developer with experience in seniors housing and long-term care has expressed an interest to the Municipality of Grey Highlands in purchasing and developing the site.

Following the presentation of the proposal, discussion ensued.

Chair Milne arrived at 9:10. Vice Chair Haswell continued in the Chair.

## Report

### *LTCSR-SS-03-12 Municipal Contributions and Options*

Ms. Johnson presented the above report which detailed background information on other municipalities' contributions to long-term care and included options for Grey County's future investment in long-term care.

The report detailed comparators of other regional municipalities with charts showing municipal contribution cost per bed by net dollars and gross operating expenditure cost per bed. The average cost per bed is \$14,524 with Grey County's cost being \$10,388.

Also included were the differences in long-term care bed allocation for municipalities and private operators.

Future needs were addressed for long-term care beds in Grey County. A chart showed that the current number of beds will not meet the needs of the anticipated growth in the senior population over the next ten years.

A funding analysis has already been developed in the Rockwood Terrace Redevelopment Review that was presented to the Social Services Committee in April 2012. The review provided several options including one that called for the addition of 12 beds which would improve operational efficiency, allow for the entire space to be used, increase the availability of preferred accommodation and maximize staff functions. It would also provide the easiest implementation which would reduce the impact to residents and staff during construction.

The report listed five options available for the future provision of long-term care in the County of Grey.

Timeliness is important if the decision is to continue with the current allocation of beds. There is a strong indication that the next round of capital renewal funding will soon be released and considerable work must take place to best position the county to apply for funding. A decision will need to include the number of homes the county wishes to maintain and provide direction for application of additional beds to maximize operational efficiencies. Capital plans for Rockwood Terrace have focused on the potential for redevelopment. If redevelopment is not one of the options, future capital requirements will need to be reviewed.

Discussion was held regarding the report and the options presented. It was recommended that the Task Force meet with the Southwest Local health Integration Network (SWLHIN) and Ministry of Housing and Long-Term Care senior policy personnel concerning the future of long-term care in Grey County and across the province. Staff was directed to proceed with the above

recommendation, with the suggestion that Rockwood Terrace be chosen for the location of the meeting. Ms. Johnson was directed to prepare information for the Task Force prior to the meeting.

Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Milne

**THAT Report LTCR-LTCSR-03-12 be received for information.**

Carried

### **Other Business**

There was none.

### **Next Meeting Dates**

November 14, 2012 9:00 a.m. Grey Room, County Administration Building

On motion by Warden McKinlay, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

Deborah Haswell, Vice-Chair