Social Services Committee

September 11, 2013 – 10:00 AM

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

Present: Chair Dwight Burley; Councillors Terry McKay, Kathi Maskell, Francis Richardson, Deborah Haswell, Brian Milne, Ellen Anderson and John Bell; and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Regrets: Councillor Wayne Fitzgerald

Staff Present: Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing, Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Mike Alguire, Purchasing Manager; Jennifer Cornell, Housing Administrator; Rick Moore, Housing Manager and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There were none.

Business Arising from the Minutes

Social Services Committee minutes dated August 14, 2013

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council as presented on September 3, 2013.
Deputations

*Sandy Stockman, Co-Chair of the Task Force on Crystal Meth*

Sandy Stockman, Co-chair of the Task Force on Crystal Meth, attended the meeting to provide the Committee with an overview of the Task Force. Ms. Stockman began with a history of the Grey Bruce Task Force, membership composition and purpose. Ms. Stockman then provided information on crystal meth, its prevalence in Grey and Bruce Counties, negative consequences, challenges of the task force, and recent achievements.

Winners of the art contests over recent years were acknowledged and their work displayed. The Committee cited the positive work done by the students on this issue and expressed interest in having this artwork available to various groups.

Ms. Stockman addressed questions and comments from the Committee.

*Pam Hillier, Executive Director 211 Community Connection, Central East Ontario*

Pam Hillier presented an update to the Committee on 211 Community Connection. Ms. Hillier noted that the components of 211 services include public inquiry, online directory maintenance and caller needs, and identified the geographic areas serviced by the Central East region.

Ms. Hillier cited the top caller need categories, including utilities and housing, financial assistance and government, and elaborated on other services provided by the organization such as a virtual volunteer service and a calendar of free or low cost meals in Grey and Bruce Counties. The role of 211 Community Connection in emergency response was also outlined which includes answering calls, registration, providing information to the public and organizing volunteers.

Reports – Long-Term Care

*LTCR-SS-20-13 Stakeholder Inspections*

Lynne Johnson presented the above report regarding the results of stakeholder inspections by the Ministry of Long-Term Care, Public Health, the Fire Department and Electrical Safety Authority conducted to date in 2013. A total of 15 inspections were conducted, with three infractions between Grey Gables and Lee Manor. All infractions
were immediately resolved.

Ms. Johnson then provided an update on the incident involving abuse of a resident at Grey Gables. Legislation is clear on the responsibilities of all staff to immediately report actual or suspected abuse and further education will occur to ensure staff are aware of their responsibilities. Staff are working to update the policy and it will be presented to the Committee for discussion and support. Staff will provide a full debrief on the incident at a future meeting.

SSC86-13 Moved by: Councillor Bell Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT Report LTCR-SS-20-13 regarding Stakeholder Inspections be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-SS-21-13 Award of RFT-LTC-17-13 Rockwood Elevator

Mike Alguire addressed the Committee on the above report, recommending that Delta Elevator be awarded the tender for the modernization of two elevators at Rockwood Terrace in the amount of $185,990 exclusive of HST.

Staff are further requesting that the budget shortfall of $17,781 be funded from any surplus in the 2013 capital budget or the Rockwood Terrace reserve.

SSC87-13 Moved by: Councillor Haswell Seconded by: Councillor Milne

WHEREAS the 2013 approved budget allocates $172,500 for the modernization of the two elevators at Rockwood Terrace;

AND WHEREAS the County issued RFT-LTC-17-13 on Friday July 24, 2013 and closed on Wednesday August 14, 2013;

AND WHEREAS all purchasing policies and procedures have been adhered to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report LTCR-SS-21-13 recommending the award of RFT-LTC-17-13 be received;

AND THAT the County award this contract to Delta Elevator as the lowest compliant bidder, in the amount of $186,990 exclusive of H.S.T.;

AND FURTHER THAT the shortfall of $17,781 be funded from surplus in the 2013 capital budget, or if insufficient funds exist, the shortfall be funded from Rockwood Terrace reserve.
Carried

LTCR-SS-22-13 Award of RFT-LTC-18-13 Lee Manor Elevator

Mike Alguire presented the above report, recommending the award for the modernization of two elevators at Lee Manor be awarded to Delta Elevator in the amount of $139,623 exclusive of HST.

SSC88-13 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

WHEREAS the 2013 approved budget allocates $250,500 for the modernization of the two elevators at Lee Manor;

AND WHEREAS the County issued RFT-LTC-18-13 on Friday July 24, 2013 and closed on Wednesday August 14, 2013;

AND WHEREAS all purchasing policies and procedures have been adhered to;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT report LTCR-SS-22-13 recommending the award of RFT-LTC-18-13 be received;

AND THAT the County award this contract to Delta Elevator as the lowest compliant bidder, in the amount of $139,623 exclusive of H.S.T.

Carried

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-24-13 Indigent Funeral Rate Increase Request

Barb Fedy provided information on the above noted report, requesting the 2014 indigent funeral service rate be increased. Staff are recommending that the increase for 2014 be equal to the Consumer Price Index increase of %0.9.

Funeral Service Associations have continued to lobby for an increase, and Grey County staff are working with the Georgian Bay Funeral Association to discuss relevant issues.

SSC89-13 Moved by: Councillor McKay Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS a letter of request was received from the Georgian Bay Funeral Service Association for an increase for indigent funeral services for the budget year of 2014 from the base rate established in 2012 of $4030.70 to $4975.00 to reflect the membership average of the association;
AND WHEREAS the funeral rate for 2013 was increased based on the change in the Consumer Price Index for Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-24-13 be received;

AND FURTHER THAT that the 2014 funeral rate be based on the Consumer Price Index for Ontario increase of 0.9% for the period of July 2012 to August 2013;

AND FURTHER THAT the 2014 base rate be increased to $4,067 per funeral effective January 1, 2014.

Carried

SSR-SS-25-13 Community Connection 211 2014 Funding Increase

Request

Barb Fedy presented the above noted report regarding a proposed funding increase for 211 Community Connection from $12,122 to $14,810. Staff are recommending that the item be considered during 2014 budget deliberations.

SSC90-13 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS Grey County has been providing funding for 211 referral and information services to the residents of the County of Grey since inception in 2009;

AND WHEREAS Grey County has funded 211 Community Connection through the 2013 budget for a total of $12,122.00;

AND WHEREAS a letter has been received requesting an increase in funding for a total of $14,810.00 to support the ongoing operation of 211 Community Information and Referral Service;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-25-13 be received;

AND THAT the request for the increase in funding and continued commitment be included as a budget discussion item for 2014 budget deliberations.

Carried
Reports - Housing

*HDR-SS-26-13 Quarterly Purchasing Report Quarter 2 of 2013*

Rod Wyatt addressed the Committee on the above report. There are two purchases requiring reporting under the Purchasing Policy, being the Housing Department Review and the paving of the POA parking lot.

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SSC91-13   Moved by: Councillor McKay   Seconded by: Councillor Milne

THAT Report HDR-SS-26-13 regarding the Quarterly Purchasing Report for Quarter 2 of 2013 be received for information.
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Carried

Rick Moore addressed the Committee on the status of renovations at 81 Bruce Street.

Closed Meeting Matters

There were none.

Correspondence

*Alzheimer Society Thank you Letter, Global News Article – Ontario*

*Ministry Failed to Follow up on 25 Complaints About Unlicensed Daycares*

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SSC92-13   Moved by: Councillor Haswell   Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT the Thank you Letter from the Alzheimer Society and the Global News article regarding unlicensed daycare complaints be received for information.
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Carried

Other Business

Chair Burley reminded the Committee that Lee Manor's 40th anniversary event is taking place on October 2nd at Lee Manor.

Next Meeting Dates
September 26, 2013 and October 9, 2013 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Councillor Milne, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair