



Committee Minutes

Committee of Management June 9, 2020 – 9:30 AM

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

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

Regrets: Councillor Dwight Burley

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

Vice Chair Mackey called the meeting to order at 9:38 AM.

Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Jennifer Cornell introduced Stacey Goldie, Interim Executive Director of Lee Manor and noted that Renate Cowan has started her new role as the Quality and Accreditation Specialist.

Reports

LTCR-CM-17-20 Ten Year Capital Forecast 2021-2030

Joanna Alpajaro provided an overview of the report to the Committee, which outlines proposed plans and rationale for future capital spending.

Shannon Cox, Renate Cowan and Karen Krause then spoke to notable changes in the capital forecast that impact the 2021-2023 years. It was noted that some items have had to be adjusted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

CM17-20 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor Robinson

That Report LTCR-CM-17-20 regarding the Long Term Care 2021-2030 Draft Ten Year Capital Forecast be received; and

That it be forwarded for inclusion in the Corporate Ten Year Capital Forecast 2021-2030 for consideration by County Council; and

That the projects proposed in the First Year of the 2021- 2030 Ten Year Capital be used for planning purposes for the 2021 Budget.

Carried

LTCR-CM-18-20 Financial Update and Year End Projection as of April 30, 2020

Joanna Alpajaro presented the above noted report regarding a financial update and year end projections as of April 30, 2020.

Staff are projecting a shortfall ranging anywhere from \$405,000 to just under \$1.4 million depending on certain factors. It was further noted that assumptions were made in order to develop these projections. The assumptions were then outlined.

The Committee discussed the pandemic pay for front line employees. There is still information to be received from the Ministry on the eligibility criteria for the pandemic pay.

Questions from the Committee regarding the daily per diem received from the Province for long-term care as well as the hospitals were addressed. Staff noted that further information will be provided on the rate of the per diem at a future meeting.

The Ministry of Long-Term Care has provided emergency funding support as a result of COVID-19 to long-term care homes for the months of April and May. The Ministry has stated emergency funding will be provided for June, although the amount of funding has not been announced. No further funding has been committed beyond June by the Ministry at this time.

This funding recognizes the costs associated with preventing and containing the spread of COVID-19 such as screening, increased staff in the homes, and supplies and equipment to assist in preventing and preparing for a COVID-19 outbreak.

CM18-20 Moved by: Councillor Clumpus Seconded by: Councillor O'Leary

That report LTCR-CM-18-20 regarding Long-Term Care Financial Update and Year-End Projection as of April 30, 2020 be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-CM-19-20 COVID-19 Update

Jennifer Cornell presented the above report, noting that June marks three months of navigating the pandemic.

Ms. Cornell noted that the homes were a part of the universal testing that was undertaken in May. One false positive result was received at Grey Gables and it was treated as a suspected outbreak with infection control measures quickly put into place. Confirmation was subsequently received that the re-test was negative.

Going forward, staff are to be tested at regular intervals per a recent Ontario Health directive. Each home is to prepare its own procedures for testing.

It was noted that Grey County homes introduced window visits just in time for Mother's Day, however these do not meet the needs of all residents. Staff are planning for outside visits with hopes to have this in place for Father's Day.

Ms. Cornell noted that each home is preparing for a measured approach for the new normal in long-term care. Next steps include determining which measures can be scaled back and adjusted and what measures will remain in place.

Further information on efforts to maintain the mental and social wellbeing of residents were outlined.

It was noted that the homes have adequate supplies, barring any outbreaks. COVID-19 expenses are being tracked and there will be reconciliation with the province at a later date.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has indicated there will not be any resident rate increases until January 2021.

June is Seniors month, recognizing all the contributions our seniors have made to our communities.

The Committee inquired as to whether design and construction requirements for redeveloped long-term care homes will be revisited by the Province as a result of some of the learning from the COVID-19 crisis. Staff noted that information can be expected in the coming months.

CM19-20 Moved by: Councillor Woodbury Seconded by: Warden McQueen

That Report LTCR-CM-19-20 regarding a COVID-19 Update be received for information.

Carried

Redevelopment Update

Kim Wingrove provided an update on the Rockwood Terrace redevelopment, including next steps. It was noted that the next step is the licensing review. The Province needs to confirm that they will grant a license to the County to operate the beds in the new location.

There is also a funding approval process for project construction that the Ministry will be undertaking. Grey County has provided all necessary information.

Staff have been notified that there may be changes to the design standards and construction funding in response to learnings from COVID 19. If this occurs, county staff will be advised.

Ms. Wingrove then noted that a visioning exercise took place last week to look at the Rockwood Terrace property with both West Grey and Grey County staff. The Rockwood Terrace property acquisition is expected to close later this summer. Strategies were discussed at the exercise, including what could be located on the property and where.

Ms. Wingrove then provided an overview of draft concept plans for the property highlighting the proposed location of the new long-term care facility as well as attainable housing and open space. It was noted that West Grey places a high value on rural heritage and maintaining natural features.

It was further noted that there could be potential to investigate a land swap with the school board and examine the need for a new ambulance station in Durham. Other opportunities to link schools and programming seem to work well in other jurisdictions. There are other organizations that may be interested in providing input on this subject as well.

After Committee and Council's endorsement, next steps are to formalize this into a project plan and begin moving it forward. A report will be forthcoming to examine what the project plan looks like.

The Committee requested that a virtual meeting be set up with Simcoe County in place of the tour of Georgian Village that was scheduled for April. Staff will investigate this arrangement.

Other Business

Jennifer Cornell noted that we received correspondence from Ontario Health West, formerly the Southwest Local Health Integration Network regarding the current Service Accountability Agreement. It was noted that the agreement has been extended to June 3, 2020. The Committee will receive more information when it is received by staff.

Next Meeting Dates

July 7, 2020

On motion by Councillors Woodbury and Clumpus, the meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.