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, Wayne Fitzgerald, Francis Richardson, Deborah Haswell, Brian Milne, Ellen Anderson; and Warden Duncan McKinlay

Staff Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Heather Morrison, Deputy Clerk/Records Manager; Kathryn MacMurdo, Children’s Services Manager; Rick Moore, Housing Manager; Aaron Whitney, Technical Supervisor; and Tara Warder, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Burley called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

Chair Burley declared a pecuniary interest with respect to Report HDR-SS-21-13 Foundation Repairs.

Business Arising from the Minutes

*Social Services Committee minutes dated June 12, 2013*

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on July 2, 2013 as presented.
Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-20-13 Changes to 2013 Domiciliary Hostel Agreement

Heather Morrison presented the above report regarding changes to the 2013 domiciliary hostel agreement requirements. Staff have consulted with the insurers and are recommending that the required amount of Abuse Insurance be reduced to $500,000 from $2,000,000 due to the difficulty some operators have in attaining this higher amount as required by the agreements.

It is recommended that funds from the one time Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative be used to offset the decrease for 2013 only, up to a maximum of $1,800 per operator. Effective January 1, 2014, the operators will be fully responsible for the insurance costs.

Additionally, staff wish to remove Clause 8 from the agreements and leave discretion to the operators on reimbursements to eligible tenants who terminate their stay on the premises.

SSC67-13 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS the Corporation of the County of Grey has entered into Domiciliary Agreements with Ayton Lodge, Kent Residential Home, Meaford Place, Riverside Residence, Inglewood Villa and Second Avenue Lodge and wishes to execute revised agreements with these operators;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Warden and Clerk be authorized to execute revised Domiciliary Hostel agreements with Ayton Lodge, Kent Residential Home, Meaford Place, Riverside Residence, Inglewood Villa and Second Avenue Lodge, with the following changes:

- Reduce the amount of Abuse Insurance required to $500,000 from $2,000,000
- Removal of Clause 8, which states “in the event that the subsidized resident terminates his or her stay at the premises, the Hostel Operator shall reimburse the eligible tenant for the unused portion of the tenant’s income for the balance of that month”.

AND FURTHER THAT for 2013 only, that Community Homelessness Prevention Initiative funds be used to offset the cost of Abuse
Insurance for current insurance renewals up to a maximum of $1800 per domiciliary hostel for 2013.

Carried

SSR-SS-21-13 Children’s Services Caseload Statistics

The Children’s Services Caseload Statistics were reviewed.

SSC68-13 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT Report SSR-SS-21-13 regarding Children’s Services Caseload Statistics be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-21-13 Foundation Repairs – Three Locations in Owen Sound

Chair Burley declared a conflict with respect to the above matter and vacated his seat as Chair and did not participate in the discussion or vote on the matter. Councillor Milne assumed the Chair in the absence of Vice Chair John Bell.

Rick Moore presented the above report regarding necessary repairs to the foundations of three County Housing buildings. Staff indicated that water has been leaking into the basements of the units located at 1379 and 1385 7th Avenue West, and 490 7th Avenue East and require repair prior to the winter season. The estimated cost of the repairs is approximately $40,000. Staff are requesting authorization to fund the project from savings in the 2013 Housing budget or from the Housing Capital Projects Reserve.

Staff addressed questions from the Committee regarding the repairs and the materials used for the repair. Staff anticipate the work will begin in September.

SSC69-13 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Richardson

WHEREAS the approved 2013 capital budget did not include funding for foundation repairs to three Grey County Housing properties;

AND WHEREAS because of foundation leaks this past winter and spring it has been deemed necessary to carry out these foundation repairs to prevent further flooding and reduce the risk of any health and safety issues;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report HDR-SS-21-13 regarding foundation repairs located at 1379 and 1385 7th Avenue
West in Owen Sound and at 490 7th Avenue East in Owen Sound be received;

AND THAT the $40,000 in estimated funds required for these 2013 unbudgeted projects be provided through any savings realized through the 2013 Housing Budget, or if insufficient savings exist, that these costs be funded from the Housing Capital Projects Reserve.

Carried

Chair Burley then resumed the Chair.

**HDR-SS-22-13 Alpha Family Resource Centre**

Rick Moore presented the above noted information report, outlining recent events and activities taking place at the Alpha Street Resource Centre. Mr. Moore noted that a steering committee has been established and composed of various agencies and groups. The Committee is a great resource for assisting with the Centre. Mr. Moore further spoke to the SPARK Advocacy Grant, which is being used to run a variety of programs, including outdoor sports programs and cooking classes.

**SSC70-13** Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

**THAT HDR-SS-22-13 regarding the Alpha Family Resource Centre be received for information.**

Carried

**Reports – Chief Administrative Officer**

**CAOR-SS-14-13 Support for National Dementia Strategy**

Lance Thurston addressed the Committee on the above noted report. The Alzheimer’s Society is requesting action from municipalities to support people in the local area who are affected by dementia, build awareness within the community and request action from all levels of governments to develop a national dementia strategy.

Mr. Thurston addressed the potential long term effects on communities and the projected statistics. The Committee noted the importance of spearheading the initiative.

**SSC71-13** Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Haswell

**WHEREAS Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain that seriously impairs thinking and memory, and has no known cause or cure;**
AND WHEREAS Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias now affects more than 500,000 Canadians (over 2,000 in Grey County), which is expected to increase to over 1.1 million (over 4,500 in Grey County) within a generation;

AND WHEREAS an estimated three million Canadians face the burden and challenges of providing care for those suffering with Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias;

AND WHEREAS the cost related to the health care system is in the billions and only going to increase dramatically;

AND WHEREAS Canada, unlike many countries, does not have a national dementia strategy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Grey County calls on the Federal Government in cooperation with all levels of government, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and other municipal and health care sector organizations to develop a national dementia plan that is inclusive of strategies in primary health care, health promotion and prevention of illness, community development and capacity building, care-partner engagement and investments in research.

Carried

Correspondence

Alzheimer Society – Dementia Strategy

The Committee considered the above correspondence.

SSC72-13 Moved by: Councillor Milne Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT the correspondence received from the Alzheimer Society regarding the establishment of a national Dementia Care Strategy be received.

Carried

Quarterly Purchasing Reports

There were no purchases requiring reporting for the second quarter of 2013.

Closed Meeting Matters
There were none.

Other Business

There was none.

Next Meeting Dates

August 14, 2013 at the Grey County Administration Building

On motion by Warden McKinlay the meeting adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Dwight Burley, Chair