



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Social Services Committee Minutes July 11, 2012 – 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Staff

Present: Lance Thurston, Chief Administrative Officer; Barbara Fedy, Director of Social Services; Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Rod Wyatt, Director of Housing; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Kathryn MacMurdo, Children's Services Manager; Debbie Pegelo, Marcia Smith, Wendy Henderson, Ontario Works Managers; Rick Moore, Housing Manager; Anne Marie Shaw, Housing Administrator; Karen Kraus, Jennifer Cornell, Long Term Care Administrators; Ina Bentley, Administrative Assistant and Patti McNabb, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Milne called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Business Arising from Minutes

Social Services Committee Minutes dated June 13, 2012

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on July 3, 2012.

Delegation

Mary Jane Murray and Jill McFadden-Bartley, facilitators, along with Dundalk Getting Ahead program graduates attended to provide an overview and testimonials of the program, which offers workshops to interested recipients of Ontario Works. This program is based on the work of Dr. Ruby Payne's "Bridges out of Poverty" philosophy. Getting Ahead workshops focus on building stable and secure lives for the participants and their families to overcome poverty by

identifying and removing barriers with the development of individual plans for each participant. To date there have been 80 graduates from 10 sessions. The graduates were congratulated and the facilitators commended for the accomplishments on behalf of the Committee.

The participants were thanked for their participation and left the meeting.

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-14-12 – Soup Kitchen Initiative in Owen Sound

Mrs. Fedy presented Report SSR-SS-14-12 requesting direction regarding email correspondence received seeking clarification on County Council's position regarding a new soup kitchen initiative in Owen Sound. Mrs. Fedy and Councillor Haswell noted that meetings are being coordinated within the community to address this issue. Operation Sharing, a faith-based collaborative approach to food service and support in Woodstock, Ontario has been successfully operating for a number of decades. It was noted that coordination is required to ensure sustainability for such an initiative in Grey County. Councillor Haswell commended Mrs. Fedy for her leadership with regard to this initiative.

SSC41-12 Moved by: Councillor Haswell

Seconded by: Councillor Burley

WHEREAS correspondence dated May 18, 2012 has been received requesting that it be forwarded to the members of the Social Services Committee regarding the soup kitchen initiative;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-14-12 be received;

AND THAT correspondence from Ray Botton, Volunteer Coordinator for Victorious Living Centre regarding this initiative also be received;

AND THAT the Social Services Committee supports the facilitation of a collaborative meeting of all interested groups with regard to coordination for the development of a soup kitchen initiative and aligned support services;

AND FURTHER THAT arrangements be coordinated for staff and interested members of the Social Services Committee to meet with principals of the *Operation Sharing* initiative in Oxford County to gain a further understanding of best practices and how they may benefit the County of Grey.

Carried

Councillor Anderson left the meeting

SSR-SS-15-12 – Social Services Departmental Work Plan 2012-2014 Update

Mrs. Fedy presented Report SSR-SS-15-12 updating on the status of the Social Services Departmental Work Plan for information.

SSC42-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor McKay

WHEREAS departmental work plans have been implemented to identify strategic projects within each Department that align with the Corporate Operating Plan approved by Council;

AND WHEREAS Ontario Works develops a service plan regularly to meet the goals and directives of the Ministry of Community and Social Services;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-15-12 which provides a status on the strategic projects identified in the Social Services Departmental Work Plan for 2012-2014, as well as an overview of the Ontario Works Service Plan 2010-2012, be received for information purposes.

Carried

Councillor Haswell left the meeting

SSR-SS-16-12 – Durham Nursery School Purchase of Service Agreement

Ms MacMurdo advised of the retirement of the current operator of the Durham Nursery School. A new operator will be resuming the operation effective September 4, 2012 and a new agreement is necessary. The projected per diem rate reflects a 30% increase over the former agreement from \$11.25 to \$15.00 per half day. Ms MacMurdo noted that the existing Children's Services operating budget can accommodate this increase and that an increase in per diems will be included in the 2013 budget deliberations.

SSC43-12 Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS the existing owner/operator of the Durham Nursery School is retiring at the end of June 2012;

AND WHEREAS a new owner/operator has now come forward to continue to operate the current Nursery School effective September 4, 2012;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a new Purchase of Service Agreement for child care fee subsidy be completed for the Corporation of the County of Grey and the new owner/operator.

Carried

SSR-SS-17-12 – Dundalk Getting Ahead Report

Mrs. Pegelo presented Report SSR-SS-17-12 providing background information on the Getting Ahead program. Gayle Montgomery will be facilitating a Bridges out of Poverty training session in October 2012 for the business and manufacturing community as well as a refresher for the social service, health and education sectors. The benefits of providing summaries of the successful initiative via press releases were noted.

SSC44-12 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT Report SSR-SS-17-12 and the attached report prepared by the facilitators of the recent Getting Ahead program held in Dundalk be received.

Carried

Councillor Anderson rejoined the meeting

SSR-SS-18-12 – Funeral Plot Inquiry

Mrs. Pegelo presented Report SSR-SS-18-12 requesting direction regarding an inquiry received for transfer of ownership of a funeral plot for a former client, whose funeral was paid for by Grey County Social Services, to the name of a surviving family member. Two options were presented for the Committee's consideration:

1. Allow transfers if the family member pays the applicable transfer fee and reimburses the County for any charges paid that were set aside in trust for Care and Maintenance in accordance with the Cemeteries Act at an approximate cost of \$400.00
2. Allow transfers if the family member pays the applicable transfer fee and reimburses the County for the net cost of the funeral at an approximate cost of \$3800.00

SSC45-12 Moved by: Warden McKinlay Seconded by: Councillor McKay

THAT Report SSR-SS-18-12 be received;

AND THAT a policy be developed to support option 1 - to allow transfers if the family member pays the applicable transfer fee and reimburses the County for any charges paid that were set aside in trust for Care and Maintenance in accordance with the Cemeteries Act.

Carried

SSR-SS-19-12 – Provincial Budget Implications

Mrs. Pegelo presented Report SSR-SS-19-12 highlighting recently announced provincial budget implications for information.

SSC46-12 Moved by: Councillor Anderson Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

THAT REPORT SSR-SS-19-12 on the implications of the recent provincial budget be received for information.

Carried

SSR-SS-2012 – Child Care Modernization

Ms MacMurdo presented Report SSR-SS-20-12 advising that on June 27, 2012 the Hon., Laurel Broten, Minister of Education formally released a discussion paper titled “*Modernizing Child Care in Ontario*”. The modernization process will not expand the current system in this period of financial restraint, however, it will stabilize and transform the system to provide higher quality of care and consistent service that will support growth. Submission deadline to the Ministry of Education Early Learning Division is September 24, 2012. Ms MacMurdo noted that the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) will be making a submission on behalf of member municipalities.

SSC47-12 Moved by: Councillor McKay

Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT Report SSR-SS-20-12 regarding child care modernization be received for information.

Carried

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-15-12 – Long Term Care Director’s Report regarding Lease Agreements

Ms Johnson presented Report LTCR-SS-15-12 regarding a number of lease agreements with partnering agencies and noted the requirement to review and amend the agreements as they become renewable to ensure appropriate service provision and associated costs are reflected.

SSC48-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT Report LTCR-SS-15-12 regarding Lease Agreements be received for information.

Carried

LTCR-SS-16-12 – Rockwood Terrace Purchase of Industrial Washing Machine

Mrs. Kraus presented Report LTCR-SS-16-12 regarding the purchase of an industrial washing machine at Rockwood Terrace.

SSC49-12 Moved by: Councillor Bell

Seconded by: Councillor Burley

WHEREAS one of the industrial style washing machines at Rockwood Terrace is in need of major repairs;

AND WHEREAS based on the cost of a new washing machine, it is advantageous to purchase a new washing machine rather than repair the old one;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-16-12 regarding replacement of an industrial washing machine at Rockwood Terrace be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed to procure for the replacement of the washing machine at Rockwood Terrace in 2012;

AND FURTHER THAT the funds require for this 2012 unbudgeted project be transferred from the electric door opener project from within the 2012 capital budget.

Carried

LTCR-SS-17-12 – Grey Gables Request for Authorization for Expenditure of Donation Account

Councillor Burley declared pecuniary interest with regard to Report LTCR-SS-17-12 and abstained from discussion.

Mrs. Cornell presented Report LTCR-SS-17-12 requesting authorization for expenditure from the donation account for the purchase and installation of a cement pad and pergola at Grey Gables.

There was discussion regarding the current purchasing procedures. Direction was given for the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a review of the purchasing procedures to ensure adherence to transparency for all purchasing transactions.

SSC50-12 Moved by: Councillor Greenfield Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS all purchasing policies and protocols have been adhered to;

AND WHEREAS three quotes were obtained for the purchase and installation of a pergola;

AND WHEREAS two quotes were obtained for the purchase and installation of a cement pad;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the project be awarded to Bosman for the low bid of \$7,600 + HST for the pergola, and to Mulligan Builders for the low bid of \$6,520 + HST for the cement pad;

AND THAT the funding required for the project of \$14,120 + HST be allocated from the Grey Gables Donation Account.

Carried

Councillor Burley rejoined the meeting.

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-25-12 – Housing Manager’s Report

Mr. Moore presented Report HDR-SS-25-12 for information. Work continues on the fire restoration at Alpha Street.

SSC51-12 Moved by: Warden McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

THAT Housing Manager’s Report HDR-SS-25-12 be received for information.

Carried

HDR-SS-26-12 – Investment in Affordable Housing Funds Exchange

Mrs. Shaw presented Report HDR-SS-26-12 for information. Mrs. Shaw noted the request from current lending institutions to increase the minimum purchase price within the Homeownership Program. Direction was given for staff to provide a report regarding the request to increase the minimum purchase price from \$175,000 to \$185,000 within the Homeownership Program.

SSC52-12 Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Bell

THAT Report HDR-SS-26-12 regarding investment in affordable housing funds exchange be received.

Carried

Correspondence

Community Connection 2-1-1 regarding successful Ontario Trillium Foundation proposal for disaster assistance

Resolution from the City of Cambridge regarding Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) Changes in Health Services

SSC53-12 Moved by: Warden McKinlay

Seconded by: Councillor Anderson

THAT correspondence from Community Connection 2-1-1 be received;

AND THAT a report from staff be drafted to address the impacts of Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) Changes in Health Services.

Carried

Other Business

There was none.

Next Meeting Dates

July 26, 2012 (if needed) – Council Chambers

August 15, 2012 – Council Chambers

On motion by Councillor Burley, the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Brian Milne, Chair