



Corporation of the County of Grey Committee Minutes

Social Services Committee Minutes June 13, 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, Dwight Burley, Wayne Fitzgerald, Harley Greenfield, Kathi Maskell and Warden McKinlay

Regrets: Councillors John Bell, Deborah Haswell and Terry McKay

Staff

Present: Lynne Johnson, Director of Long-Term Care; Barb Fedy, Director of Social Services; Kevin Wepler, Director of Finance; Mary Lou Spicer, Deputy Director of Finance; Karen Kraus, Jennifer Cornell, Renate Cowan, Long-Term Care Administrators; Anne Marie Shaw, Housing Administrator; Rick Moore, Housing Manager; Mike Alguire, Purchasing and Materials Manager and Patti McNabb, Recording Secretary

Call to Order

Chair Milne called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest

There was none.

Minutes of Meetings

Long-Term Care Task Force Minutes dated May 9, 2012.

SSC36-12 Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Councillor Burley

THAT the Long-Term Care Task Force minutes dated May 9, 2012 be approved as presented and the following recommendations be endorsed:

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**THAT Councillor Milne be nominated Chair of the Long-Term Care Task Force.**

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THAT Councillor Haswell be nominated Vice Chair of the Long-Term Care Task Force.

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**THAT the Terms of Reference for the Long-Term Care Task Force be adopted as presented.**

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WHEREAS Council has approved the formation of a Long-Term Care Task Force to prepare a brief report on the advantages and disadvantages of service delivery options available to the county in fulfilling its obligation and determine its desired level of ongoing investment to provide long-term care services;

AND WHEREAS it was determined that a communication and public engagement strategy needs to be initiated in conjunction therewith;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Long-Term Care Task Force Work Plan in Report LTCR-LTCSR-01-12 be endorsed as amended to include communication strategy and community engagement.

Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Social Services Committee Minutes dated May 24, 2012

These minutes are for information only as they were adopted by Grey County Council on June 5, 2012.

Delegation

Robert Hart, Manager, Grey Bruce Public Health Unit attended the meeting to present the Bed Bug Support Fund Final Project Report. Following the presentation was general discussion. Chair Milne thanked Mr. Hart for his presentation.

Reports – Long-Term Care

LTCR-SS-09-12 – Grey Gables Nurse Call System

Mrs. Cornell presented Report LTCR-SS-09-12. The current system of call bell and communications at Grey Gables is 13 years old, the sound is loud and does not allow for quick identification of the room requiring assistance. New technology provides a quiet, non-intrusive way for residents and staff to call for assistance.

Request for proposal LTC-08-12 regarding a Nurse Call System for Grey Gables was issued on Wednesday March 21, 2012 and closed on Thursday April 19, 2012. There was a mandatory bidders meeting held on March 29, 2012 in which 3 companies were represented. Request for proposal submissions were opened by Mike Alguire and Dave Shipley at 3:00 pm on April 23rd, 2012. KR Communications was the only company that responded to the request for proposal.

Mrs. Cornell noted that there are additional costs associated with the installation related to the need to rewire for the installation. Confirmation was provided by Mr. Wepler that based on the current reserve balance, the Building Condition Assessment and Reserve Fund Study for Grey Gables, the reserve funds are adequate to fund this increased cost from the operations reserve.

SSC37-12 Moved by: Councillor Anderson

Seconded by: Councillor Maskell

WHEREAS the 2012 approved capital budget provided funding of \$75,000 for the implementation of a new nurse call system at Grey Gables Long Term Care facility;

AND WHEREAS Request for Proposal RFP-LTC-08-12 for a Nurse Call System at Grey Gables Long Term Care Facility was issued on March 21, 2012 and closed on April 19, 2012;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-09-12 recommending the award of Request for Proposal RFP-LTC-08-12 be received;

AND THAT the contract to install a nurse call system at Grey Gables Long Term Care Facility be awarded to KR Communications in the amount of \$116,071.00 exclusive of H.S.T.;

AND FURTHER THAT the nurse call system be funded from the following sources:

- **\$75,000 from the approved 2012 capital budget for funding of a nurse call system**
- **the remaining funding required (approximately \$41 071.00) be transferred from the Grey Gables Operations Reserve.**

Carried

LTCR-SS-12-12 – Long-Term Care Director’s Report

Ms Johnson presented Report LTCR-SS-12-12 for information. Councillor Fitzgerald noted the success of the D-Day Commemorative ceremony held with the Legion in the Memorial Grove.

LTCR-SS-13-12 – Grey Gables Fire Panel and System Replacement

Fire panel replacement at Grey Gables was on the five-year capital plan scheduled to be completed in 2013. The Building Assessment Condition study brought forward the additional need to replace smoke detectors, heat detectors and alarm bells. Due to the importance of this

equipment and for the safety of the Home and residents, it is requested that this project be brought forward for completion in 2012.

SSC38-12 Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS the 2012 – 2016 Five Year Capital Forecast identified the replacement of the Fire Panel and System at Grey Gables Long Term Care facility in 2013;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed necessary to proceed with this project in 2012 in view of the importance of this equipment for the safe operation of the facility and safety of the residents;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report LTCR-SS-13-12 regarding Grey Gables Fire Panel and System be received;

AND THAT staff be directed to proceed to procure for the replacement of the Fire Panel and System at Grey Gables Long Term Care facility in 2012;

AND THAT the funds required for this 2012 unbudgeted project be transferred from the Grey Gables Operations Reserve to a maximum of \$60,000.

Carried

LTCR-14-12 – Increase in Hours for Social Worker and Nutrition Manager

Ms Johnson presented Report LTCR-14-12 highlighting notification of a base funding increase from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care effective July 1, 2012.

SSC39-12 Moved by: Councillor Maskell

Seconded by: Councillor Fitzgerald

WHEREAS the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care provided an unbudgeted base funding increase for the Other Accommodation Envelope;

AND WHEREAS there is a demonstrated need to increase Social Worker and Nutrition Manager services at Lee Manor;

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

AND THAT approval be given to increase the master scheduled hours for the Nutrition Manager at Lee Manor by 7.5 hours biweekly;

AND FURTHER THAT approval be given to increase contracted Social Work Services by 15 hours biweekly at Lee Manor.

Carried

Reports – Social Services

SSR-SS-13-12 Triple D.D.D. (Disabled Discount Day) Initiative

Mrs. Fedy presented Report SSR-SS-13-12 outlining a Disabled Discount Day initiative for recipients receiving financial assistance from Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP).

SSC40-12 Moved by: Councillor Burley

Seconded by: Councillor Greenfield

WHEREAS the Grey County Accessibility Advisory Committee has received correspondence from the Ontario Network of Accessibility Professionals (ONAP) regarding an initiative from a resident of the Niagara Region;

AND WHEREAS the Triple D.D.D. (Disabled Discount Day) initiative requests endorsement of a purchasing discount for recipients of disability benefits;

AND WHEREAS the Accessibility Advisory Committee recommended on February 14, 2012 that the initiative be referred to the Social Services Committee for further direction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Report SSR-SS-13-12 be received for consideration;

AND THAT a letter of support from County Council on the Triple D.D.D. (Disabled Discount Day) initiative be provided to Adam McLeod who is spearheading this project.

Carried

Reports – Housing

HDR-SS-22-12 Housing Manager's Report

Mr. Moore presented Report HDR-SS-22-12 updating on the recent fire at the Alpha Street Housing complex in Owen Sound for information.

HDR-SS-24-12 Investment in Affordable Housing Update

Mrs. Shaw presented Report HDR-SS-24-12 updating on the Investment in Affordable Housing for Ontario program (IAH) for information. Mrs. Shaw confirmed that all lower tier municipalities were apprised of the available funding and relevant application processes through email to their respective Clerks.

Correspondence

Resolution from Greater Sudbury regarding a National Dementia Strategy

Resolution from Region of Halton regarding MO-16-12 – Universal Influenza Immunization Program 2011/2012

Ms Johnson noted that the correspondence requesting mandatory reporting of influenza immunization for healthcare workers was forwarded to Public Health.

All correspondence was noted and filed.

Other Business

Chair Milne advised of the July 25, 2012 deadline for requests for delegations with Provincial Ministers at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference. Warden McKinlay extended the offer to lower municipal councils that may require support of the County on any pressing issues that may warrant delegations at the AMO conference as well.

Next Meeting Dates

June 28, 2012 10:00 a.m. (if needed)

July 11, 2012 10:00 a.m.

On motion by Councillor Burley and Warden McKinlay, the meeting adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Brian Milne, Chair