



HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

9:30 a.m.

Monday, October 25, 2021

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present: Councillor Ryan Taylor (Chair), Councillor Bernie Corbett, Councillor Stewart Patterson, Councillor Chris Van Paassen, Councillor Kim Huffman,

Also Present: Heidi Van Dyk-Ellis, Stephanie Rice, Lori Friesen, Stephanie Pongracz, Chimere Okoronkwo, Dr. Matt Strauss, Syed Shad, Christina Lounsbury (Recorder)

1. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

2. Additions to Agenda

None to add.

3. Presentations/Deputations

4. Adoption/Correction of Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

A. Health and Social Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes dated September 27, 2021.

The minutes of the Health and Social Services Advisory Committee meeting dated September 27, 2021, having been distributed to all Committee Members and there being no errors reported, they were there upon declared adopted and signed by Chair Dalimonte.

Mover: Councillor Bernie Corbett

Second: Councillor Ryan Taylor

Carried.

5. Update on Reports

A. From the September 27, 2021 Meeting

Syed Shad, Manager, Planning and Evaluation mentions that the Ministry of Forestry noted that hogweed is not in our jurisdiction, but they are monitoring for hogweed on a yearly basis. Residents are encouraged to report any sightings of hogweed to the Haldimand Norfolk Health Unit.

6. Consent Items

7. Staff Reports / Discussion Items

6.1 General Manager

6.2 Public Health

A. COVID-19 Update

Doctor Matt Strass, Medical Officer of Health, states that case rates of COVID-19 in Ontario are going down. Patients infected and transmissions are gradually decreasing. The Province is watching the 4th wave come to an end.

B. Staff Report HSS 21-18

Re: Annual Service Plan, Budget Submission and Funding Update – Budget Amendment

Stephanie Pongracz, Director of Public Health, presented the report and answered questions of Committee.

Mover: Councillor Bernie Corbett

Seconder: Councillor Ryan Taylor

Carried.

6.3 Social Services and Housing

A. Staff Report HSS 21-19

Re: Housing Services Operating Subsidy Agreement: Simcoe Community Homes Inc., Lynn View Terrace

Stephanie Rice, Acting Director of Social Services & Housing, presented the report and answered questions of Committee.

Mover: Councillor Kim Huffman

Seconder: Councillor Stew Patterson

Carried.

B. Staff Report HSS 21-20

Re: Ontario Works Business Plan 2021

Stephanie Rice, Acting Director of Social Services and Housing, presented the report and answered questions of Committee.

Mover: Councillor Bernie Corbett
Second: Councillor Ryan Taylor

Carried.

6.4 Quality, Planning, Accountability and Performance

8. Sub-Committee Reports

9. Communications

Other Business

A. Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB)

Councillor Corbett asked about the CERB and any impact on internal recruitments.

Heidy VanDyk, Acting General Manager of Health and Social Services states there is no concern in our internal recruitment.

As positions become vacant in any of our departments, we are actively recruiting. She stated she is aware that there are recruitment pressures in Health Human Resources overall, not just within the Health & Social Services Division but in the broader health care sector, due to COVID-19 fatigue and burnout.

B. Dunnville Office Update

Councillor Corbett asked for a status update on the renovations in the Dunnville office and the office re-opening.

Heidy Van Dyk, Acting General Manager of Health & Social Services shared that the Dunnville office is open to Social Services and Housing staff and that renovations are completed.

The team is actively working on getting staff back to Caledonia in the near future.

C. Average Market Rent

Councillor Corbett asked for a status update on the staff report related to Alternate Average Market Rents.

Heidy Van Dyk responded that a request for information has been sent out to other municipalities through the Ontario Municipal Social Services Association (OMSSA) about the use of alternate average market rents in other municipalities. Three responses have been received so far. The staff report will be brought back to the November meeting of the Advisory Committee.

Homelessness Enumeration

Councillor Huffman asked that she be contacted to volunteer with the upcoming

Homelessness Enumeration.

Stephanie Rice, Acting Director of Social Services & Housing responded that she would ensure Councillor Huffman was contacted with details so that she could participate.

10. Adjournment

Mover: Councillor Kim Huffman

Seconder: Councillor Chris van Paassen

11. Next Meeting – Monday November 22, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

Chair

Secretariat