

# RENFREW COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION

## Wednesday, February 12, 2020

A meeting of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors was held at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Directors Present: Chair James Brose

Vice-Chair John Reinwald Councillor Debbi Grills Councillor Ed Jacyno Councillor Cathy Regier

Regrets: Warden Debbie Robinson, Councillor Kim Love

Officers Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Executive Officer

Staff Present: Andrea Patrick, Acting Director of Social Services

Craig Kelley, Director of Development & Property

Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care

Carol Neill, General Manager, Renfrew County Housing

Corporation

Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care and Early Years Services

Michael Barber, Media Relations/Grants Coordinator Evelyn VanStarkenburg, Administrative Assistant

Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-20-02-09**

Moved by Councillor Grills

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT the minutes of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held on January 15, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED.

Ms. Patrick overviewed the Director's Report.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-20-02-10**

Moved by Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Committee approves that the upcoming Committee meetings for June 10, 2020 and August 12, 2020 be held in the municipal office of the Township of Whitewater Region. CARRIED.

Ms. Neill overviewed the Monthly Report.

Ms. Neill advised Committee that moving forward the Renfrew-Vimy Family Units will no longer be a separate item under Tenant Issues as it officially amalgamated with the Renfrew County Housing Corporation (RCHC) on January 1, 2020.

Ms. Neill advised Committee that the accessibility amount for the RCHC 2020 budget is set for \$40,000. She noted that there has been yearly amounts set aside for accessibility needs to ensure that there are funds available as accommodation requests are brought forward. She noted that in the past, the budget for accessibility has been \$20,000 in 2019 and \$30,000 in 2018.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-20-02-11**

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT the RCHC Director's Report and the Monthly Report be approved. CARRIED.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-20-02-12**

Moved by Councillor Grills

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on March 11, 2020. Time 1:25 p.m. CARRIED.



#### **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

## Wednesday, February 12, 2020

A meeting of the Social Services Committee was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 1:25 p.m., at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: Chair James Brose

Warden Debbie Robinson Vice-Chair John Reinwald Councillor Debbi Grills Councillor Cathy Regier

City of Pembroke

Representative: Councillor Ed Jacyno

Regrets: Councillor Kim Love

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk

Andrea Patrick, Ontario Works Manager

Craig Kelley, Director of Development & Property

Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care

Carol Neill, General Manager, Renfrew County Housing

Corporation

Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care & Early Years Services

Michael Barber, Media Relations/Grants Coordinator Evelyn VanStarkenburg, Administrative Assistant

Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-02-11**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Ms. Patrick overviewed the Social Services Department Report.

Ms. Patrick advised Committee that a business case has been submitted to the Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services requesting an additional \$300,000 to assist with the Ontario Works move to the County of Renfrew Administration Building and that staff are still waiting for a response from the Ministry.

Warden Robinson entered the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

Mr. Kelley advised Committee that the Development & Property Committee approved a recommendation that County Council pass a By-law to enter into a lease agreement with Pembroke Travel Bureau Limited for the lease of space located at 169 Lake Street, Pembroke, Ontario, for Ontario Works. He noted that the Information Technology Division will be assisting to ensure that staff and clients have computer and internet access at the temporary location. The term of the lease is for a nine-month period commencing April 1, 2020 and expiring on December 31, 2020, and has a provision included for month-to-month rent after December 31, 2020 if required.

Committee was advised that the Human Services Integration at Renfrew County Place is working well and that staff are receiving positive feedback from clients that they are now able to have all their issues addressed in one location.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-02-12**

Moved by Councillor Reinwald Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the Social Services Committee approves that the upcoming Committee meetings for June 10, 2020 and August 12, 2020 be held in the municipal office of the Township of Whitewater Region. CARRIED.

#### **Ontario Works Division**

Ms. Patrick overviewed the Ontario Works Division Report, which is part of the Social Services Department Report.

Ms. Patrick advised Committee that the first quarter results for the Social Assistance Customer Service Survey will be received in April and a report will be provided to Committee at that time.

Discussion occurred with regards to the Community Safety and Well Being Plan Meeting. Mr. Moreau advised Committee that even though County Council strongly believes that this is an OPP issue and should not be downloaded to lower-tier municipalities, Social Services staff have an obligation to be at the table to provide information on services in the community.

## **Child Care and Early Years Division**

Ms. Mulvihill overviewed the Child Care and Early Years Division Report, which is part of the Social Services Department Report.

Ms. Mulvihill advised Committee that she has had conversations with the child care providers within the schools over the current labour disruptions and the impact it is having on them. She noted that she is aware that some are having funding pressures due to not being at full capacity on alternate strike days and are also experiencing staffing shortages. Ms. Mulvihill has provided the child care providers located in schools with a form to request funding related to the impact of the labour disruption through the Child Care and Early Years Division.

### **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-02-13**

Moved by Councillor Reinwald Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council the approval of Ms. Lorrie Baird providing professional development training to EarlyON and Licensed Child Care Providers throughout 2020. The estimated cost is \$15,650 and would utilize Capacity Funding that is provincially allocated in the 2020 budget of \$48,832. CARRIED.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-02-14**

Moved by Warden Jacyno Seconded by Councillor Grills THAT the Social Services Department Report be approved. CARRIED.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-02-15**

Moved by Councillor Regier Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Social Services Committee move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended to discuss litigation or potential litigation (RCP Child's Paradise Day Care). Time – 2:20 p.m. CARRIED.

## **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-02-17**

Moved by Warden Regier Seconded by Councillor Reinwald THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time – 2:36 p.m. CARRIED.

## **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-02-18**

Moved by Councillor Reinwald Seconded by Councillor Grills THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on March 11, 2020. Time – 2:36 p.m. CARRIED.