



## **RENFREW COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

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A virtual meeting of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 1:39 p.m.

Directors Present: James Brose, Debbi Grills, Ed Jacyno, Kim Love, Cathy Regier, John Reinwald, Debbie Robinson

Officers Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Executive Officer  
Laura LePine, Chief Operating Officer  
Jeffrey Foss, Treasurer

Staff Present: Carol Neill, General Manager, Renfrew County Housing Corporation  
Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care and Early Years Services  
Andrea Patrick, Ontario Works Manager  
Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care  
Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk

Others Present: Karen Black, Scott Rosien Black & Locke

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Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### **RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-20-08-25**

Moved by Councillor Jacyno

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the minutes of the Renfrew County Housing Corporation Board of Directors meeting held on June 10, 2020 be adopted. CARRIED.

Ms. LePine overviewed the Director's Report, which is attached as Appendix A.

Ms. Neill overviewed the Monthly Report, which is attached as Appendix B.

Ms. Neill provided Committee with an update on COVID-19 activities.

Ms. Neill advised committee of the new online RENTCafé application system that provides an alternative to the handwritten paper application. This new process will help to streamline the application review process for increased transparency and faster decision-making. A total of 22 applications have been processed through the online RENTCafé system.

Ms. Neill overviewed the Capital Budget, and advised that the capital project at 63 Russel Street was not completed due to the urgent requirement to replace balconies at 8 Burwash Street.

**RESOLUTION NO. RCHC-C-20-08-26**

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on September 9, 2020. Time 1:59 p.m. CARRIED.



## **SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**

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A virtual meeting of the Social Services Committee was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 1:59 p.m., at the County of Renfrew Administration Building, Pembroke, Ontario.

Present were: James Brose, Chair  
Debbie Robinson, Warden

Committee Members: Debbi Grills, Kim Love, Cathy Regier, John Reinwald

City of Pembroke  
Representative: Ed Jacyno

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
Laura LePine, Director of Social Services  
Jeffrey Foss, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
Carol Neill, General Manager, Renfrew County Housing Corporation  
Judy Mulvihill, Manager of Child Care & Early Years Services  
Andrea Patrick, Ontario Works Manager  
Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk

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Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

### **RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-08-28**

Moved by Councillor Love

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT the minutes of the June 10, 2020 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Ms. LePine overviewed the Social Services Department Report, which is attached as Appendix A.

Ms. LePine advised that the Social Services Department has a working group that is looking at reopening plans and reviewing some of the best ways of delivering the service. Mr. Moreau indicated that the Service Delivery Review will be brought forward in the future which will see the integration of staff with a broader review of Administrative staff to look at efficiencies. There is also a strategy to not replace any vacant positions at this time, which will assist with challenges later on. The Service Delivery Improvement Project will look at the accommodations.

Ms. LePine advised that the Ontario Universal Basic Income is a pilot program funded separately to ensure everyone has sufficient income to meet basic needs. There are different models being tested and no one knows how it will look in the final funding decisions. Warden Robinson indicated that there are people who cannot find employment and could benefit from this program, and she hopes that the province continues to look at how we can assist these people. Committee directed staff to undertake additional research and once received bring back more information on the Universal Basic Income program.

### **ONTARIO WORKS DIVISION**

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

Ms. Patrick advised that the Emergency Assistance is a one-time payment for individuals in an emergency or crisis position, and these numbers do not appear in the caseload statistics. These individuals do not come on to the regular Ontario Works program for the long-term. This program has assisted 150 people in Renfrew County.

The Ontario Works staff were very pleased to see the funds from the Social Services Relief Fund to assist programs such as food banks and the Grind. There are also community initiatives for support as well as people delivering food.

### **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.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-08-29**

Moved by Councillor Reinwald

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends to County Council the approval of Lorrie Baird providing professional development training to EarlyON and Licensed Child Care Providers throughout 2020 utilizing Capacity Funding.

CARRIED.

Ms. Mulvihill advised that the childcare facilities are moving very carefully to open their facilities and one of the drawbacks to these facilities opening is that it is very difficult to recruit staff, as some have moved on to other positions or physically moved away from the area. Ms. Lorrie Baird, will provide professional development training to support the childcare providers. Another challenge is that some parents have decided not to send their children to these childcare centres for the time being, but the province has communicated that as of September 1, 2020 parents will have to decide whether they want their children to return.

**RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-08-30**

Moved by Councillor Regier

Seconded by Councillor Reinwald

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held on September 9, 2020. Time – 3:08 p.m. CARRIED.