



SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

A virtual meeting of the Social Services Committee was held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 at 8:30 a.m.

Present were: James Brose, Chair
Debbie Robinson, Warden

Committee Members: Debbi Grills, Kim Love, Cathy Regier, Anne Giardini,
Alternate, Town of Laurentian Hills

Regrets: Ed Jacyno, City of Pembroke Representative

Staff Present: Paul Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Laura LePine, Director of Social Services
Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care
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
Wendy Hill, Administrative Assistant

Chair Brose called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. The roll was called and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

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

Ms. LePine noted that the funding of \$1,773,100 received in April 2020 for the 2020-21 period under the Social Services Relief Fund has been distributed to a

number of County-wide, community- based agencies, and all funding from this allocation has been committed.

On August 12, 2020, the County received notification regarding a second phase of funding under the Social Services Relief Fund. Under the Social Services Relief Phase 2 Funding, the County of Renfrew is eligible to receive an initial planning allocation of \$1,137,918 in 2020-21. Prior to receiving the funding, a business case is to be submitted to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) by September 11, 2020 outlining how the County of Renfrew will use the initial planning allocation.

Staff at the County of Renfrew are proposing that the business case submission for the Social Services Relief Phase 2 Funding be focused on supporting two groups - Seniors and Children & Families.

Out of the funds, a business case will be brought forward allocating \$500,000 to supporting seniors and \$603,780.46 to supporting children and families in social and community housing.

The Social Services Relief Phase 2 Funding must be spent by March 31, 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-08-31

Moved by Councillor Love

Seconded by Councillor Regier

THAT the Social Services Committee recommends that County Council agree in principle on the Business Case submission by staff to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing for the Social Services Relief Phase 2 Funding. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. SS-C-20-08-32

Moved by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT this meeting adjourn and the next regular meeting be held at the call of the Chair. Time – 8:45 a.m. CARRIED.