



HEALTH COMMITTEE

Thursday, November 12, 2020

An electronic meeting of the Health Committee was held on Thursday, November 12, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Present were:

- Chair Michael Donohue
- Warden Debbie Robinson
- Vice-Chair Kim Love
- Councillor David Bennett
- Councillor Debbi Grills
- Councillor Jennifer Murphy
- Councillor Cathy Regier
- Councillor James Brose, Social Services
- Councillor John Reinwald, Social Services

City of Pembroke Reps:

- Mayor Michael LeMay
- Councillor Patricia Lafreniere

Staff Present:

- Paul V. Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
- Michael Nolan, Director of Emergency Services
- Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care
- Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property
- Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works
- Andrea Patrick, Ontario Works Manager
- Kim Saunders, Director of Care, Bonnechere Manor
- Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
- Dianne Johnston, Administrative Assistant

Chair Donohue called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-20-11-79

Moved by: Councillor Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Lafreniere

THAT the minutes of the October 14, 2020 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Delegation

Mr. Ken Foulds and Mr. Scott Robertson from Re/fact Consulting provided an update on the Seniors' Housing Strategy attached as Appendix A. Re/fact Consulting was awarded the Request for Proposal in August 2020 to provide a comprehensive review of senior services intended to assist the County of Renfrew strategic decision making and policy development regarding seniors' housing options not limited to 'brick and mortar' and including: assisted living; supportive housing; long-term care/community paramedic partnership in the client's home/virtual care; and/or additional long-term care beds. Re/fact Consulting will return to both Health and Social Services Committees in 2021 with recommendations. Chair Donohue thanked Mr. Foulds and Mr. Robertson for the informative presentation.

Councillor Glenn Doncaster entered the meeting and Mr. Foulds, Mr. Robertson, vacated the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Emergency Services Report

Chief Michael Nolan overviewed the Emergency Services Department Report which is attached as Appendix B.

Mr. Nolan reviewed the Addendum Report that included the Paramedic Service and Emergency Management Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2020 which is attached as Appendix C.

Councillor Murphy thanked Chief Nolan and the Paramedic Services for their assistance and support during the evacuation of 37 residents at Fairfield's Senior Living in Eganville on November 10, 2020 due to high levels of carbon monoxide detection. All residents were safely returned that afternoon.

Councillor Love inquired if Chief Nolan and this committee would support a presentation on the County of Renfrew Community Paramedicine at the January 2021 Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA) convention.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-20-11-80

Moved by: Councillor Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Love

That Health Committee direct Chief Michael Nolan, if requested, to present at the Rural Ontario Municipal Association Convention in January 2021 on Community Paramedicine. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-20-11-81

Moved by: Councillor Bennett

Seconded by: Councillor Love

THAT the Emergency Services Department Report and Addendum Report attached as Appendix B and Appendix C be approved. CARRIED.

Committee recessed at 2:28 p.m. and reconvened 2:39 p.m. with the same persons present, excluding Councillor James Brose.

Long-Term Care Report

Mrs. Shelley Sheedy overviewed the Long-Term Care Report which is attached as Appendix D.

Mrs. Sheedy introduced Mrs. Kim Saunders, Director of Care for Bonnechere Manor, who commenced employment on October 19, 2020.

Mrs. Sheedy advised that the Ministry of Long-Term Care has suspended the requirement of 97% occupancy rate to receive 100% provincial funding for the year 2020 due to the Pandemic.

Mrs. Sheedy provided a COVID-19 symptomatic and surveillance testing update, noting that no residents at either home have tested positive and staff testing continues as per Provincial Directives.

Mrs. Sheedy thanked Chair Donohue, Warden Robinson and past Chairs and Wardens for their ongoing efforts to lobby the government to fund the four (4) hours

per resident per day average of care. Mrs. Sheedy is pleased that the Ministry has clarified that the 4 hours is benchmarked as hours worked, not hours paid.

Mrs. Sheedy overviewed the Treasurer's Report as of September 30, 2020 for both Homes, noting that the salary line overage is due to the Pandemic pay not being budgeted for, but paid out. Comparably the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and the Ontario Nurses' Association (ONA) increases were budgeted for but not paid due to the union contracts not settled at this time. She explained the COVID budget line includes the increase to personal protection equipment, additional cleaning supplies and iPads purchased for the screener positions. Mrs. Sheedy explained that the High Intensity budget line is an estimate based on last year's actual. The Ministry has rolled RAI-MDS funding into the nursing and personal care envelope. The Raw Food budget line is 100% funded from the province. As the Chair noted, the hydro budget line is over spent, but it is anticipated to be balanced by year end. The "one-time funding" is comprised of Pandemic pay; the Prevention and Containment funding; and the "emergency" funding.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-20-11-82

Moved by: Councillor Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Regier

THAT the signing authority for Bonnechere Manor trust accounts be updated to remove Brittany Findlay and add Kim Prentice effective November 16, 2020.

FURTHER THAT two (2) of the following four (4) names have signing authority: Jeffery Foss, Shelley Sheedy, Sandra Blok and Kim Prentice. CARRIED.

Mrs. Sheedy on behalf of Chief Nolan and herself, thanked Chair Donohue and committee members for their incredible support during this unique year.

Warden Robinson vacated the meeting at 3:15 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-20-11-83

Moved by: Councillor Love

Seconded by: Councillor Lafreniere

THAT the Long-Term Care Department Report attached as Appendix D be approved. CARRIED.

New Business

Councillor Bennett mentioned a newspaper article regarding an Ontario Provincial Police mental health initiative in Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry and was asked to share this article with Mr. Moreau for consideration.

Councillor Doncaster announced his appointments to committees with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM): Committee of the Whole; Non-Board Committee Members; Ontario Regional Caucus; Rural Forum; Standing Committee on Environmental Issues and Sustainable Development; and Standing Committee on International Relations. Committee congratulated Councillor Doncaster.

Mr. Paul Moreau thanked Chair Donohue and committee members for their ongoing support during this exceptional year.

Chair Donohue said that this has been an astonishing year and thanked the committee for their enormous efforts.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-20-11-84

Moved by: Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by: Councillor Love

THAT this meeting adjourn and that the next regular meeting will be at the call of the chair. Time: 3:25 p.m. CARRIED.