



## HEALTH COMMITTEE

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

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An electronic meeting of the Health Committee was held on Wednesday, February 10, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

**Present were:**

Chair Michael Donohue  
Warden Debbie Robinson  
Vice-Chair Kim Love  
Councillor David Bennett  
Councillor Glenn Doncaster  
Councillor Peter Emon  
Councillor Debbi Grills  
Councillor Jennifer Murphy  
Councillor James Brose, Community Services  
Councillor Cathy Regier, Community Services

**City of Pembroke Reps:**

Councillor Patricia Lafreniere

**Regrets:**

Councillor John Reinwald, Community Services  
Mayor Michael LeMay  
Councillor Ed Jacyno, Community Services

**Staff Present:**

Paul V. Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk  
Michael Nolan, Director of Emergency Services  
Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care  
Jeffrey Foss, Director of Finance/Treasurer  
Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property  
Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works & Engineering  
Laura LePine, Director of Community Services

Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk  
Carol Neill, Social Housing Manager  
Andrea Patrick, Ontario Works Manager  
Dianne Johnston, Administrative Assistant

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Chair Donohue called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. The roll was called, and no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-02-14**

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

**Delegations**

Mrs. Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care introduced Mr. Ken Foulds and Mr. Scott Robertson from Re/fact Consulting, who provided a presentation on the Seniors' Housing Strategy to the Health and Community Services Committees as per the awarded Request for Proposal (RFP) in 2020 which was to develop a Seniors' Housing Strategy for Renfrew County and area. The presentation is attached as Appendix A. Chair Donohue on behalf of the committees thanked the delegation for their work on this project and their informative presentation.

Councillor Regier, Ms. Carol Neill, Ms. Andrea Patrick, Mr. Ken Foulds and Mr. Scott Robertson vacated the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Warden Debbie Robinson introduced Ms. Judy Hill, Executive Director from the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre and Dr. Jonathan Fitzsimon, Medical Lead for County of Renfrew Virtual Assessment Centre (VTAC), and Chief of Medicine, Arnprior Regional Health, who provided a presentation on Renfrew County Virtual Family Health Team Pilot Project (VFHT), attached as Appendix B. Chair Donohue on behalf of the committee thanked the delegation for their presentation.

Committee recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 11:10 a.m. with the same persons present excluding Dr. Jonathan Fitzsimon and Ms. Judy Hill.

**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-02-15**

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT the Health Committee recommends to County Council that the Warden prepare a letter of support for the development of the Virtual Family Health Team (VFHT) model and the creation of a VFHT in partnership with the Petawawa Centennial Family Health Centre. AND FURTHER THAT this letter be sent to the Minister of Health, the president of Ontario Health and Minister Yakabuski. CARRIED.

**Emergency Services Report**

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

Mrs. Sheedy confirmed that there are five (5) Regional Leads Tables within Renfrew County, aligned with the five (5) local hospitals. The province provided an ethical vaccine distribution framework and as well, Renfrew County has a central Renfrew County and District Prioritization Committee that will guide the vaccine distribution plan.

Chief Nolan provided a presentation on the County of Renfrew Paramedic Services Community Paramedicine for Long-Term Care Project, attached as Appendix D.

Warden Robinson vacated the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-02-16**

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

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

Committee recessed at 12:00 noon and reconvened at 12:15 p.m. with the same persons present excluding Councillor Lafreniere.

**Long-Term Care Report**

Mrs. Shelley Sheedy overviewed the Long-Term Care Report and the Long-Term Care Addendum Report which are attached as Appendix E and Appendix F.

Mrs. Sheedy explained that the Provincial COVID-19 Prevention and Containment Funding formula is based on the number of beds in the Home and if the Home has had a COVID-19 outbreak. Two letters dated January 29 have been received from the Honourable John Yakabuski, MPP Renfrew-Nipissing-Pembroke advising that the Prevention and Containment Funding for Bonnechere Manor will be \$191,000 which is an increase from the previously reported amount of \$112,000 and the second letter advised that the funding for Miramichi Lodge remains at \$105,000 consistent with the monthly allocation since May 2020. Mrs. Sheedy is awaiting the funding formula from the Ministry and will keep the committee apprised.

Committee viewed two videos created for recruitment purposes entitled 'Long-Term Care Employer Ambassador' and 'Day in a Life'. Mrs. Sheedy advised that a third video is in development that will focus on why you might want to consider a career as a Personal Support Worker. Staff were directed to share these videos with County Council.

**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-02-17**

Moved by Councillor Grills

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT the Health Committee approves the County of Renfrew Long-Term Care Homes; Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge 2021 Operation Plan. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-02-18**

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the Health and Community Services Committees recommend that County Council receive the final Seniors Housing Strategy: Strategy Summary Report/Strategy Technical Appendix. Further, that staff be directed to initiate the development of a prioritized work plan. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-02-19**

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT the Health Committee recommend to County Council that the Homes hire contract Part-Time COVID-19 Screener Coordinator positions to fulfill the new COVID-19 screening oversight requirement as well as implementation of rapid testing of staff and visitors seven days a week effective February 22, 2021 until further notice at an estimated cost of \$155,598 for Bonnechere Manor and \$155,598 for

Miramichi Lodge funded by the Testing Adherence Program Funding and the Emergency and Containment Funding, if required. Further, that the Finance & Administrative Committee be so advised. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-02-20**

Moved by Councillor Love

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT the Long-Term Care Department Report and the Long-Term Care Addendum Report attached as Appendix E and Appendix F be approved. CARRIED.

**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-02-21**

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT this meeting adjourn and that the next regular meeting be held on March 17, 2021. Time 1:04 p.m. CARRIED.