



HEALTH COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Health Committee was held on Wednesday, March 17, 2021, at 9:30 a.m.

Present were:

Chair Michael Donohue
Warden Debbie Robinson
Councillor David Bennett
Councillor Glenn Doncaster
Councillor Peter Emon
Councillor Debbi Grills
Councillor Jennifer Murphy

City of Pembroke Reps:

Mayor Michael LeMay
Councillor Patricia Lafreniere

Regrets:

Vice-Chair Kim Love

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
Jeffrey Foss, Director of Corporate Services
Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works
Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
Michael Barber, Media Relations/Grants Coordinator
Jennifer White, Director of Care, Miramichi Lodge
Rhonda Chaput, Administrative Assistant

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-21-03-22

Moved by: Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by: Councillor Bennett

THAT the minutes of the February 10, 2021 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Delegation

Mrs. Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care, and Mrs. Jennifer White, Director of Care, Miramichi Lodge, presented "Miramichi Lodge Outbreak Update". Mrs. Sheedy overviewed the steps being taken to ensure resident and staff safety as well as a chronology of events related to the current outbreak at the home. Mrs. White overviewed the Miramichi Lodge COVID Care Unit.

Mrs. Sheedy and Mrs. White were thanked for the informative and reassuring COVID-19 update and were asked to pass thanks on to staff. They were further requested to provide the presentation at County Council. As well, a link would be sent to all local councils to view the presentation.

Emergency Services Report

Chief Michael Nolan overviewed the Emergency Services Department Report and Addendum, is attached as Appendix A and B.

Chief Nolan overviewed the vaccine roll out process underway and stated that the Service is working with researchers from York University to develop a drive-through simulator for delivery of vaccine. The County of Renfrew is the first Service in the Country to employ this method. The drive-through centre is a sustainable solution from a staffing perspective and minimizes both public and staff exposure. Chief Nolan noted the province has been providing vaccine for two-weeks at a time, but not advising in advance which vaccine will be sent, how much will be forthcoming, and who will be receiving it. As well, each vaccine has a different requirement for storage and transportation, so the necessary logistics remain difficult to anticipate. The provincial registration number was launched on Monday but calls to this site are being redirected to local numbers.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-03-23

Moved by: Councillor Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Emon

THAT the Health Committee recommend to County Council the creation of a Community Paramedic Reserve and the transfer of any VTAC financial surplus into this reserve at the end of 2020. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-03-24

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Grills

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

Committee recessed at 10:54 a.m. and reconvened at 11:05 a.m. with the same persons present excluding Mrs. Jennifer White.

Long-Term Care Report

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

Mrs. Sheedy reviewed the resident statistics for both Homes as well as the Champlain Local Health Integration Network Home & Community Care client waitlist information. The information does not change significantly from month to month so it was agreed that the report would be provided on a quarterly basis going forward.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-03-25

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council authorize the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to sign the "Extending Letter" to the Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement until March 31, 2022 and the annual Schedule E – Form of Compliance Declaration Issued Pursuant to the Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement for each of Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge. AND FURTHER THAT County Council approve a By-law at their next session to Amend By-law 15- 20, being a By-law Authorizing the Warden and Clerk to continue the Long-Term Care Service Accountability Agreement including the Compliance Declaration with Champlain Local Health Integration Network. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-03-26

Moved by: Councillor Murphy

Seconded by: Councillor Grills

THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council authorize the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to sign the "Extending Letter" for the extension of the Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement from March 31, 2021 to March 31, 2022 between the Champlain Local Health Integration Network and the Corporation of the County of Renfrew, Bonnechere Manor for compliance with the Local Health System Integration Act, 2006 for submission by the deadline of March 31,

2021. AND FURTHER THAT County Council approve a By-law at their next session, to Amend By-law 16-20 being a By-law Authorizing the Warden and Clerk to continue the Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-03-27

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

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

Administration Report

Mr. Paul V. Moreau overviewed the Administration Report which is attached as Appendix D.

Mr. Moreau reported that he received notification from Mrs. Shelley Sheedy of her intent to retire from her position as Director of Long-Term Care effective December 31, 2021, however her last day of work will be sometime in June. Mrs. Sheedy was congratulated for her exceptional accomplishments and contributions to both the long-term community and the County of Renfrew.

Mr. Moreau advised that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing has approved Upper Ottawa Valley, Highway 60, and North Renfrew together to move to a full application for a single integrated OHT. An application update to the Network 24 Partners and Supporters providing a proposed structure to complete the OHT application and next steps for all groups has been submitted.

The Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus has identified health care and health care transformation, including advocacy for virtual health care as priorities for 2021/2022. There will be one regional voice and will include municipal representation in governance.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-03-28

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Doncaster

THAT the Administration Report attached as Appendix D be approved. CARRIED.

Board of Health Minutes

Ms. Anne Aikens is the new Chair and Councillor Peter Emon is the new Vice Chair of the Renfrew County & District Board of Health.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-03-29

Moved by Councillor Lafreniere

Seconded by Councillor Doncaster

THAT the Board of Health minutes for December 9, 2020 and January 8, 2021 be accepted as received.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-03-30

Moved by Councillor Doncaster

Seconded by Councillor Murphy

THAT this meeting adjourn and that the next regular meeting be held on April 14, 2021. Time: 11:58 a.m. CARRIED.