



HEALTH COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 14, 2021

An electronic meeting of the Health Committee was held on Wednesday, April 14, 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

City of Pembroke Reps:

Mayor Michael LeMay
Councillor Patricia Lafreniere

Staff Present:

Paul V. Moreau, Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk
Shelley Sheedy, Director of Long-Term Care
Brian Leahey, Deputy Chief, Emergency Services
Craig Kelley, Director of Development and Property
Jeffrey Foss, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer
Lee Perkins, Director of Public Works and Engineering
Rosalyn Gruntz, Deputy Clerk
Dianne Johnston, 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-21-04-35

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-36

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT the minutes of the March 31, 2021 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

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 A and Appendix B.

The Provincial Government called an emergency meeting on Friday, April 9, 2021 with long-term care home representatives asking for a “call to action” to support acute and complex care capacity due to the impact caused by the Pandemic. Long-term care homes were requested to facilitate admissions in a timely fashion to assist hospital pressures. Mrs. Sheedy noted that Bonnechere Manor has a year-to-date occupancy average of over 97% and Miramichi Lodge’s is just under 95% (even with being unable to admit for five plus weeks during the outbreak) demonstrating good partnership within the local health system. At this meeting, some systemic barriers were identified to which the government indicated ‘everything is on the table’.

Mr. Jeffrey Foss, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer reviewed the unaudited financial report for Bonnechere Manor and Miramichi Lodge dated December 31, 2020.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-37

Moved by Councillor Doncaster

Seconded by Councillor Emon

THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council authorize the Warden and Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to sign the annual Schedule G – Form of Compliance Declaration for the period of April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, as part of the Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement (MSAA) Amending Agreement between the Champlain Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) and Bonnechere Manor for the continuation of 100% funding for the Senior/Adult Day Program. CARRIED.

Mr. Craig Kelley vacated the meeting at 10:27 a.m.

Warden Robinson expressed that governance representation should be a component of the new Ontario Health Team in Renfrew County and would like committee's support to send a letter requesting municipal representation for the Network 24 Ontario Health Team.

Mr. Moreau stated that he is pleased with the strides taken from the onset of four separate applications from within the County of Renfrew to reaching the goal of one application as directed by the Ministry of Health for the new Ontario Health Team in Renfrew County. Mrs. Sheedy advised that the Network 24 Ontario Health Team plans to make a name change in the future.

Councillor Lafreniere reminded committee that Renfrew County has a population of homeless people that do not have access to medical care and would like to ensure that they are considered. Mrs. Sheedy advised that she would take this forward to the Network 24 Ontario Health Team collaboration table for consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-38

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Doncaster

THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council authorize the Warden to sign the finalized application from Network 24 Ontario Health Team as one of the participating partners to be submitted to the Ministry of Health by the deadline of April 30, 2021. CARRIED.

Committee recessed at 10:42 a.m. and reconvened at 10:52 a.m. with the same persons present.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-39

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT the Health Committee approve a motion for reconsideration to Resolution No. H-C-21-04-38. CARRIED.

Committee recessed at 11:14 a.m. and reconvened at 11:18 a.m. with the same persons present.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-40

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT the Health Committee approve an amendment to Resolution No. H-C-21-04-38 with the addition of the following: AND FURTHER THAT the Warden be directed to provide a letter to the application partners congratulating them on the progress to date and expressing the need for governance to include municipal representation as a critical element of a future Ontario Health Team in the County of Renfrew. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-41

Moved by Warden Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Murphy

THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council authorize the Warden to sign the finalized application from Network 24 Ontario Health Team as one of the participating partners to be submitted to the Ministry of Health by the deadline of April 30, 2021; AND FURTHER THAT the Warden be directed to provide a letter to the application partners congratulating them on the progress to date and expressing the need for governance to include municipal representation as a critical element of a future Ontario Health Team in the County of Renfrew. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-42

Moved by Councillor Doncaster

Seconded by Councillor Love

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

Emergency Services Report

Deputy Chief Brian Leahey overviewed the Emergency Services Department Report which is attached as Appendix C.

Mr. Jeffrey Foss, Director of Corporate Services/Treasurer reviewed the unaudited financial report for the Paramedic Service and Emergency Management dated December 31, 2020.

Warden Robinson thanked the Paramedic Service for identifying and supporting the vulnerable and housebound individuals with COVID-19 vaccination opportunities in Renfrew County.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-43

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Grills

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

Mayor Donohue advised that the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) has moved into their new offices at 141 Lake Street, Pembroke, Ontario. Discussion was held on the RCDHU procurement process.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-04-44

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Doncaster

THAT the Renfrew County and District Health Unit Board of Health minutes for February 23, 2021 be received. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-45

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Doncaster

THAT this meeting adjourn and that the next regular meeting be held on May 12, 2021. Time: 12:00 Noon. CARRIED.