



Health Committee

Wednesday, May 12, 2021

A virtual meeting of the Health Committee was held on Wednesday, May 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
- 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
- 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-21-05-46

Moved by Councillor Love

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

THAT the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting be adopted. CARRIED.

Emergency Services Report

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

Chief Nolan reported on the epidemic levels that the opioid crisis has reached and the increasing impact it has had on County of Renfrew families, resources, and the economy, already vulnerable from the pandemic. He noted that one year ago, Paramedics responded to approximately one overdose per week. Two months ago, it was approximately two per week. Last month Paramedics responded to one overdose per day. This past week there have been multiple overdoses daily. Measures taken include the development of a Paramedic Subgroup to address this issue from a Service perspective and the signing of an agreement with the Renfrew County and District Health Unit for Naloxone (Narcan) supply kits through the Ministry of Health Naloxone Ontario Project.

The root cause of this crisis is the lack of support for mental health and lack of access to mental health services for rural Ontario. Naloxone is a temporary solution if there are no services available to address the fundamental issues causing the initial problem.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-47

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

THAT the Health Committee recommends to County Council that the Warden prepare a letter to the Renfrew County and District Health Unit (RCDHU) expressing concerns with the current opioid crisis,

AND Further that the letter expresses an interest in collaborating with the RCDHU to address the concerns raised by the Paramedic Service at the Health Committee of May 12, 2021,

AND Further that the City of Pembroke be included in future opportunities to address the concerns raised at the Health Committee meeting. CARRIED.

The Four Rivers Ontario Health Team is responsible for improving patient health outcomes for a population of 331,822 people. This population accounts for people living in a variety of urban and rural communities attributed to the following three IC/ES networks: Queensway Carleton Hospital (N20), Kemptville District Hospital (N8) and Arnprior Regional Health Centre (N8). Most people attributed to this OHT reside in the western part of Ottawa (276,782), accounting for 83 percent of the population. North Grenville (18,000), Arnprior (7,389), McNab/Braeside (4,755) and several other smaller communities make up the remaining 17 percent.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-48

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council authorize the Warden to sign the finalized application from Four Rivers (interim name) Ontario Health Team as one of the participating partners to be submitted to the Ministry of Health. 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-21-05-49

Moved by Councillor Doncaster

Seconded by Councillor Love

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

Committee recessed at 10:41 a.m. and reconvened at 10:53 a.m. with the same persons present.

Committee acknowledged Nurses' Week and extended their thanks to all for the care and work involved in keeping everyone safe.

Long-Term Care Report

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

Mrs. Sheedy noted that upgrades to the two Homes were approved through the 2021 County of Renfrew Capital Budget approval process and recommended that priority items in the 2022 long range capital program for the approximate same

dollar amount be moved forward to the 2021 capital budget. Bonnechere Manor proposes to reallocate \$250,000 from the 2021 Capital Budget of the approved \$520,000 for the chiller replacement, for the ongoing roofing project (\$222,000 was approved through the 2021 budget process). Given the HVAC and roofing are two large projects in 2021 this would leave \$270,000 of unused capital in 2021 to be used for further projects with Committee approval. Miramichi Lodge proposes to reallocate \$106,000 from the 2021 Capital Budget for the purchase of dishwashers (\$53,000), dryer replacements (\$30,000) and (\$23,000) of the \$60,000 budgeted in 2022 for the sheet flooring installation.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-50

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the Health Committee authorize the Warden and the Chief Administrative Officer/Clerk to sign the attached Transfer Payment Agreements (TPA) for the approved funding of \$990,000 for Bonnechere Manor and \$106,000 for Miramichi Lodge under the COVID-19 Resilience Infrastructure stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) and submit to the Province by the deadline of May 12, 2021. AND FURTHER THAT County Council be so advised. AND FURTHER THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council approve the reallocation of \$250,000 for the HVAC project in the approved 2021 Bonnechere Manor Capital Budget for the ongoing roofing project at Bonnechere Manor and \$106,000 from the approved 2021 Miramichi Lodge Capital Budget for the purchase of dishwashers, dryers, and flooring from the long-range 2022 Capital Project. AND FURTHER THAT the Finance and Administration Committee be so advised. CARRIED.

On April 23, 2021 Associate Deputy Minister, Erin Hannah advised Ontario Long Term Care Homes regarding a revision to regulation 146/20 allowing fully immunized Long-Term Care staff to work in more than one LTC home, health care setting or retirement home (unless otherwise directed by a local medical officer of health). Existing restrictions on work locations continue to apply to partially vaccinated and unvaccinated staff. Mrs. Sheedy noted that the measures to reduce risk since this directive was enacted March 2020 include enhanced screening tool, PPE (surgical masks and eye protection), rapid onsite testing at each shift, and high vaccination uptake rates.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-51

Moved by Councillor Murphy

Seconded by Councillor Bennett

THAT the Health Committee recommend that County Council rescind the following direction adopted on April 23, 2020:

‘THAT the County of Renfrew continue to require that Long-Term Care staff only work for one employer’. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-52

Moved by Councillor Emon

Seconded by Councillor Love

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

Administration Report

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

Mr. Moreau noted that the Network 24 Application Coordinating Working Group will be meeting regularly every two weeks and have asked the County Chief Administrative Officer to participate in these meetings to ensure a more comprehensive lens on the health system. The group recognizes the importance of county services on the health system, namely Emergency Services, Long-Term Care and Community Services and the team would benefit from having a County staff representative participate in these meetings.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-53

Moved by Councillor Robinson

Seconded by Councillor Murphy

THAT the Health Committee recommend to County Council that the Chief Administrative Officer be approved to participate in the meetings of the Network 24 Ontario Health Team. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-54

Moved by Councillor Love

Seconded by Councillor Lafreniere

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

Board of Health Minutes**RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-55**

Moved by Councillor Doncaster

Seconded by Councillor Grills

THAT the Board of Health minutes for March 30 be accepted as received. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-56

Moved by Councillor Love

Seconded by Councillor Murphy

THAT the Health Committee move into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 239 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual. Time: 11:41a.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-58

Moved by Councillor Grills

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT this meeting resume as an open meeting. Time – 11:58 a.m. CARRIED.

RESOLUTION NO. H-C-21-05-59

Moved by Councillor Bennett

Seconded by Councillor Love

THAT this meeting adjourn and that the next regular meeting be held on June 16, 2021. Time: 11:59 a.m. CARRIED.